



# LANGHOLM PRIMARY MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

<u>6<sup>th</sup> March</u>	P6 Fire Safety Talk
<u>7<sup>th</sup> March</u>	Book Fair Assembly
<u>10<sup>th</sup> March</u>	Pupil attainment tracking week
<u>12<sup>th</sup> March</u>	Staff Training Team Teach
<u>14<sup>th</sup> March</u>	Pupils to visit Book Fair at Academy
<u>14<sup>th</sup> March</u>	Sports Relief – Dress Sporty Day (donations)
<u>17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March</u>	Book Fair open to Parents and children
<u>17<sup>th</sup> March</u>	P2/3 Open Afternoon
<u>18<sup>th</sup> March</u>	The Vikings 1.30 Mrs Wright and Ms Grant training for 'Muckle Reading' in Glasgow
<u>26<sup>th</sup> March</u>	Financial Education P1
<u>26<sup>th</sup> March</u>	PARENTS NIGHT
<u>27<sup>th</sup> March</u>	P1 Wedding in Church – parents welcome
<u>27<sup>th</sup> March</u>	P4/5 Open afternoon
<u>29<sup>th</sup> March</u>	The Border Reivers 2pm P3/4 Open Afternoon
<u>1<sup>st</sup> April</u>	Egyptians (changed from 27 <sup>th</sup> March)
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> April</u>	Golden Disco Nursery – P3 pm
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> April</u>	Golden Disco P4 – P7 pm
<u>7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April</u>	School closed for move to new site
<u>22<sup>nd</sup> April</u>	Easter holiday
<u>5<sup>th</sup> May</u>	School re-opens May Day holiday



### Parents Evening 26<sup>th</sup> March

Mrs Graham will be organising a school dinners free tasting session between 3.30pm and 5pm. This will give parents the opportunity to sample some of the food on offer and perhaps consider school dinners rather than packed lunches. Parents are reminded that they are most welcome to bring their children into parents night meetings to hear their teacher's reports first hand.

### SPORTS RELIEF 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Children are invited to dress in 'sporty clothes' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March to support this worthy cause. All donations will be very much appreciated and we thank you for your ongoing support of charitable causes.

Reiver's League

### Ben, Molly and Amy Win Bronze!

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 Langholm entered the Scottish Schools Gymnastics Competition at DG1. They had three level one teams A, B and C.

Three pupils were entered in the level two category: Ben Ewart, Molly Bell and Amy Forsyth. The gymnasts conquered their nerves in the warm-up area and their personalities shone through as they performed their eye-catching routines. Their vaults were spectacular and they literally flew through the air.

Our pupils all did extraordinarily well. The fabulous level two team secured a bronze medal and came home smiling. Congratulations to all our hard working pupils and to Mrs Ruth Foster our dedicated gymnastic coach.

<u>Team A</u>	<u>Team B</u>
Emily Hislop	Chloe McMillan
Anna Kenny	Shannon Jardine
Sadie Cropper	Eric Goodfellow

Team C  
Leo Aitken  
Cerys Gough  
Ryan Johnstone

report written by  
Amy Forsyth, Ben Ewart and Molly Bell  
Primary 7



### Homework

We continue to pack up the school at every available opportunity. Homework will finish for all pupils on the Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March to enable staff to collect and organise reading books and resources.

### Easter Hampers

The PTA kindly asks parents for donations for their Easter hampers. The draw will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Squares will go home in schoolbags today



## Hoddom 2

## Langholm 7

A good performance from the team comfortably taking full points against a young Hoddom side. Our boys showed some fine touches in a controlled second half being thwarted on several occasions by the Hoddom keeper who kept the scoreline down. Our next game is at home to Canonbie later this month.

Langholm Team  
S Cook (Captain)

R Johnstone

C Jeffrey

P Porter

D Hogg

S Cottrill

B Winter

T Scott

A Wilson



## LANGOLM WINS SILVER MEDAL

Langholm P7 pupils won silver at the annual P7 Bonspiel Curling competition held at Lockerbie ice rink on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The whole team performed well above expectations in a 20 team competition containing many more experienced players. Playing against Lochmaben in the final game Team 1 only conceded defeat after the last stone was played. Pupils Sam Cook and Aidan Wilson were brilliantly supported by Emily Hislop and Macy Cropper who both excelled on the day to bring home the silver medal.

Congratulations also to Team 2 who narrowly missed progression to the final stages.

Team 2: Cameron Bassitt, Melissa Park, Philip Porter and Jay Gordon

### Super 4's

Congratulations to the following pupils who were well placed in this recent event:

Daniel Grieve

Ryan Johnstone

Callum Jeffrey

Ben Winter

Cerys Gough

We wish parents, pupils and friends a very happy Spring Holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to our wonderful new school!



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some of our pupils and members of staff have felt for some time that having two colours of sweatshirt as part of our uniform lack the common bond of identity associated with a primary school. The Pupil Council discussed the matter and thought that a new colour for our sweatshirts ought to be considered in light of the move to our new school.

Red was chosen as the closest colour to maroon as they thought there could be a two year change over period. Pupils were consulted and the results were as follows:  
68% Red      32% Maroon

Although the children are clearly in favour of red sweatshirts parents will be consulted at Parents' Night on the 26<sup>th</sup> March and **no** change will be made without the majority of parents choosing this option. Informal meetings with parents suggest that maroon will be the favoured choice.

## THE SCHOOL BELL

We are very keen to take our old school bell with us when we move to the new site. We believe it came from the original primary school but know very little else about it.

We hope to display it in the new building as an archive of fond memories past. If you have any information about the bell or any photographs you would like to donate to the school please contact the office at any time.



## Head Lice

This is becoming problematic once again for some parents. Due to medical confidentiality we are no longer allowed to issue letters to parents informing them of classes where this is an issue. Please check your child's hair regularly and seek advice from the pharmacy if necessary. A detector comb is supplied free of charge and you are asked to return a sample of any head lice you may find attached to a piece of white paper with clear sticky tape. Head lice are unpleasant but not harmful and anyone can get them whatever their age, hair colour or hairstyle.



