March Newsletter

It is lovely to see the longer days at last! It makes such a difference coming to and leaving school in daylight.

Head Teacher Awards
Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Head Teacher Award this month. P1 Caitlyn Smith for Development, P2 Connie Gibb for Learning, P3 Caitlyn McBride for Care, P4 Kieran Taylor for Inclusion, P5 Riley Barbour for Development, P6 Aimee McDonald for Caring and P7 Marcey Robertson for Development.
We have been having terrible problems with our printers, but hope to have all HT award photos up soon.

Red Nose Day
The P7 enterprise group and the Pupil Council are organising some fund raising for this event on Friday 24th March. Noses will be on sale in school from Monday 13th March at a cost of £1.00 each. On Friday 24th March we will be having a dress down day – wear something red with all donations going to Comic Relief.

Camp
Primary 7 pupils survived camp! By all accounts February was a very cold month to be in the Perthshire countryside. Reports from teachers and pupils have been positive and pupils shared their favourite activities with us at assembly last Thursday.
P5 are off to camp next week and we hope you have lots of fun.
If your P6 child wants to take part in the ASG P7 camp in October 2017 and you have not returned your form, please get in touch with school ASAP.

Sport
P1 and P2 have been enjoying their block of gymnastics with Susan every Monday. This will continue for another couple of weeks.

P6 and P5 enjoyed their orienteering session at Memorial Park last week.

The P6 & P7 basketball festival is being held on Tuesday 14th March in the morning. If your child is involved he or she will receive a letter telling you relevant details.

Tuesday 21st March is the Midlothian hockey festival for P6 & P7. If your child is involved he or she will receive a letter telling you relevant details.

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P1 and P2
On Thursday 23rd March P1 and P2 will be going on woodland walks with outdoor learning. We will be using the woods adjacent to our carpark. These walks will include some fairyland activities!

KEEP THE DATE Thursday 30th March 2pm P1 and P2 will be sharing their learning with parents and carers.

More information to follow about both these events.

Nursery News
There will be a curriculum evening for nursery (parents only) on Thursday 23rd March 6pm – 7pm in the community room. On the night the staff will cover aspects of play and how to support your child’s development at home. Parents of pupils joining P1 in August will have an opportunity to hear about the transition programme that we will be running in May.

The following day, Friday 24th March, we are encouraging parents to drop in to your child’s nursery session and see all the exciting activities in action! Tea and coffee will also be available in the community rooms from 9am until 11am all welcome.

Easter Disco
The Easter Disco will take place on Thursday 30th March from 6.30 – 7.30pm. Entrance cost is £2.00 and this includes juice and crisps. This should be paid at the door. The community rooms will be available to parents who wish to wait for the hour, this is to try and cut down on numbers and adhere to health and safety. Tea and coffee will be available in the community room for parents. Please note that all buggies must be left in the community rooms. At the disco we will have our annual egg decorating competition, some Easter craft, name the chick and bunny and how many sweets in the jar as well as the usual dancing and games. This event is open only to pupils of Loanhead Nursery and Primary School.

Holiday
On the final day of term, Friday 31st March, we will be walking to Loanhead Church for our Easter Service. We finish, at normal time, for our Easter break (12.15 for P1 and P2 and 12.25 for P3 – P7 and 3.35pm for afternoon nursery). All pupils return to school on Tuesday 18th April at 8.50am (8.30am for morning nursery)
Dates for your diary (please note dates may be amended)
Tuesday 14th March – Basketball Festival
Tuesday 14th March – Thursday 16th March – P7 pupils Birmingham
Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th March – P5 Broomlee Camp
Tuesday 21st March – Hockey Festival
Thursday 23rd March – P1 and P2 woodland walks
Girls football festival
Curriculum Evening for NURSERY
Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day
Drop in Session for NURSERY
Thursday 30th March – Boys football festival
P1 & p2 sharing learning 2pm
Friday 31st March – Loanhead Church and FINAL DAY OF TERM 2

ALL RETURN TUESDAY 18TH APRIL

Thursday 20th April – P6 discover biking event Memorial Park
Wednesday 26th April - Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in staffroom all welcome
Thursday 27th April - Bikeability (Bike Checks)

MONDAY 1ST MAY – HOLIDAY

Tuesday 2nd, 9th and 16th May – P6 & P7 Bikeability

MONDAY 22ND MAY – PUPIL HOLIDAY

Wednesday 24th May – 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parents Consultations
Thursday 25th May – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents Consultations
Friday 26th May – Summer Fair
Monday 5th June – Sports Day 12.30pm – 3pm (weather permitting)
Monday 5th June – Friday 9th June – Health Week
Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th June – Lasswade High School P7 Transition days
Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th June & Friday 9th June – Beeslack High School P7 Transition days
Thursday 8th June – Nursery Sports
Tuesday 13th June – Biking Festival
Saturday 24th June – LOANHEAD GALA
Wednesday 28th June – pm P7 leavers assembly
Thursday 29th June – P7 day out
Nursery Graduation
Friday 30th June – FINAL DAY OF TERM FINISH 12PM