



Loanhead Primary Newsletter - September 2015



Welcome Back & School Mural

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome pupils, parents/carers and staff to the new school term. We are planning to implement some significant changes within the school this year for the benefit of our pupils. One of the physical changes is the completion of our new school mural in the front reception. I am extremely grateful for the support and hard work of pupils, staff, the Creative Minds Team and the artist, Gemma Coyle, throughout this project. The thinking behind the creation of the mural was to enhance the appearance of the main reception area, creating a brighter and more inviting space. I hope you like it.

Clubs and 'Golden Time'

After much thought, I have taken the decision to stop "Golden Time" within the school. The practice is of no real educational value to the children and is, in fact, becoming an excuse for the contents of toy boxes to be brought into school. As an alternative, we will be organising a variety of clubs in school for all pupils. These clubs will be run by staff with additional helpers and will give pupils the opportunity to work, socialise and enjoy an activity with their peers. The clubs will commence after the September break and will take place on a Thursday afternoon, with pupils having the opportunity to choose a different activity each term. If you would like to organise a club next term or would like to assist in any way, please get in touch with the office or email the school.

Friends of Loanhead & School Fundraising

The Friends of Loanhead (Fund Raising Group) and the school are working closely together to raise funds for the benefit and enhancement of the school and for chosen charities. Some of the money raised last year is being spent on new P.E. equipment and playground games. Future fundraising events are being considered, but our main focus this year will be new ICT equipment for our new STEM room and computer suite. Specific forthcoming events are the School Halloween Day and Sports Fun Day, dates of which are on the reverse of this letter. Details of additional events will follow in due course. We hope you are able to support our fundraising activities this year for the benefit of the children and thank you in anticipation of your support.

Jackets, Bags, Packed Lunch Boxes etc.

I would plead with all parents and carers to ensure that your child's name is on labels of jackets and all uniform items, including packed lunch boxes and school bags. We are having considerable difficulties with individual pupil's property going missing, being "unidentifiable" or being taken home by someone else. Unfortunately I have to admit that I am unable to distinguish one Minion packed lunch box from another! I would also ask that, as well as labelling your own child's items, please also check that everything your child brings home belongs to him/her. If an item has inadvertently been taken home, please simply return it and we will endeavour to identify the owner and return the said item as soon as possible. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

School Blog and Newsletters

As part of our upgrading process, we will now be putting all future newsletters on our school blog. As part of our attempt to reduce our carbon footprint, we are endeavouring to cut back the amount of photocopying we do in school and believe using the blog will assist in this. Parent/Carers will be notified by text when newsletter and new diary dates are included on the blog. To assist us with this, please ensure your child's main contact mobile 'phone details are up-to-date. If you would prefer paper copies of the newsletter, rather than use the blog, please drop a note into the school office requesting this. We hope this venture will have a smooth transition and look forward to your continued support and co-operation.

School Blog - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/loanheadprimaryschool/>

