

LANGHOLM PRIMARY NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Thomas Telford Road
Langholm DG13 OBL
01387 380 900

loffice646@ea.dumgal.sch.uk



Dates for your Diary

- 5th November** Education Scotland to Visit – new school consultation
- 7th November** Carbon Busters
- 14th November** Science Challenge at the Academy (2 P7 Teams)
- 19th November** Langholm v Eaglesfield
1.15 (home game – parents welcome)
- 22nd November** Interim Report home
- 26th November** PTA meeting 6.30 pm
- 26th November** Golden Disco for Nursery – P1 (pm)
- 27th November** PARENTS NIGHT
- 27th November** Golden Disco for P4 – P7 (pm)
- 28th November** In-service day for staff pupils not in school
- 29th November** St Andrew's Day Holiday
- 12th December** PTA Xmas Bingo 6.30 – 8.30pm
- 13th December** Pantomime for whole School
Dick Wittington 1.30
- 16th December** Senior Xmas Concert in church 7pm.
- 17th December** Infant and P1 nativity
P2 & P3 nativity (evening)
- 18th December** Infant and P1 nativity
P2 & P3 nativity (afternoon)
- 20th December** Church for P1-P7
All parents, families and friends welcome
9.20 am



GOLDEN DISCOS

Discos will be held on different afternoons for year groups as we want to ensure that enough time is available for pupils to enjoy their dancing, fun and games. As we are incorporating this as a 'dress as you please' day, pupils should come to school dressed for the event. We would ask that children bring £1.50 to include a drink and crisps.



SPONSORED WALK

The final sum collected was an amazing £1050.00. Thanks to all of our families for their continued support.

NURSERY AND INFANT COSTUMES

Preparations have started for our much anticipated Christmas nativity performances. Unfortunately our costumes are looking rather worn and tired and we would very much appreciate help from parents to refresh our stock. Please contact the school if you can donate fabric or your sewing skills (however basic) to make new costumes.

This year promises to be a real treat with separate shows for nursery and P1 pupils and P2 and P3 pupils. Performance times will be issued as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our pupils recently entered a poster competition organised by the Food Standards Agency of Scotland. There were over 6200 entries from all over the country and a submission from Langholm Primary was judged as runner-up. Melissa Hunter P3/4 has won £250 for the school, £50 for herself and her outstanding entry will form part of the agencies calendar for 2014. Melissa will also receive a framed print of her entry. We are very proud of Melissa and her fantastic achievement.

FAREWELL

We take this opportunity to say goodbye to Ms Morton who has decided to retire early from her teaching career. We wish her well on her future endeavours and thank her for the many years of service she has given to Langholm Primary.



SHOE BOX APPEAL

At this time of year we take time to remember those children who are not as fortunate as our own. Shoe boxes filled with basic items and small toys can make a child in another part of the world very happy. Boxes should be delivered to school before the 12th November 2013.



INTERIM REPORTS

Last year we decided to withdraw the interim reports as they gave very little clear information to parents and had become a 'tick box' exercise detracting from teachers planning time. Our reports are also now created on the SEEMIS system with no facility for interim reporting. However, a few parents felt they would still have liked some form of written report before the Xmas break. As a staff we have decided to issue a short report on core learning. This will be very brief and will only include numeracy, maths and health and wellbeing. Your child's teacher will report on all other subject areas during Parents Evening.



DINNER HALL MENUS

Unfortunately a few parents are still forgetting to complete and return menus before Friday. This has caused particular problems over the past few weeks when many children have appeared at the dinner hall looking for meals which have not been ordered. The 'snowball' effect of this has a severe impact on the smooth operation of the dining hall:

Children are arriving at the dinner expecting meals which have not been ordered.

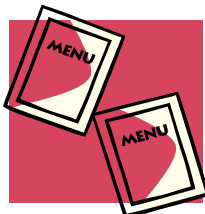
Kitchen staff are having to cook emergency meals which means they cannot serve and supervise

Children cannot get the food they would like.

Children are returning to class late because they have to wait until all pre-ordered meals have been served.

We are very fortunate in having a dining supervisor who never turns a child away from the premises even when meals have not been ordered or paid for. In very many schools this is not the case. We kindly ask that you follow the routine and ensure that you check your child's bag on Wednesday for the menu and that it is filled in and returned by Friday.

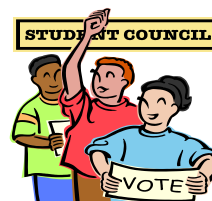
The dining hall operates as a separate business and all queries should be taken up with it directly and not through the school office. Mrs Goodfellow does not have time to discuss missing or late menus. The direct number for the kitchen is: 01387382988



PUPIL COUNCIL

Elections were recently held and the following pupils have been chosen to represent classes throughout the school.

- P1 Millie Ritchie
- P2 Macy Cropper
- P3 Ben Macklin
- P4 Jay Gordon
- P5 Kelly Green
Thomas Roberts
- P6 Ben Winter
Leah Jarzyna
- P7 Cameron Bassitt
Jessica Kenny



TASTY TUCK

The Pupil Council will resume the sale of the ever popular 'Tasty Tuck' on Wednesday 6th November. Prices will be reduced to 50p for the remainder of the year and the tuck shop will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at playtime.



FOOTBALL TROPHY COMES TO LANGHOLM!

Langholm Primary football team entered the annual 5-aside competition in the Sands Centre, Carlisle on the 2nd November with high hopes. Sixteen schools entered and the competition was fierce. Langholm played exceptionally well winning their way through the qualifiers to reach the final where they beat Elmvale Primary. We believe that this is the first time that Langholm have won this competition. The pupils were skilful and competitive but it was their outstanding team spirit that won the day! We would like to offer our thanks to Coach Mills who trains our young footballers with such enthusiasm and commitment.

Five A-Side Winners:

Sam Cook Aidan Wilson
Thomas Scott Ben Winter
Ben Holliday Ryan Johnstone
Thomas Scott

Quarter Finals

Langholm 4 Hecklegirth 2

Semi Final

Langholm 3 Newington B 1

Final

Langholm 5 Elmvale 2

Success at Trials

Aidan Wilson P7 has been chosen to play for the South of Scotland. Sam Cook P7, our goalkeeper, also reached the final selection stage but was unlucky on this occasion. We wish both boys continued success with their football careers.



