

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a great first term in P6/7 and are looking forward to challenging ourselves with new and exciting learning this term. This newsletter gives an outline of what we will be focusing on until the Winter break. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch using the details below or catch me at the end of the day in the playground.

Miss Kirkwood

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



This term our Building Resilience focus will be 'Be Kind to Others'. See parent/carers details overleaf.

We will do the next part of the Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood program. P7 will be covering 'Menstruation' and 'How adults plan and prevent pregnancy'. P6 will be covering 'Love and Relationships' and 'Sex'. All resources are available on www.rshp.scot if you wish to review them. Second level - Progression 1 (P6) or 2 (P7).

We are waiting to start our new wider achievement award scheme later this year. Until then, would still like to know about any achievements your child has had outside of school. Please email any photos you have of them with any medals, trophies, awards, badges, in shows etc, so we can celebrate this in school too.



INTERDISCIPLINARY SKILLS FOCUS

This term, we will be continuing with Mock Court. As part of their learning, they'll explore how the legal system works by preparing for a real courtroom trial, taking on roles such as lawyers, witnesses, gown makers and artists. They'll create evidence props, gowns, artwork, newspaper articles and diary entries- developing their skills in public speaking, teamwork, creativity and critical thinking. Our tutor, Andy, will be continuing to come and support us with writing our defences and amending our initial writ documents.

Important Dates:

- 27th October Mock Court tutor visit
- 10th-14th November: Anti-Bullying Week
- 12th November: LPPC Meeting @6.15pm
- 19th & 21st Nov: Parent-Teacher Consultations
<https://forms.office.com/e/L8aWLWZft>
- 11th December: Open Classrooms 2.30pm-3pm
- 12th December: LPPC Christmas Fair 12pm-2pm
- 19th December: Term Ends (usual times)

NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS



In Numeracy and Maths, we will be learning to work with decimals to two decimal places including place value, formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will then be solving word problems. In Beyond Number, we will be doing work with Money, learning about multiple, factor and prime numbers, and expressions and equations.

PE

P6/7 will have their P.E on a Tuesday and Thursday



Please ensure your child brings in a change of footwear (trainers, gym rubbers) a t-shirt and shorts or joggers.

Some of the lessons will be outdoors this term so pupils must have a change of shoes suitable for this (not Crocs, shoes with heels, sandals, etc for their safety).

This term we will focus on basketball and team games.

LITERACY AND ENGLISH

In Literacy and English, we will continue to look at sentence structure, punctuation and up levelling vocabulary. Self-editing will be an important skill we are continuing to do more independently.

We will be continuing with newspaper reports and starting diary entries. This will link with our Mock Court Project, giving pupils meaningful opportunities to apply their skills creatively and informatively. We will also link Mock Court with our listening and talking as we will focus on preparing questions for our court case, listening and responding appropriately, and exploring how pace, expression and emphasis can engage others.

We will be working on reading with fluency and expression, considering the purpose and main ideas of a text and responding to different kinds of questions.

We will continue investigating a weekly spelling pattern and this term will also focus on the spelling of common words.

We will be making use of our wonderful school library. **Our Library Day is Wednesday. Please remember to bring your book back.**

HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Our home learning grid lets pupils choose the time that best suits them and their family to complete learning tasks at home. Choose one or two tasks from the grid to complete each week. Please bring in work or share it on Teams

Key spelling words will be shared each week.

Those who speak a language other than English at home could discuss the meaning of these words in their first language.

P7 Information

We have lots of P7 related activities, news and outings. Please find some info here and look out for texts and posts about other events.

Transition Dates:

- P7 Parents Info evening: 6th Nov 6.30pm
- Sports leader visit/tour: Nov (date TBC)
- Computer taster session: Jan (date TBC)
- Science taster: 27th Feb & 6th Mar
- Numeracy morning: 20th Mar
- P7 Sports stars: Mar (date TBC)
- Leith Rugby Festival: 2nd Apr
- House Heads Visit: WC 27th Apr/18th May
- Handball/football festival: May (date TBC)
- Marketplace: 3rd Jun
- New S1 info evening: 15th Jun
- 3-day visit: 16th-18th Jun

High school place information: You will get a letter about your child's allocated place in November. More information about the process can be found here:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/school-places/start-secondary-school>

OTHER Information

- Please support your child to arrive on time each day. We start at 8:50am and finish at 3.15pm (12:25pm Friday).
- If your child takes a school lunch - free or paid for - you **MUST** order your child's lunch from the **Wednesday before** the following week. **No order = no meal** and you will be called and asked to bring lunch in for your child.
- No fizzy juice in school at all please and ideally a healthy snack for break.
- No toys in school please.
- Your child is welcome to bring in a filled water bottle each day.
- All children are expected to wear school colours. Financial support is available if this will be a challenge, please ask.
- **PLEASE make sure all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name as the school cannot accept any liability for lost items.** Staff will initial school sweatshirts in permanent marker if there is no way to identify it as your child's.
- Please ensure we also have your most up-to-date contact phone number. If you change numbers, let us know immediately.
- Please subscribe to our school website, www.leithprimary.org.uk where the main school newsletters are posted
- Please ensure admin@leith-pri.edin.sch.uk is a 'trusted sender' so emails not get delivered to your junk mailbox.
- Please ensure you can access ParentPay as trip permissions are now given this way.

HOW TO CONTACT THE TEACHER

You can get in touch with us via our school E-mail address:



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Any urgent messages should be passed on through the school office number **0131 554 4844** as normal.

Text messages can be sent to the school text account on **07860 029 682**

Be Kind to Others

It is always lovely to be on the receiving end of a thank you or a kind act. However we know that kindness also benefits the giver as well as the receiver. When we are kind, it strengthens our connections with others. Sadly, when we are not treated kindly or are isolated from others this can have a detrimental impact on our wellbeing.

Through this unit we will help the children to recognise the importance of being kind to ourselves and others. Interestingly, one of the hardest people to be kind to is often ourselves and yet, self-compassion is associated with enhanced motivation, better ability to cope with difficulties, greater wellbeing and reduced anxiety and depression.



Skipper will teach the children about being a 'bucket filler'. They will learn that everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel **up** and when our buckets are empty, we feel **down**. We can be bucket fillers and bucket dippers through our actions, words and behaviour.

In this unit, we will be learning that:

- Kindness makes a difference to ourselves and others
- Being unkind hurts others, and it hurts us too
- It is important to be kind to ourselves

Talk it Over:

Share with your child any acts of kindness you have shown recently to help others.

Family Task:

Try to do an extra **act of kindness** every day, e.g. offer to help someone who is struggling, pay a compliment or make someone smile. Share ways you have been kind with your class.

Key Book: 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud