



Livingston Village Primary School

Newsletter

October/November 2019

School Update

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Open Door Policy

Communication with Staff.

In the first instance please contact your Class Teacher who will endeavor to respond to your concern and/or pass on to the HT or PT.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The weather has definitely turned colder of late and the nights are drawing in but we are still managing to get outside most days at play time and lunch time. Please ensure your children are dressed suitably for all types of weather as it is important that we give them opportunities to play outside in the fresh air.

We wish to say thank you to all for the fantastic support you have given us at the Curriculum Café and the MacMillan Coffee Morning. That was the first time we hosted a Curriculum Café and we were delighted with the number of parents and carers who managed to attend. There were even some grandparents who made the effort to come and talked of how things have changed since they were at school. The children were excited to be able to sit down and talk about their learning. We hope that the prompts on the tables were useful and I know the feedback you gave your children was a valuable tool to help them improve going forward. We will host another Café near the next parent's consultations which will be near the end of March. I fully appreciate that not all parents can attend these events due to work commitments so you can request your child's jotters to be sent home at this time. We do ask that you only keep the jotters for one night so they can be returned to school quickly as many of the jotters are used daily.

We have been working hard on our Positive Relationships Policy and Anti Bullying Strategy. Most of the staff attended PIVOTAL training during the Inservice Day in September and this helped us to look at the behaviour in the whole school to ensure there is consistency in approach and high expectations. I am pleased to report that over the past few years I have seen many improvements and the behaviour of most pupils is very good. Visitors to our school often comment on how well mannered our pupils are. We would like to get your views on our new policies as they are in draft form so come along to the meetings we are having on the 29th of October and share your views. It is vital that we work together and support each other to ensure the best for our children.

There is a lot going on in school as we approach the end of the year so make sure you make a note of the calendar dates at the end of the newsletter and/or check the web site. Have a lovely October break.

Warm regards
Mrs Mill



Attendance

It is important that you communicate with the school before going off on holiday. As West Lothian Council Policy indicates each child's attendance should be above 90%.

Thank you



**STAY SAFE
THIS FIRE-
WORKS NIGHT**

Health & Safety

Thank you for your continued support with parking at LVPS. It is West Lothian Council's policy that parents/carers are not permitted to use the car park during the operational hours of the school, 7:30am–6:00 pm. Please note the changed hours. This is due to the extended hours in the Early Learning Centre which is now open until 6 o'clock. In order to ensure the utmost safety of our pupils, we would kindly ask that the drop off zone is utilised between these hours.



Maths Week Scotland

For Maths Week Scotland P7 took part in the Maths Inside contest. They went outside to Eliburn park and had to take photographs which show maths inside them. For example, you find three broken down trees all holding each other up so you take a photo and say it is a scalene triangle. You also could take photos of things in the park or buildings. P7s also took part in the 5 challenges for a Maths Wi Nae Borders. One of them was in Scots and the solution had to be submitted in Scots as well. They were very hard but they got through it and it became fun. There was one called Cube Cuts where you had to find the volume of the cube before and after holes were drilled into it. The other challenges were Chess Circle, Cake Confusion, Calendar Conundrum and Coloured Cuboids. P6 took part in the Edinburgh University maths week which involved using strategies and planning skills in the world of rail-ways/routes. P2 took part in an NRICH challenge.

By Katy & Finlay P

European Languages Day

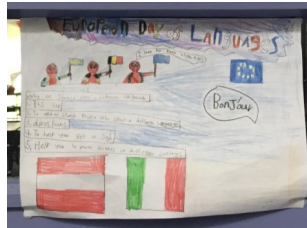
On 26th September we celebrated European Day of Languages. P5-P7 got together to do food tasting. We tried sausages, Pate, Pain au Chocolat, Olives, Parma Ham, Cheese, Chorizo, Pesto Pasta and Frikadellen. We did a quiz about different European countries and languages and designed posters encouraging people to learn a new language. Miss Marnie decorated our class with European flags!

