

Low Port Primary School: Where you are given opportunities and leave with happy memories.

### **Newsletter April/May 2018**

#### **Staffing Update**

I'd like to thank you for your support and kind words following the sad news about Amanda, our playground supervisor.

Mrs Susan Crawford has taken up her new post as class teacher of P5H and is enjoying getting to know the children. Mrs Henderson has begun her new role as Support for Learning, spending this week finalising timetables with teachers and support staff as well as attending our termly attainment meetings in her new role. Support for learning will start next week.

We are in the process of going through a vast amount of applications for the clerical post in the office and hope to appoint in the next few weeks. I will keep you updated.

#### **School Improvement Plan Update**

We are in the process of working towards final action points in our School Improvement Plan. Information went out last month about how we have worked with pupils, staff and parents consulting around Anytime Anywhere Learning and we are about to send home the pupil agreements and parent information letters to P4-7 - look out for these coming soon.

We have been working with our cluster colleagues to analyse the SNSA information in order to identify key strengths and areas for development at school and cluster level. This will help to inform the cluster improvement plan as well as our own school improvement plan.

We have two teachers undertaking development work reviewing our Interdisciplinary programme alongside Developing Young Workforce documents and our own school context.

#### **School Website**

Our new school website has now gone live. The link can be found at -

[www.lowportprimary.westlothian.org.uk](http://www.lowportprimary.westlothian.org.uk)

We will continue to set the scene for termly learning by sending home Sharing the Big Picture information for each class and we will be using a Twitter feed to share learning in action on an ongoing basis. The Twitter feed can be seen on the website as well as following us.

### P1 Granted Application Intake Meeting

A meeting for parents of children granted a place in P1 from August will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 16 May. Invitation letters will be sent out to families granted a place.

### Save the date for P5-7

We have been very lucky and successfully managed to obtain funding through CISS to stage a Performance of The Scottish School's Opera "Dragon of The Western Sea". This is linked to Expressive Arts, Global-citizenship and Chinese culture and language learning. The performance is fully funded, resourced and supported by Scottish Opera and CISS. The actual performance will take place on Thursday the 17th of May with parents invited in the afternoon. Further information on timings, allocation of tickets, etc will follow.

### NSPCC information event for parents.

We are hosting an event for all interested parents led by the NSPCC around supporting parents helping their children stay safe online. Parents from across the cluster will be invited to come along and find out more on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 10.30-11.30am in our school hall. Details are below:-

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Our hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world, build their confidence and offer useful tools, support and guidance to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online.

*"Thanks it was very informative and I feel more confident about where to find information and talking to my daughter"- Parent who attended a workshop.*

### ECO Update

We are very pleased and excited to announce that we have been awarded another ECO flag - our sixth! This is down to the hard work and dedication of the ECO VLG who would like to share some of their actions...

Lost property - We have been sorting through lost property and been returning your stuff. Each time, we keep a tally of the named/unnamed items and you'd be surprised how many items are not returned to their owners. Please remember to put your name on all of your property including clothes, lunch boxes, bottles, jackets and hats. This means we can return it to you and save things from being wasted.

Neil Barnes from Warm Works Scotland visit - We got to do a quiz trying to guess the different items Neil has brought in. They were all related to saving energy in our

homes. Team 1 won 15- 10. He helped us to learn about how we can save energy and help the earth. At the end he gave all of team one the choice of a hat or a pen. If you would like more information on Energy Efficiency in your home, we have put some leaflets at the office - some of the gadgets they use are very cool!

Litter picking - We have been doing a lot of litter picking and have realised that there has been more than 150 bits of litter and we find more every time. We would like to remind everyone to put their litter in the bin. Litter is bad for the environment, the wildlife that live in our grounds and makes our school look untidy.

### Sports Day Options

Our annual sports day will take place on Wednesday 23 May, weather permitting. A decision will be made early on the day whether to go ahead. Failing this, the second date will be Wednesday 30th May. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Upcoming George Allan Football Tournament

This annual event will be taking place on Sunday 20 May from 9am at the Rose Club. We will have players who will be participating on the day. Everyone is welcome to go along and support our players! Good luck everyone!

### Diary Dates

**As term 4 can be very busy, we thought it helpful to add diary dates into June. Please note that further specific class dates for events may be in Sharing the Big Picture information.**

Wednesday 11 April	PTA meeting 7pm All welcome
Monday 16 April	P7 camp leave SSPCA visits for classes.
Friday 20 April	P7 camp return
Thursday 26 April	School Food Showdown
Friday 27 April	P6 assembly parents welcome VLG 9
Saturday 28 April	Spring Fayre
Monday 30 April	Big Pedal Challenge
Tuesday 1 May	Scottish Opera Visit for songs P5-7
Wednesday 2 May	P1 care home visit
Thursday 3 May	Grandparent/Special Person afternoon for P1 pupils 1.45pm-3pm
Monday 7 May	MAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 8 May	IN SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 9 May	P6 Cross Country P5 canal safety visit Rotary Club Quiz area finals.
Thursday 10 May	Chinese Culture visit.
Wednesday 16 May	P1 intake meeting for families with granted

	applications.
Thursday 17 May	Scottish Opera performance. Details to follow re tickets.
Friday 18 May	P2 assembly with parents welcome VLG 10.
Sunday 20 May	George Allan Football competition
Tuesday 22 May	Parent Council Meeting 7pm all welcome
Wednesday 23 May	Sports Day option 1 (weather permitting)
Tuesday 29 May	Bridges trip for P4 and P5
Wednesday 30 May	Sports Day option 2 (weather permitting)
Friday 1 June	P1 assembly and parents welcome, plus optional intake visit
Friday 8 June	VLG 11 Possible P7 rugby festival TBC
Friday 15 June	VLG sharing assembly NSPCC online safety session for parents and carers 10.30-11.30am
Tuesday 19 June	MARCHES DAY
Wednesday 20 June	P7 academy visit
Thursday 21 June	P7 Academy visit new intake visit and shared lunch move on session to meet new teacher.
Friday 22 June	P7 Academy visit
Saturday 23 June	Gala Day
Thursday 28 June	P7 graduation 6.30pm
Friday 29 June	All break 12.25pm for summer holidays.