

LANGHOLM PRIMARY OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

- 11th Oct** Financial Education P7
14th – 25th Oct School closed for holidays
30th October Flu vaccinations
29th October Parent Council AGM 6.30
31st October Carbon Busters P7
31st October Hallowe'en
Fancy dress for whole school (donations appreciated)
2nd November 5 aside football Carlisle
4th November Careers Fortnight
4th November Talking/reading playbus for whole school
5th November Canonbie v Langholm Reiver's League 1.15
7th November Carbon Busters
14th November Science Challenge at the Academy (2 P7 Teams)
20th November Langholm v Eaglesfield 1.15 (home game – parents welcome)
22nd November Interim Report home
26th November PTA 6.30 pm
27th November PARENTS NIGHT
27th November Golden Disco for Nursery to P7 (1.15 – 3pm)



Cluster Head Teacher

We are delighted to announce that our new cluster head teacher will be Mr Justin Sinclair. Two primary seven pupils, Lucy Ash and Philip Porter were involved in the interview process as well as Ms Grant our primary one teacher. At this point we believe that Mr Sinclair will take up his new exciting post on the 6th of December.



SPONSORED WALK

A huge thank you for supporting the school on our sponsored walk on the 26th of September. To date you have raised an amazing £982.00 which will enable us to continue to subsidise the very many activities that our budget does not cover. A special thank you to members of the PTA and parents who helped on the day. It is very much appreciated.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Ms Malin has almost fully updated the website and newsletters can now be accessed directly.

GOLDEN DISCOS

In consultation with the PTA we are replacing the evening discos with afternoon discos in the second, third and fourth terms. Although some of the children enjoyed dancing many require a more structured session with closer supervision. Golden discos will include fun activities and games. As before we will charge £1.00 and drinks and crisps will be on offer.



Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

Many pupils suffered particularly badly from flu during last winter and spring. Langholm Primary has been selected as one of the first schools in Dumfries and Galloway to participate in the flu immunisation programme. Please take some time to read the leaflet that has been sent home this week which outlines the benefits of immunisation. Consent forms must be returned by **Friday the 11th of October.**



School Photographs

All orders should have been returned to school by the 8th October. Please note that the Company will make a charge of £4.00 for all late orders.

Xmas Card Enterprise

Thank you for your fantastic response in supporting this infant enterprise. Mrs Wright reports that the P2 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed adding up the order money!

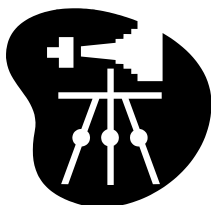
The cards look wonderful and the children very proud of their art work. Deadline for orders was the 8th of October.

Appointments

We are delighted to meet with parents to discuss any issues which may be affecting pupils or their families. However it is very important that appointments are made in advance to see class teachers or managers. We do understand that there may be occasions when a very urgent matter needs to be dealt with quickly but this may not be possible with a particular member of staff on a 'drop - in' basis.

P.E

Our P.E teacher is reporting that some children are arriving for P.E wearing earrings which they say cannot be removed. She does not have time to place protective tape over earrings and the children are arriving at the office expecting Mrs Goodfellow to do this. Please ensure that on P.E days your child's ears are taped before coming to school if they cannot remove their earrings. The P.E teacher also requests that all long hair is securely tied back for health and safety reasons.



SPORTS

Our pupils continue to excel in sporting endeavours throughout the region.

SPRINT 4 FUN

Congratulations to the following pupils who ran their way to success in the recent championships:

P2 Boys - Alejandro Atkin Artigas (1st place)
P2 Girls – Freya Blaikie (2nd place)
P4 Girls – Anna Kenny (2nd place)
P7 Boys – Thomas Scott (2nd place)
1st, 2nd and 3rd places were awarded with medals



GOLF

The Wilson brothers excelled yet again in the recent championships held in Langholm. Aidan came first in the boys open championship winning the Stewart Paisley cup and Brady equalled his achievement by coming first in the 'Wee Wanderers' event.



ACTIVE GAMES

More than 500 children took part in this event which was held in Dumfries and we are very proud of all pupils who represented Langholm Primary.

The rugby sevens team won silver: Congratulation to :

Philip Porter	Daniel Grieve
Ryan Johnstone	Jay Gordon
Aidan Wilson	Murray Pool
Sam Cottrill	Sam Cook

The gymnastics team won bronze: Congratulations to :

Ben Ewart
Amy Forsyth
Molly Bell
Thomas Scott won a bronze medal for athletics and Rhys Sterling won bronze for swimming backstroke.



FOOTBALL

Langholm Football team kicked off their participation in the newly formed 'Reivers League' by beating Hoddum Primary 5 – 1. It was an exciting game watched by pupils from primary 5-7 in the Scholar's Field. Parents are most welcome to support the school by attending forthcoming fixtures in this innovative league initiated and organised by the Langholm Primary team football coach.

HAPPY HOLIDAY TO EVERYONE!

