**Loanhead Primary School**

**Newsletter October 2017**

**Welcome to the October newsletter. There is definitely more of an autumnal feel with darker nights and cooler days. Please ensure your child brings indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing to school as we try to be outdoors most days. The fresh air and exercise helps us to focus better in the classroom!**

**Committees**

All our committees have been selected – well done to all who applied, it was not an easy job to select as we had some super application forms and interviews! The successful pupils were –

Pupil Council – Phoebe P1, Taylor P2, Emily P3, Zoey P4, Flyn P5, Rylan P6, Aimee & Eilidh P7

ECO – Leo P1, Hannah P2, Hannah & Elliot P3,Jeden P4, Kieran P5, Hannah & Berkay P6, Calan P7

Health & Wellbeing –Sritha P1, Oscar P2, Inaya P3, Josh P4, Oliver P5, Lewis P6, Maddy P7

JRSO – Rachel & Abdul P6

All P7 pupils belong to a committee which has a specific remit and duties throughout the school

**Head Teacher Awards**

Congratulations to the following children who received HT awards for September; P1 Leo – Learning, P2 Charlay–Care, P3 Isla - Learning , P4 Kerrin- Learning , P5 Laila–Development, P6 Chiara- Learning, P7 Zoe - Developing

**Sporting Events**

Well done to the P5 cross country team who came first in this event.! The P6/7 pupils also enjoyed their cross country event and well done to Freya who won a bronze medal!

The girls football festival seem to have been a great success – enjoyed by all who took part.

Good luck to all our swimmers in the swimming gala today, and the P6/7 boys at their football festival on Thursday

**Parent Evenings**

Letters have gone out about our parent consultations next Wednesday 5.30pm – 8.30pm and Thursday 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Appointments will be issued on Friday. If your appointment is unsuitable, please call the school office to arrange an alternative.

**Wider Achievement**

We are trying to recognise wider achievements by our pupils. We do this through community news within each House. If your child has a wonderful achievement out of school please let us know! A photograph and a few sentences detailing their success will allow us to instantly display this on our wider achievement wall!

**Harvest Assembly**

P1 and P2 are leading our harvest assembly this year. You will have received a letter asking for donations of food to help support our chosen charity – Women’s Aid. Food parcels will be delivered to needy women and children in Midlothian. Please send all donations by Wednesday 11th October.

**Ramsay Campus**

We have enjoyed a couple of campus events recently. P6 pupils from both schools have been working on a playground gardening project and a community project about Mavisbank. Next week some P4 pupils from both schools will be attending a science event at Loanhead library. We hope all the pupils who take part enjoy the experience!

**Autumn Holiday**

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 16th October until Friday 20th October for the October week. We all return on Monday 23rd October.

**ASG Camp**

P7 are off to camp with the other local schools in our cluster. We hope that they have an amazing time. Camp runs from Tuesday 24th October until Friday 27th October.

**Service of Remembrance**

Friday 10th November 11.05am. Our P7 will lead the service of Remembrance. All parents are warmly invited to join us for this special service.

**Staff News**

We are very sad to report that our wonderful cook Barbara is retiring on Friday 27th October. We wish her all the best and will miss her wonderful cooking and hot snack on Fridays!

Mr Buchan is about to become a dad for the second time. His wife is due mid October and we wish them all the best. We have plans in place for P3 as Mr Buchan will be taking 1 week paternity leave to spend time with his family. Mrs Duncan and Mrs Caldwell have exciting tasks planned for P3 during this time!

We would also like to welcome Miss Chloe Cummings who is a 3rd year teaching student who will be with us until June 2018.

We are also very proud to announce that Mrs Hinton (P7) has been invited to attend the Radio Forth Award Cermony as she has been nominated for an award! Good luck Mrs H!

**Rag Bag Collection**

We will have a rag bag collection on Wednesday 1st November. Bags will be issued after the holiday. Last year our collections raised over £250 for our school funds, so every little helps!

**New P1 Enrolment**

Parents of P1 pupils due to start school in August 2018 should receive letters from Midlothian Council at the beginning of November advising them of their catchment school. P1 registration takes place on the week commencing 20th November.

**Parent Course**

FREE CLASS

Raising Children with Confidence Loanhead Community Room 1

Wednesdays 9.15-11.15 25th Oct – 6th Dec 2017

Raising Children with Confidence (RCWC) is a universal training programme for groups of parents and carers which focuses on promotion of positive mental health and emotional well-being.

To book a place, Contact Alistair McDonald at the LLE office in Lasswade Centre Or Email alistair.mcdonald@midlothian.gov.uk

Or call on 0131 271 4535

**Homework Club**

Homework club has now started and pupils seemed to be very much on task during these sessions. This runs up until the first week in December. We will offer this again after Christmas to allow more pupils the opportunity to benefit from this service.

**Office News**

Please note that the school office closes at 12.30pm on a Friday. If you need to speak to someone in the office on a Friday please do so before collecting your child at 12.25pm. Thank you for your understanding.

**Nursery News**

We have lots of new staff in nursery. Nicky has joined the full time team to work alongside Claire, Jane and Michelle. Amanda is with us every morning and on a Thursday afternoon and Laura joins us on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. A warm welcome to all 3 of our new team members!

**Parent Council Halloween Disco**

This will be held on Thursday 26th October 6:30-7:30pm in the hall, £2 entry on the night.

Carved pumpkin competition, fancy dress competition, tombola, tattoos, dookin', crafts, games etc...(small cost for tombola and tattoos 20p) When planning costumes please remember this event is for nursery to P7 pupils.

Dates for your diary (please note these may be subject to change)

Tuesday 19th September – Tuesday 28th November – 11am – 12.40pm P4 Swimming

Tuesday 3rd October – Swimming Gala

Wednesday 4th October – Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm staffroom ALL WELCOME

Thursday 5th October – P6/7 boys football festival

Wednesday 11th October – 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 12th October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations

**Monday 16th – Friday 20th October – HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 24th October – Friday 27th October – P7 Dalguise ASG camp

Wednesday 25th October – Wednesday 6th December – Parent class – Raising Children with Confidence

Thursday 26th October – Parent Council HALLOWEEN DISCO

Monday 6th November – flu vaccination in school

Thursday 9th November – P7 visit the Poppy factory

Friday 10th November – P7 lead remembrance service 11.05am ALL WELCOME

20th – 26th November – Road safety week

Wednesday 29th November – P7 visit Sky Academy

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th December – Parent council meeting 6.30pm staffroom ALL WELCOME

Monday 11th December – P1 and P2 Nativity

Tuesday 12th December – Pantomime

Monday 18th December – P3 – P7 Concert **ALL FINISH 12PM FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER**