



LANGHOLM PRIMARY FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

<u>7th February</u>	P4/5 and P3/4 visit new school
<u>11th February</u>	Langholm v Lochmaben 1.30 Home game
<u>11th February</u>	Parent Council 6.30
<u>13th February</u>	Positive Coaching Training session Community Centre 6.30
<u>14th February</u>	P2/3 and P2 visit new school
<u>17th, 18th 19th Feb</u>	Mid-term holiday
<u>20th February</u>	Visit to Samye Ling P3/4
<u>21st February</u>	P1 and nursery visit New school
<u>24th February</u>	Shared Learning for pupils P1 – P7
<u>25th February</u>	PTA meeting 6.30
<u>4th March</u>	Hoddum v Langholm (TBC)
<u>10th March</u>	Pupil attainment tracking week
<u>14th March</u>	Pupils to visit Book Fair at Academy
<u>17th – 19th March</u>	Book Fair open to Parents and children
<u>17th March</u>	P2/3 Open Afternoon The Vikings 1.30
<u>18th March</u>	Mrs Wright and Ms Grant training for 'Muckle Reading' in Glasgow
<u>19th March</u>	Fire Safety workshop P5/6
<u>26th March</u>	Financial Education P1
<u>26th March</u>	PARENTS NIGHT
<u>27th March</u>	P3/4 Open Afternoon The Egyptians 2.15
<u>27th March</u>	P4/5 Open afternoon The Border Reivers 2pm
<u>1st April</u>	Golden Disco Nursery – P3 pm
<u>2nd April</u>	Golden Disco P4 – P7 pm
<u>3rd & 4th April</u>	School closed for move to new site
<u>7th – 21st April</u>	Easter holiday
<u>22nd April</u>	School re-opens
<u>5th May</u>	May Day holiday



This has been another very busy term for our school with the arrival of our new reading scheme, poetry competitions, Scottish Day and preparations beginning for the move to our new school. We await the delivery of 400 boxes! The build is on schedule and the children who have not yet had the opportunity to visit the new site will do so before the 21st of February.



Primary Seven Rotary Quiz
The Rotary Club invited our P7 pupils to compete against Canonbie pupils in this year's annual quiz. The questions were really quite difficult this year but team A from Langholm managed to answer most questions correctly on the night with team B coming a close second. Langholm therefore retains the trophy for another year. Team A will go through to the regional finals later in the year.

Team A
*Amy Forsyth
Thomas Scott
Ben Ewart
Melissa Park*
Team B
*Daniel Dixon
Molly Bell
Cameron Bassitt
Philip Porter*



Gymnastics
Many of our pupils will be taking part in the Scottish Schools Regional Competition on the 22nd February. We wish them well and will report on their experiences in our March newsletter.



Indoor/Gym Shoes

We have been approached by a parent who was quite rightly concerned that he was not receiving information about the condition of his child's indoor/PE footwear. Shoes can quickly become worn and we know that some children can outgrow them at an alarming pace.

We have taken this on board and parents will now receive a standard reminder when indoor/PE shoes have become too small or worn out.



Positive Coaching Scotland

PCS will be delivering a workshop at the Community Centre on Thursday the 13th February at 6.30. The programme will empower parents, coaches, teachers and sports club leaders to help create a more positive environment for our young people. There will be a focus upon using sport to support the development of life skills.

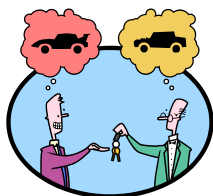
If you are interested in attending please contact the school for further details.



Dragons' Den

The budding entrepreneurs of P4/5 have been designing a variety of Eco friendly futuristic travel modes. On the 16th March they delivered their proposals for 'funding' to the Dragons – Mr Sinclair, Mr Drennan and Mrs Mills. Staff were very impressed by the level of confidence shown by the pupils and their sleek and polished performances. The dynamic duo who ultimately impressed the judges most and who persuaded them to part with their pennies were:

Thomas Roberts and Ben McMillan. Well done to both boys!



Poetry/Burns Competition

This annual competition celebrates the exquisite poetry of Scotland and gives our children the chance to become familiar with the rich vocabulary of our native tongue. The children of P4 – P7 spent hours learning their poetry and then recited their chosen pieces to a variety of judges. The performances were outstanding and all children should be praised for their hard work and confident delivery. This year we have decided to award stage winners for P4, 5 and 6 while continuing to place the P7 Burns winners. Results were as follows:

P4 Stage Winners

Cristina Allan Marinas

Stephen Bailey

James Kay

Highly Commended

Shannon Jardine

Brady Wilson

Melissa Hunter

Leo Aitken

Sadie Cropper

Daniel Cartner

P5 Stage Winners

Amy Kinstrey

Thomas Roberts

Regan Irving

Highly Commended

Tamar Robson

Ben Black

Ellie Irving

P 6 Stage Winners

Rhys Sterling

Kelsey Brannan

Brodie Irving

Highly Commended

Jack Henderson

Leah Jarzyna

Juliet Weatherstone

Cerys Gough

Primary 7 Burns Prize

1st Molly Bell

2nd Chloe Beattie

3rd Macy Cropper

Highly Commended

Amy Forsyth

Sam Cook