P7 learned a game in P.E and taught P1, P2/1, P2 and P5. Mrs Samson taught the same game to P4. The game is called Red Light/Green Light (or Feu Rouge/Feu Vert) and the teacher calls out different actions in French. There was hopping, skipping, jumping, swimming and sliding. You had to get from one side of the hall and back again before anybody else.

P2 also enjoyed tasting croissant, brioche and pain au chocolat. They learned the phrase: "Bon Appetit!"

The new language champions were introduced at assembly and they told us about French Phrase of the Fortnight. They are trying to encourage us all to use a little bit of French every day. It was an exciting week.

By Murray & Lewis P7



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who donated baked goods and to those who came to support this very worth while cause. Due to your generosity we were able to raise £696.

Milk Money

The cost is £8.80 from October to December.

Choir

Livingston Village Primary School Choir will soon be up and running again. Pupils from P4-7 can join. We will be singing at several events in the coming months including the ICH School Cluster Concert, the Community Christmas Dinner, Sky and when the Christmas lights are turned on at the beginning of December.



Halloween Disco

A reminder that the Halloween Disco is now on Tuesday 29th instead of Thursday the 31st. P1-3 6:00-7:15pm and P4-7 7.30-8.45pm.



The Parent Council are always looking for volunteers and support. The next meeting will be held a 6:30 pm on Thursday 7th November 2019.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 7th December 2019. Any donations for the Tombola, bottles of wine/alcohol and raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help on the day please contact the school office or the Parent Council :

lvpsparents@gmail.com

Dress Down Day

Our September Dress Down Day raised £96.47 for school funds. These funds enable us to have such things as Christmas parties and supplement class trips. Thank you. If however you are experiencing financial hardship please do not feel you need to contribute. Children may still dress down. For November's Dress Down Day, we would be grateful for donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fair.

Book Fair

The Book Fair was a success this year. We raised £780. 50% of the sales goes toward school funds and we plan to buy more non fiction books for the library.





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Reminders

Remembrance Service at 9:45 am on Sunday 10th November at Livingston Village Kirk. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase poppies in school until Remembrance Sunday.



P3 Trip to Mill Farm 24th October — £4.00

Frost and Snow

Please note that the FM staff have no responsibility for clearing access roads, car parks or playground.

Our FMA will clear a main route from the Gym Hall door to the main front door of the school.

If possible FMA will try and clear from the layby to the main school door.

We welcome the new Primary Ones at LVPS



Curriculum Café

Learn Value Persevere Succeed

COMMENTS SLIP

wllivingstonvillage-ps@westlothian.org.uk

Pupil's name and class: _____

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding school. We always value your feedback on how we can continue to improve.

Comments:-

LVPS ELC Update



Dates for the Diary

- * Childsmile visit am and pm 30/10/2019
- * Halloween Party am and pm 31/10/2019
(children can dress up - no masks please)
- * Please note School Inservice 21st of October ELC is open as normal . This is due to the new extended hours. Please note that there will be no school dinners that day . Don't forget to put an ice pack in the pack lunches to ensure they are kept at the right temperature.



Head Lice

There have been some cases of head lice reported in the nursery. Please be diligent in checking your child regularly.

What we've been learning



ELC have had a fabulous September. We have been exploring our community and beginning to learn about Autumn and the environmental changes at this time of year. We have had lots of opportunities for baking and cooking this month using local produce and our own apples.

The children in the nursery have been learning about helping others by baking and attending the MacMillian Coffee morning. Thank you to all that helped by baking and coming to support this worthwhile event.

In October we will be supporting the charity The West Lothian School Bank in Socktober please see ELC staff if you would like to help.

Please see our twitter posts for some amazing pictures of our learning: @livivillagePS

Snack Money

Snack from October to December will cost £13.50. Can anyone who has not paid snack for August to October please pay now .Thank you

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