



learning journals



What are Learning Journals?

Learning Journals is an online system which allows your child's Teacher to report to you on learning progress during each term. This has replaced the paper system of end of term reports for P.2-7 pupils.

How do Learning Journals work?

You can access your child's learning profile at any time on a phone, ipad, laptop or tablet that has an internet connection.

When a report is published, by your child's Teacher, on their learning journal you will receive an 'Observation notification' by email.

Can we contribute and comment on the Learning Journals?

You will have the option to comment on every observation as your input and feedback are highly valued. Please note however that the system is a record of your child's time at school and is not designed for two way communication. If you have something to discuss with staff please do so by contacting the School Office as normal.

The screenshot shows the Learning Journals interface for a child named Ronan. The profile on the left includes a photo of a teddy bear, the name 'Ronan', and details: D.O.B: 01/01/2006, Age: 11yrs, Curriculum: Curriculum for Excellence - Second Level, Room: HT, and Keyworker: Keith Belleville. Below the profile are buttons for 'Create Home to HFE', 'Achievements from home' (circled in red), 'Messages', and 'Gallery'. The main area is titled 'Ronan Pirn's Achievements from home' and contains an 'Add' form with fields for 'Photo (optional)' (with an 'Upload photo' button), 'Title (optional)', and 'Description'. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom right of the form. Below the form, it says 'No entries have been added.' The top right corner of the interface shows the date 'Autumn 2017 (14/08/2017 - 06/10/2017)'.

Your child's learning journal also contains a 'Achievements from Home' section where you can add photos and descriptions of significant achievements in your child's development.

Can we save information from our child's Learning Journal?

You can convert your child's learning profile into a pdf. This generates a document which contains all of the observations and photos from the learning profile.



How secure is the online Learning Journal?

You will be the only one outside of the School that can view your child's learning profile. A password is chosen by you which uses a minimum of 8 characters and contains at least one number and one capital letter. The system will also ask you to set up a four digit pin number.

The connection to the system uses a secure server with a SSL certificate (address always starts with https and has the padlock symbol). If you have any detailed concerns over security please get in touch so that we can arrange for these to be answered.

What do we do now?

You should already have received Login Details by email containing your username and a link to Learning Journals. You are then asked to set up your password and four digit pin number.

If you have not received your Login Details email then please contact the School Office or email cliff.balson@scotborders.gov.uk using "Learning Journals" in the email subject.

If you ever forget your username, password or PIN you can follow the password reset process at: <https://www.learningjournals.co.uk/resetting-your-password>

Any further questions?

We aim to hold drop in sessions at the School on the Parent's Evenings in September, February and April. If you have any questions or difficulty accessing your child's Learning Journal please get in touch. We are keen to support and help make a success of this new system.

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