



Loanhead Primary School
January 2020 Newsletter

I hope that you all had happy holidays. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the staff, to wish all our families a very happy and healthy 2020.

School Inspection

HMi will be visiting our school week beginning 27th January. This will give us the opportunity to showcase our wonderful learning environment and the fabulous community that makes up Loanhead. We would really appreciate it if every family could fill in the online survey. These are detailed in an additional letter and the links are also available on our website. Many thanks for your support.

School Improvement

This term we will have our 2nd round of Learning Trios, where we will look at our targets and set new ones. This term's health week in February will look at positive mental health and age and stage appropriate drug awareness. Across campus we will look at keeping connected – the importance of positive relationships on our wellbeing. This is part of our building resilience work that is delivered through assemblies.

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Head Teacher Awards in December; P1 Innes – Care, P2 Dougray – Care, P3 Adam – Learning, P4 Amani – Care, P5 Lucy – Learning, P6 Liam – Learning and P7 Zara – Care. Well done everyone!

December 2019

Thank you for all your support over the various events prior to the holidays. Thank you to school staff for all their hard work, our Christmas Fair raised a record £1 800! After the fair we continued to enjoy the amazing grotto produced by our learning assistants. This remained in place and was used by classes throughout December. Our Grotto also appeared on the council mgfl web page!

The Christmas performances by both schools were well received. Feedback from parents after our nativity and concert was very positive and the children all performed beautifully. We have talented, confident children here in Loanhead and it is wonderful to be able to showcase these talents, at such a special time of the year.

Thank you to our Parent Council for providing the buses to our annual trip to Brunton Theatre for our P5 – P7 classes. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

A very special thank you to Gary from Funbox who provided a fantastic interactive show for our nursery to P4 classes, the laughter and the singing from the hall was testament to a fantastic show!

Fundraising

Thank you for all your support over the festive season. We raised £94.40 on our sweater day and this will enable us to support Daniel and Ange through 2 more years of school in Rwanda.

Our collection for the Bravehound charity raised £40 and we also donated £56.40 to social bite.

Thank you for all your contributions and support.

Scottish Week

This month we are thinking about our national identity and studying all things Scottish. We will be having a poetry recital on Friday 24th January. All pupils are being asked to learn a Scottish poem and two pupils from each class will perform their poem at the assembly on the 24th. A winner will be selected from each atrium and their names will be the first on our new poetry recital board which was very kindly donated by the Masonic Lodge in Loanhead. Please encourage and support your child to learn a poem as developing memory skills will be useful throughout their life.

Learning Trios (please note change of date)

Our Learning Trios will take place on Thursday 6th February from 3.45pm and Friday 7th February from 1pm. If the appointment you are given is unsuitable please call the school office to arrange an alternative.

Students

Miss Clements who has been working with P5, will be placed in nursery for 2 weeks at the end of February and then will join P2 until June. Ms Bone will be joining P4 in January until Easter. Good luck ladies, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

PE Kit

Can all pupils please bring a change of clothes for PE? These should be named and kept in a bag on their peg. A change of clothes is especially important for our older pupils.

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

Wednesday 15th January - Parent Council Meeting 7pm Staffroom all welcome

Wednesday 22nd January – Wednesday 4th March –P6 skiing

Thursday 6th February – Learning Trio meetings

Friday 7th February – Learning Trio meetings

Monday 10th February – Friday 14th February – HOLIDAY

Friday 28th February – Loanhead Has Talent – parent council event

Thursday 26th March – Nursery curriculum evening

Friday 3rd April – Loanhead Parish Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

Monday 6th April – Monday 17th April –HOLIDAY all return Monday 20th April

Wednesday 29th April – Friday 1st May – P5 camp

Friday 8th May – HOLIDAY

Monday 18th May – PUPIL HOLIDAY (staff inservice day)

Friday 29th May – Summer Fair

Monday 1st June – pm Sports Day

Thursday 4th June – Nursery Sports

Friday 12th June – Learning Trio Meetings

Wednesday 17th June – P1 Induction Meeting

Thursday 18th June Learning Trio Meetings

Wednesday 24th June – P7 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 26th June – Final Assembly Term Ends 12.25pm