

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

### **Newsletter June 2019**

#### **Staffing Update**

Our planned move on day for the children to meet their new teacher will be Thursday 20 June. Children in P1-3 will be given a note of their class and their teacher at this time.

Mrs Ramsay has recently secured a further Acting Depute post in another school. This means that Mrs McCartney will be staying with us as Acting Principal Teacher into next session.

We hope that we will have an update to share with you regarding the clerical post before the summer break.

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

At our May In-Service day, staff were involved in self-evaluation of our current School Improvement Plan, as well as identifying priorities for the improvement plan for next session.

We have begun to develop links with our neighbours in our Regional Improvement Collaborative and look at ways that we can share best practice with our colleagues, as well as staff development. This partnership will impact on aspects of the Improvement Plan next session.

All parents and carers will be offered an opportunity to contribute to school improvement and self-evaluation process through the community catch up day. Please see below for details.

#### **Opportunities for Parental Engagement**

At our community catch up day on Friday 31 May at 11am, we would like to welcome you to join us for a cuppa and to share with you our development work this session and have your say on where we go next as a school. Pupils will be leading most of this. Parent Council will also be joining us.

We will be sharing:-

- some identified priorities for next year's improvement plan for you to add your ideas to
- welcoming your comments around self-evaluation of how well we are doing as a school
- our pupil led budget group will share their thoughts on how we use some of the Pupil Equity Fund allocation this year, as well as a draft document we have

prepared together on the Cost of the School Day and how Low Port plans to address this

- our pupil led curriculum group will share the revised vision, values and aims as well as a refreshed curriculum rationale
- a focus group of pupils involved in the pilot will share what they have been working on with two teachers around our positive relationship policy this year
- the reading ambassadors will share with you their plans to date for developing a reading culture in our school and developing the library space
- Junior Road Safety Officers will share the travel plan they have been working on
- Parent Council will welcome you to come and have a chat about their input this year in a wide range of school developments and the impact of their positive working partnership with the pupils and staff of the school.

We look forward to seeing you at 11am on 31 May!

Your views will inform the School Improvement Plan for 2019/2020 for submission to West Lothian Council, as well as the Standards and Quality report. These documents will be published and shared with you early in the new academic session.

#### Grandparents/Special Person Day

Primary 1 welcomed their grandparent/special person to the school recently. They sang songs for them, had prepared video messages and gave them a very thorough tour of the school! Many thanks to those of you who travelled far and wide for this event and who baked for them coming. It is always so lovely to see the primary 1 children take the lead in this event.

#### Parent Body News

As we leave Low Port we would like to thank parents, pupils and staff for your support in our two years chairing Parent Council. Thank you for sharing your thoughts by sticky notes, email or at the school gates and for visiting our stands at events. Your feedback allowed us to represent your thoughts as we supported lollipop crossing recruitment, car parking, school grounds work, instrumental music cuts, cost of the school day, anytime anywhere learning and more. We enjoyed visiting assemblies and Pupil Council (great work on plastics reduction!) and thanks to P7 who helped us at events. We listened to your survey responses and worked hard to open our PC to the wider parent forum and focus on supporting the school. It is a genuine privilege to chair Parent Council in Low Port, get involved and support your fabulous school, staff and children. Our last Parent Council event is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 11am supporting the community morning, hope to see you there.

Judith and Alice

Co-chairs

Parent Council

#### Learning Updates

##### Museum Visit

P5 were involved in an animation project in partnership with the improved and relocated Linlithgow Museum this year. We have been invited to view their animations in Tam

Dalyell House on the 30th May. The staff have already had the pleasure of a visit and would recommend a visit to see our animations and learn more about some of the history of the area.

### RRS

Our school currently hold a silver award for being a Rights Respecting School (RRS). On Wednesday the 5th of June we will have a validation visit to see whether the school has met the criteria for the Gold Award. This award is the highest level of the Award and is granted to schools that have fully embedded the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into their ethos and curriculum.

### P1YG Outdoor Learning Day

P1YG thoroughly enjoyed their Outdoor Learning day. They were in the secret garden from 9-3 and loved the excitement of spending the entire day there.

*The best part was when we had lunch in the secret garden (Emma).*

*I loved it when we made hot chocolate and nettle tea. It was yummy! (Lewis).*

*When we got to read to our buddies and play with them (Tom).*

*Leaf bashing was so fun! (Alexander and Taylor).*

### Wider Achievements

#### George Allan Football Tournament

*The George Allan Cup was really enjoyable because it was really tough and we had to train extremely hard, so it was really great that we won. It was also a great atmosphere and it was amazing to hear the support of friends, family and team mates. Everyone in our school had a great team spirit and amazing sportsmanship. Our goalkeeper Fraser B did a brilliant job of saving the shots and Billy S and Warren C did a great job of scoring goals for our team. We all enjoyed it a lot and are looking forward to next year!*

*By Amelie B and Alex E*

### Sports Day

Our annual sports day took place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, and was a huge success. Our Primary 7 pupils led a house rally in the afternoon where pupils could come together across the school in their house teams and participate in a range of activities. Thank you to everyone who made this a super day!

### Diary Dates

- 27 May - P6 RME learning session
- 31 May - P2 of 2/1 assembly with parents invited; Community Catch Up 11am (parents and carers invited to have a chat and share their views on school development work we have been working on and next steps. Parent Council meeting 11am
- 3 June - P6 RME learning session
- 5 June - Rights Respecting Schools visit
- 7 June - P7 rugby; school disco
- 10 June - P6 RME learning session
- 14 June - VLG sharing assembly;

- 18 June - MARCHES DAY
- 19 June - P7 Academy Visit
- 20 June - P7 Academy Visit; P1 intake visit and shared lunch; Move On Day.
- 21 June - P7 Academy Visit
- 22 June - Gala Day
- 27 June - P7 Graduation 6.30pm
- 28 June - ALL BREAK 12.25pm for summer