



# Loanhead Primary School

## Autumn Term 2019



### Welcome to 2019-2020 at Loanhead Primary

A warm welcome back to all of our families and it has been lovely to meet all of our new families in Primary one and across the school.

Thank you all for your patience whilst we get settled into our new accommodation for this year. Whilst we have adapted the changes in usual routines that have been required to make the transporting of the children safe and of least disruption for all, it has been a case of change after change as situations arose. However I am satisfied that having monitored the time and had Health and Safety Department check some of the safety rules we have put in place that not only are the children safe but they are now familiar with the routine and there is no knock on effect to the amount of teaching time they receive.

Amanda Milne  
Head Teacher (Acting)



### School Tours and Parent Council AGM

There is an opportunity to come round for a tour of the school at Kirkstyle Campus from 5p.m. on the 24th September 2019 before the Parent Council AGM being held in the gym hall beginning at 6:30p.m. The tours are informal, so tea and coffee is provided whilst you wait. The last tour round will be at 6p.m. to allow time for parents to be seated for the AGM. Please come along and support the school through the Parent Forum which you, as parents and carers, are all a part of. There will be opportunities throughout the year to become involved in the direction the school takes on in Homework, Communication and Respect Me (anti bullying) policy making as well as the usual fundraising and events run by the parent council. We look forward to seeing you there.



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### A HUGE THANK YOU

Please accept a huge thank you from all supervising staff on the buses. It has been wonderful and incredibly helpful for us all, that the parents are remembering to show our children and young people a good example by staying away from the edge of the pavement and moving buses.

The children learn much from what they observe us doing as adults and I must thank those of you for demonstrating that excellent example.



### Staffing

We welcome three new members of teaching staff this year with Mrs Poulter (P7/6), Miss Nelson (P3) and Miss Morrison (across the school).

As per the letter from our Head of Education, Linda McAulay-Griffiths, you will be aware of the additional posts that have been created for a Classroom Assistant and for the temporary appointment of a Principal Teacher from within the school. These are currently with HR and are being progressed.

Sadly for us, Mrs Vincent has decided to retire at the October holidays and I'm sure you would like to join me and the staff in wishing her well in her new pursuits.

## Loanhead Primary School – School Improvement Plan Summary 2019 - 2020

*School is a collaboration between the young learners, their parents, staff and the community. Working together we can make the school the best it can be.*

**Our School Improvement Plan priorities for this year are:**

**Literacy** – We will be taking part in year 2 of developing EAC's Active Literacy. We will have members of the Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) Team coming in again to team teach with the staff helping to take forward our phonics, spelling, reading and writing.

**Numeracy and Maths** – We will be taking part in year one of raising attainment in Numeracy. Staff will be involved in training from the SAC Team and Lynda Keith and will bring back to school further developed strategies to use with Number.

**Health and Wellbeing** – We will be continuing to develop our positive attitude, our self-esteem and confidence using a wide variety of resources, such as the PATHS resource, Respect Me and working with different partners e.g. Articulate and COACH (Outdoor Learning) and Massage in Schools Programme.

**As parents you will have the opportunity to:**

- ✓ Be involved in working with staff to develop policies on Communication, Respectful Relationships
- ✓ To take on roles within the Respect Me (Anti-bullying) Committee
- ✓ Join the Parent Council

**Our Vision and Values**  
In Loanhead we aim to be:

**Respectful  
Trustworthy  
Friendly  
Kind  
Reliable  
Honest**

We will endeavour that in Loanhead Primary all children are:

- ✓ Inspired, motivated and encouraged to develop a lifelong love of learning
- ✓ Offered stimulating, challenging and enjoyable learning opportunities
- ✓ Work within an inclusive, safe and caring environment where kindness and manners count.
- ✓ Collaborate together so that everyone in our school is happy, engaged and achieving their potential.



### Wellies and Waterproof Wednesdays

Ms McFarlane from COACH (Outdoor Learning) will be working with the P1-3 classes this term taking learning in literacy, numeracy and health and well being outside into a real life context. Throughout the session all classes will have this opportunity and also the opportunity to be involved in wider community events and awards. We are looking forward to our big sleep out so watch this space!



### Dates for the Diary

There will be a full list of dates out for the year in the coming weeks as everything is confirmed. However, the following dates are those up to and including the October break.

**19th September**—Mr Burns begins STEM project with P6

**20th, 23rd and 24th September**—Local holiday for pupils and Inservice day for staff

**24th September**—School tours 5p.m. and Parent Council AGM 6:30p.m.

**25th September**—Articulate Day Camp in school for P4

**26th September**—Articulate Day Camp in school for P5/4

**1st October**—Articulate Day Camp in school for P6/5

**2nd October**—Articulate Day Camp in school for P7/6

**3rd October**—Articulate Day Camp in school for P7

**9th October**—Mrs Wallace from Kilmarnock Academy P7 Transition

**10th October**—Harvest Service in School Gym hall

**11th October**—Finish for holidays at usual time

**22nd October**—Return to school

**Parents Nights: Thursday 24th October 6—9p.m.**

**Tuesday 29th October 3:30—6p.m.**

**PLAYGROUND:** Our children are really enjoying having the grassy area in the playground and are using it to its full potential to play and run around in. The four supervisors are encouraging the children to play games with each other, make friends as well as getting fresh air and exercise. We are looking at safe play at assembly and making sure the children who get over excited or who demonstrate rough play are given the opportunity to have a quiet space to reflect, calm down and watch good examples before joining in again.