



## **Parents/Carers Appointment, EAST Forum & October Holiday**



Just a reminder that we have our parent/carer appointments next week on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. Friends of Loanhead have kindly offered to supervise pupils during appointments on Wednesday afternoon and staff will do so on Thursday evening. The East Ayrshire Support Team will be having a forum to showcase what the Authority can offer to support your child. You are welcome to pop in to the forum before or after your appointment or, if your meeting is the following evening, you can visit the forum on the Wednesday. Another reminder - no doubt unnecessary - the October break begins when the school closes on Friday 9th October (3pm), with pupils returning on Tuesday 20th October. I trust everyone enjoys a restful break before another busy term.

## **Indoor Athletics Competition**

Congratulations to the P7 Athletics team who entered the East Ayrshire Kilmarnock Learning Community. I am delighted to report that Loanhead Primary won their heat. We are all extremely proud of the pupils. It is unfortunate that because the children did not achieve the necessary number of points, they are ineligible to compete in the finals. However, there is always next year!

## **Friends of Loanhead Hallowe'en Disco**

I would like to thank the Friends of Loanhead (Fund Raising Group) for supplying the school with additional playground games and Physical Education equipment. The children were very excited about the new equipment which was shown to them at assembly. As previously stated, our main focus for fund raising this year will be new ICT equipment for our new STEM room and computer suite. Our next fund raising event will be the School Hallowe'en Day which will incorporate our Hallowe'en Disco. We appreciate that many children attend a number of Hallowe'en parties and felt it would be better to have the disco during the school day. The disco will cost £2 per child (the infant disco in the morning and middle/seniors in the afternoon) and with that they will also receive a goodie bag supplied by Friends of Loanhead. If you do not wish your child to attend the disco they can remain in class with their teacher. Permission letters will be distributed after the October break. 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.

## **Mcmillan Fundraising**

We did not have a Mcmillan Fundraising Coffee Morning this year, but all donations from our Class Assemblies will be donated to this worthwhile charity. As with last year, parents, grand parents, carers and friends will be entertained by the pupils during class assembly, after which they are invited to visit the children's class and have a tea or coffee with the class. We are suggesting a small donation after all assemblies which will be donated to the Mcmillan Cancer Care Charity. I thank you in anticipation of your kind support for this venture.

## **Workshops and Clubs**

I would like to thank the representatives from Scottish National Gallery who were working with one of our classes last month. The pupils produced some very interesting work and learned some new art and design techniques. We are also supporting the Dick Institute with their 'A Viking's Guide to Dragons' initiative. All classes will be visiting the library over the next couple of months to engage in a tour. This initiative is also open to the public. Our clubs on a Thursday afternoon are going well, with weightlifting being very popular. I am hoping to introduce more clubs in the near future. If you are available on Thursday afternoons and would like to run a club, please get in touch as we are always looking for new opportunities which will benefit the children.

## **Arrivals & Departures**

A very warm welcome to Miss Slaven, our new full time Classroom Assistant. She has integrated into the school extremely well and is building a very positive relationship with the pupils. Sadly for the school I have to announce that Mrs Aitken (P3/2) is retiring from her post within the school. In my short time at Loanhead, Mrs Aitken has been a very positive and supportive member of staff. I know that the whole school community will miss her and I am sure you will join in wishing her a very happy retirement. Please be assured that we will endeavour to make the transition to a new teacher as smooth as possible for the children.

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