



Bridgend News

February 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

We are at last starting to see some movement with the return of our early years and Primary 1-3's. We are also, extremely fortunate, that because we have small numbers, our Primary 4's are able to return to join the P3's in their class, and we are really excited to welcome them back.

We continue to have all safety precautions in place, hand sanitiser stations, good hygiene procedures built into the daily timetable, and our P1/2 class entering via the infant door, and leaving via the gymhall door at the end of the day. P3/4 enter via the upper school playground at the start of the day, and escorted around to the main gate.

Please ensure that you adhere to the 2m social distancing and wear a face covering. We also would appreciate that you avoid entering the school premises, unless absolutely essential.

If you would like to discuss any concerns or issues with regard to health & safety, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken
Head Teacher

Pupil/Parent Voice



We received feedback from West Lothian Council on the completion of the parental survey

on remote learning. It was extremely disappointing to see that we only had one response to represent our school community. The teachers have put out an additional feedback and I would like to stress that it is really important that you have your say and we are able to gather your thoughts, opinions in order to work together in moving the school forward. Please complete the survey, it will only take 2 minutes of your time.

Although we are not able to have you formally in the building, we have to work even harder at keeping our school community together and I would welcome your ideas as to how we can continue to do this. Please drop an email to the school email address, or contact Mrs Mallon in the office to have your say.



Our Parent Council are also looking to include you in school improvement. Please contact the Chair, Mrs Baird if you would like to be involved.

World Book Day



World Book Day falls on 4 March and to celebrate this, we would like to set your family a challenge... We would like you to recreate a book cover and send us in your photos. The children can upload to their Teams/Seesaw page. We can't wait to see your creative ideas!

Online Safety



We continue to stress the importance of

ensuring your child is safe and responsible when online. The following link is worth checking out:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=dd271ec52e-TUK_GLOBAL_12_11_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-64817325

Community News



LYPP: 'Hello everyone! Despite the weather, we hope

you are finding ways to keep your family amused and active, both in the house and around the village! Presently, LYPP are only able to offer online activities to those in secondary school, however, we encourage young people to get in touch with us through their parents and send us through their parents and send us a picture, or a story about how they've been passing the time through Facebook 'LYPP Linlithgow' or by email: 'graeme@lypp.org.uk' For those of secondary age, we are running chats online Monday to Thursday and a Zoom event on Friday evenings and for everyone we're posting videos to YouTube on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Although we're not sure when we will be back and things will return to normal, so let's be kind and be helpful, to help us all through.

Church news: For those intending to come to church, please send a message to the Minister: 01506

890919, or, text: 07415028678 providing name and number of people attending.

Playbase: Our Monday Night Munch zoom sessions are underway. These are really popular where we have healthy family cooking sessions together and then eat the meal). Our very popular zoom game sessions are also successful,

Please check out our facebook page or get in touch with myself, Leigh to get involved.

Speech and Language (Early Years): If you have concerns about your child and their speech development, please contact us on our helpline: www.lets-talk.scot.nhs.uk.

British Science Week



This year, British Science Week falls on 5-14 March. West Lothian are putting on Family Science Sessions Live. For P1-P3, this will be on Sunday 7 March.

Sunday 14 March, P4-P7 will have STEM lessons live. Both sessions will last approximately 1 and a half hours and will be available on Skype.

Details on how to sign up are P1-3:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKTsNgC3K_BBFvkC8ljZNXZUM0JQSjg4V1Y0SFpSMlpHMENRU0g5UIJETS4u

P4-7:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKTsNgC3K_BBFvkC8ljZNXZUNE0PWfQ0S0tVQzIOSDBLRERXQUysyS0haMy4u

Medical/Health & Safety



Our new Health procedures are now up and running and I would like to remind you to keep us informed if your child has any specific medical needs. We need to ensure that if required, an individual risk assessment is in place to ensure their safety is paramount at school. Please also remember to keep your contact details up-to-date at all times. Please remember to inform the school office.

Once again, I would like to draw your attention to the Scottish Government resource: 'Parentclub'. This has lots of tips and advice to support you in coping with challenges at home. This website also shares information about the new changes to the law in regard to physically punishing children. The website details are: www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coping-with-parenting

Nursery



We are shortly to extend our team again by Miss Neil, Advanced Pupil

Support Worker joining us. We are just waiting on a starting date, but we hope this will be in the next week or so.

Our staff team continue to work hard to support our families and community and I am sure you appreciated their contribution during the last couple of months. They are extremely excited to welcome your child back to our setting and our environment has been set up with lots of exciting activities to engage your child with their learning.

Dates for your Diary



February

22 Early Years and P1-4 return

March

- 4 World Book Day
- 5-14 British Science Week
- 18 P7 Parent Evening/Linlithgow Academy

April

- 1 End of Term

