

Loanhead Primary School

May Newsletter

Welcome to a busy couple of months ahead. To try and keep everyone informed this newsletter will be placed on the website and a paper copy will be issued to the eldest pupil in each family.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to the P7 enterprise group and the pupil council for all their hard work. We raised £352.00, thank you to all who contributed!

Gate Closure

Please note that the gate from the car park that leads into the playground at the lower atrium will be closed at 9am. The gate at the back of the playground, leading to the safe route, will be closed at 9.15am.

Rag Bag

Recent rag bag collections have raised £120, Thank you so much for all your donations. Our next collection day is Wednesday 31st May.

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following who were presented with their Head Teacher award at Loanhead Parish Church when we attended our Easter Service; P1 Flynn Campbell (care), P2 Chloe Laing (development), P3 Reece McHale (development), P4 TJ McDermid (learning), P5 Freya Turner (caring), P6 Lois Aitchison (learning) and P7 Anna Pettigrew (honesty)

Digital Parenting

P7 have been sharing their learning on internet safety with P5 and P6 pupils, During their work we have been made aware of the amount of pupils with smart phones and their attitudes towards their phone. A survey carried out by P7 revealed that:

- 89% of pupils in P 4-7 at Loanhead Primary have some sort of social media account despite being under the legal age.
- 75% of those pupils would be devastated if their posts (past, present and future) became public for their parents to read.
- 74% of pupils with social media access have felt uncomfortable by something they have seen online that one of their friends has posted.

The 'think U know' website has lots of useful information that is age banded for children and has a separate parent section. This is worth a look to give you and your child information about staying safe on line.

Clothing

If your child borrows clothes from school, please ensure that these are washed and returned.

Election Days

Loanhead Primary School is **NOT** being used as a polling station. School will run as normal on these days. Pupils have a holiday Monday on Monday 22nd May. This is a Modlothian inservice day for teachers.

Road Safety

We have had a couple of instances where cars and pupils have almost collided. Please ensure your child walks in the car park and stays on the footpath.

Summer Fair

This will be held in the playground on Friday 26th May 11am – 1pm. There will be a **dress down day** on Friday 19th May we will be collecting tombola prizes (small toys sweets etc.) for the summer fair. The Parent Council are also looking for parent helpers on the day – please speak to a member of the parent council or hand your name into the school office if you can help. Donations of home baking, raffle prizes, toys, bric a brac, will be all gratefully received. There will be a wine or water stall and we are looking for donations of full and empty wine bottles! If you would like to rent a table on the day please speak to a member of the parent council.

Transition

Our nursery pupils will meet their P5 buddies this week as we begin our transition work. The nursery pupils will meet their P1 teacher on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st June. There is also a parent meeting for our new P1 parents at this time. A letter detailing these events has been issued to nursery parents.

Lasswade High School is being used during the general election and this has impacted on transition days. Pupils will now attend Lasswade High School on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th June. A bus is provided by the High School. Exact timings for bus pick up will be given nearer the time. There is also an information for parents evening at Lasswade High School on the Wednesday evening. Beeslack High School transition days are Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June. Transport is not provided and pupils are expected to make their own way there.

Congratulations to Alyssa in P7 who has managed to secure a place at Broughton High School to allow her to study dance alongside her academic subjects.

Parent Appointments

Our parent consultations are on Wednesday 24th May (5.30pm – 8.30pm) and Thursday 25th May (3.30pm – 5.30pm) Appointments will be issued on Tuesday 9th May. If the appointment you are given is unsuitable please call the school office for an alternative. Pupil reports will be issued at the parent consultation.

Communication Group

Thank you to all who took part in our communication survey. The survey results and our response will be issued to all families at the beginning of June.

Parent Questionnaires

Our annual questionnaires will be issued to all families next week. Midlothian Council are also asking parents to complete surveys about education in Midlothian. This survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Midparent> This online survey will be available from Monday 8th May until Friday 26th May. Your replies to these questionnaires are very much appreciated and help us to form the basis of our school improvement plan.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year will be on Monday 5th June 12.30pm – 3pm. This is weather dependent! The change of day allows Mrs Duncan our PE specialist to be fully involved. As this is transition week it also ensures all P7 pupils are able to take part.

Gala Day

Loanhead Gala day is on Saturday 24th June. The Queen and members of her court are from Loanhead Primary School. Your support at this event would be very much appreciated!

P7 end of term

Tuesday 27th June – evening event for P7 in school organised by P7 parents.

Wednesday 28th June – 1.15pm P7 Leavers Assembly parents of P7 pupils are invited to attend.

Thursday 29th June – P7 day out

Friday 30th June – Final day of term all finish 12pm

Parent Council

The Easter Disco raised approximately £250 thank you to all who supported this event.

Dates for your Diary – please note these may be subject to change

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

Friday 19th May – DRESS DOWN DAY

MONDAY 22nd MAY – PUPIL HOLIDAY

Tuesday 23rd May – P1 trip to Botanic Gardens

Wednesday 24th May – 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parents Consultations

Thursday 25th May – P4 trip to Dynamic Earth
3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents Consultations

Friday 26th May – Summer Fair

Wednesday 31st May – Rag bag collection

Monday 5th June – Sports Day 12.30pm – 3pm (weather permitting)

Monday 5th June – Friday 9th June – Health Week

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th June – Lasswade High School P7 Transition days

Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th & Friday 9th June – Beeslack High School P7 Transition days

Thursday 8th June – Nursery Sports

Tuesday 13th June – Biking Festival

Tuesday 20th June – P7 trip to sky studios

Wednesday 21st June – P1 induction day

Saturday 24th June – LOANHEAD GALA

Tuesday 27th June – P7 evening event

Wednesday 28th June – pm P7 leavers assembly

Thursday 29th June – P7 day out

Nursery Graduation

Friday 30th June – FINAL DAY OF TERM ALL FINISH 12PM