

Loanhead Primary School

November Newsletter 2023

It is definitely getting darker and colder and seems a long time since the holiday week. I hope you had a lovely holiday. Please ensure children come to school with coats and appropriate shoes as we will try to get them outside most days.

Poppies and Remembrance Assembly

From Monday 6th November P7 will be selling poppies each day for children to buy. These are a minimum donation of £1 each. The Primary 7 pupils will also be leading our remembrance assembly on Friday (10th November) at 11am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Head Lice

We have had a few reported cases of head lice throughout the school. Please check hair regularly and treat as required

PE Kit

We are now back to pre-pandemic arrangements and pupils are using the changing rooms to change for PE lessons. PE kit can be kept in school and hang on pegs in cloakrooms. We will remind pupils to bring this home for washing each term! .Please remember no football strips or belly tops!

Many thanks for your support with this.

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who recently received a Head Teacher award, P1 Grace – Care, P2 Ayden – Development, P3 Braylan – Development, P4 Ruari–Learning, P5 April – Learning, P6 Joey – Development and P7 Mia - Care.

Learning Trios

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who attended. We hope you have received the first record of the meeting laying out your child's personal targets.

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for your generosity during our harvest collection. The ladies from Woman's Aid were once again blown away by the amount of goods donated. It is very much appreciated.

Scavenger Hunt

Thank you to all who took part in our October holiday scavenger hunt fundraiser. This raised £70!

Halloween Disco

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for another successful Halloween disco. This was enjoyed by all. The amount raised was £500.21, thank you to all who contributed and supported.

Flu Vaccinations

NHS flu vaccinations take place in school on Monday 6th November. If you have returned your child's form this will be administered by the NHS staff. Any questions please speak to Mrs McMurchie in the school office.

P7 Camp

Our oldest pupils are off to camp this month. We hope you have a fabulous time.

School Camp

Currently our P5 and P7 pupils attend school camp. With rising costs this can be very expensive. We are looking at options such as reducing the P5 camp to one night and limiting travel distance (the cost of the bus to Benmore this year is £1000!). We would also like to have bookings in place as soon as possible to give parents of the current P4 and P6 the opportunity to pay for camp over a longer period of time.

Chrome Books

If possible can parents please charge chrome books at home? Bags can be very heavy with chrome books and water bottles etc. Can we suggest that water bottles come to school empty and can be filled from the water fountains in the dining hall? PE kits can be left in a small bag hanging on your child's peg in the cloakroom.

For chrome book support: the following link will take you to the equipped for learning site where you can find a Support for families section which has FAQ for parents, information on supporting your child with their device and Digital safety information.; <https://equipped.midlothian.education/>

Book Week and BOOK SWAP! Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November

During Book Week, P1 pupils will be bringing home book bug bags which have been issued by the Scottish Book Trust. There are lots of ideas and lovely books inside to help you enjoy activities that will promote your child's literacy skills.

The House Captains are also organising a book swap for book week. From the 13th to the 16th November House Captains will collect books for the book swap shop. On the 16th everyone who has brought a book will get an opportunity to choose a new book to keep. The House Captains will issue more details next week.

We will also be doing our annual 'drop everything and read' in school each day for this week.

Christmas Fair fundraiser

Dress down day Friday 24th November – bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola!

Christmas Fair Friday 1st December 12.30pm – 2pm

This is our main school fundraiser and your support is greatly appreciated.

Donations Appeal - We are looking for toys in good condition, unwanted gifts, bottles for the bottle tombola and chocolate for the chocolate tombola. On the day and days leading up to this we will also be collecting your delicious home baking! More details to follow!

Loanhead Mission Christmas

Every year Loanhead Parish Church provides gifts for children in families in the local community. We are collecting gifts for children from 0-15 here at school. If you would like to donate, please hand in unwrapped gifts to Mrs McMurchie in the school office.

Christmas

As we approach December and the Christmas madness I will send out a separate letter detailing events etc. for parents.

Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th November at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Dates for your diary (please note dates may be amended)

Monday 6th November – whole school flu vaccination

Friday 10th November – P7 Remembrance Assembly

Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November – Book Week

Monday 20th November – Friday 24th November – P7 camp Benmore

Friday 24th November – Dress down day – bring chocolate for the tombola

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair 12.30pm – 2pm

Monday 11th December – 9am Dunedin Consort concert for P4, P6 and parents of P4 and P6

Monday 11th December – P1 and P2 Nativity for P1 and P2 parents 2.30pm

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas lunch

Thursday 14th December – 2.15pm P3-7 Christmas Concert for P3 – P7 parents * Date Change

Monday 18th December – 10am P1-4 Gary Copeland Christmas concert in school

Monday 18th December – 9am 5-7 Portobello Town Hall Pantomime

Friday 22nd December – whole school visit to church for Christmas service

Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January HOLIDAY

Monday 8th January – Inservice Day staff only

Tuesday 9th January – pupils return

Tuesday 9th January – Friday 12th January Mental Health week

Friday 26th January – Scottish poetry recital competition

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th March – world book day

Wednesday 13th March – Nursery curriculum evening

Friday 15th March – sign language day

Tuesday 26th March – Thursday 28th March P5 Camp

Friday 29th March – Monday 15th April HOLIDAY

Tuesday 16th April – all return

Thursday 23rd May – Learning Trios * Date Change

Tuesday 28th May – Learning Trios * Date Change

Monday 6th May HOLIDAY

Monday 20th May Inservice Day staff only

Monday 3rd June – Friday 7th June Health Week

Monday 3rd June – Sports Day

Wednesday 5th June – World Environment Day

Wednesday 12th June – Friday 14th June P7 Transition days

Final day of term – **Friday 28th June**