



Welcome to Loanhead Primary & ECC

Term 1 September Newsletter

The children have settled in to the new session very well and have built up relationships with the teachers and their peers. Almost all of the children are happy to come in to the school and ECC but for some it is a bit more tricky and your little person needs a little more support, Please let the staff know so that we can assist if you haven't already. It is wonderful to see the children happy and smiling. The Primary 7s did a fantastic job of being buddies and they are now moving on to submitting the applications for House Captains, Vice Captains, Ambassadors and Helpers. Applications were submitted before the September weekend and interviews will take place on Tuesday 27th September. Primary 6s also had the opportunity to apply for ambassadors and helpers and their interviews will be on Thursday 29th September. Good Luck to all who applied.

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PE Days

P1a	Monday & Friday
P1b	Tuesday & Friday
P1c	Tuesday & Friday
P2	Monday & Thursday
P3/2	Wednesday & Friday
P3	Wednesday & Thursday
P4	Monday & Wednesday
P5	Monday & Thursday
P6	Tuesday & Thursday
P7/6	Tuesday & Thursday
P7	Tuesday & Thursday

School t-shirts and sweatshirts should be worn as normal however jogging trousers, shorts or leggings should be worn on PE days

The Passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the Proclamation of King Charles III

On the day after the passing of Queen Elizabeth II many of the children came to school with questions and requests to commemorate the Queen. To this end the children will have an opportunity, should they wish to, to write a message in the school book of condolence which will be added to the many more condolences to the late Monarch.

We were also asked to take two representatives from the Primary and two from the ECC along to the Proclamation of King Charles III at the Dick Institute on Sunday 11th September to hear the proclamation being read out by the Chief Executive, accompanied by the Provost and the Depute Lord Lieutenant for Ayrshire. We were proudly represented by Archie and Olivia in Primary 7 and Marcus and Lola in the ECC who spoke with the key dignitaries and were very patient when having all of the photographs taken. Well done.

United Nations World Peace Day

As we do annually we celebrate the United Nations World Peace Day on the 21st of September where our thoughts turn to children and families in areas of the world where lives are being impacted by war and fighting. We look at the ways in which we can support and help the children to understand what they often see on the news and have questions about. These discussions are lead by the children's questions and often activities take the form of art work, poetry writing, music and discussion of symbols of peace and hope. As in the previous newsletter in dates for the diary, the children can dress in rainbow colours should they wish to.



Culzean Trip and Sponsored Stride

On the 22nd September the whole school will be going on a trip to Culzean and whilst there will be completing their sponsored stride, A Sponsored walk to raise funds for the school. The children from the infant department Primary 1-3 will be walking, playing and being artists around the castle area and the senior classes P4-7 will be walking to the swan pond and back whilst having time at the adventure playground. We will be leaving school promptly at 9:15 and should be back for 3p.m. Please be aware there will be 5 coaches outside the school in the morning on Dick Road. Children should wear school uniform on the top and trousers/ leggings with comfortable shoes for walking in and a water-proof jacket. They should bring a packed lunch or will receive a lunch from school dependant on what they have chosen.



Lookfor Parent/Teacher meeting appointment slips coming home. The must be returned by 10th October at the latest. Please note these are in person at the school. You will receive your appointment when you have returned your preference slip.

Dates for the Diary

September

- 21st International Peace Day—wear rainbow colours, dress down
- 22nd Whole School Trip
- 23rd Pupil groups meeting with HT
- 27th P7 Interviews
- 29th P6 Interviews

October

- 4th Official School & ECC Opening
- 10th World Mental Health Day—Parents in for massage in schools taster
- 10th Parent teacher meeting time form must be returned
- 13th Harvest Service
- 13th Primary 7 Residential Meeting for pupils and Parents 5:30p.m.
- 14th House Points rewards disco
- 14th School closes 3p.m.
- 17th—24th Pupils holiday
- 24th In-service day
- 25th Pupils return
- 27th Parent/Teacher meetings
- 28th Hallowe'en celebrations during school day—come dressed up ready to dook for apples.

November

- 1st Parent/Teacher meetings
- 7th Secondary Pupils work experience
- 11th Remembrance Service
- 15th—21st Anti-bullying Week—Respect Me
- 28th ECC Target Conversations
- 30th St Andrews Day

Further dates will be shared in Term 2 newsletter

Junior Road Safety Officers

The JRSOs have been busy already this year and you will see the fantastic banners on the school fences about safe parking that they chose from the competition entries by the children last year.

Our two representatives Luke and Aaron from P6 will shortly be joined by two primary 5 representatives to continue the focus on road safety for the children of Loanhead.



Request for Help/Volunteering

We have been working on our grounds over the past year and we are now able to turn our attention to our memorial garden. Having been away for two years and the subsequent year getting other areas done the memorial garden is in a sad state. We are very aware that there are plants that have been placed there to mark significant points in history and to as a memorial to friends no longer with us. We would like this to be a place of quiet contemplation once more and Primary 7s will take over the annual maintenance however we will need help to get it to the point they can do that. We are asking for help to do this. If you have any skills or talents in this area we would love to hear from you. If you know of anyone/any company who would be willing to give of their time/expertise/tools please let us know so that the children can write to them it would be greatly appreciated by the school and ECC community.



School Uniform Clarification Request

We have been asked for clarification around school uniform especially what is expected for PE.

School Uniform is:

- white or purple polo shirt,
 - purple or grey sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan,
 - grey trousers/shorts/skirts,
 - grey purple tartan kilts/skirts/pinafores
- All uniform **does not** have to have the school badge on it.

For PE days only:

- Tracksuit bottoms/joggers/leggings/sports shorts
- Top half should be as normal
- Hoodies are acceptable outside on PE days as the weather gets colder

We would also ask that your child comes to school every day with a waterproof jacket as the weather is unpredictable in Scotland and we do go outside in damp and wet conditions.

Friends of Loanhead Parent Council AGM

Due to the Queen's passing we were asked to stand down the Parent Council AGM. This will go ahead as soon as possible and notification will come out in the school app and on the Friends of Loanhead site. All parents and carers of a child or young person in Loanhead from the ECC to P7 is welcome along to the meeting which will take place at 7p.m. on the rescheduled date. Please come along and join us it does not mean you will be committed to doing anything in particular unless you wish to but lets you find out more about Loanhead and the progress we are making, our plans and other events being run. It helps you get to know the other parents.



A number of complaints continue to be received about parents blocking pavements whilst dropping off their children, forcing children to go onto the road to get around the chatting groups. The pavement, as you know is narrow, children will take the path of least resistance, so I would urge you strongly to please keep the pavement clear for the safety of children who walk to school independently. Thank you for your support in this matter,