

LANGHOLM PRIMARY JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

9th January P7 Curling
10th January African drumming P5-7
15th January Primary 1 enrolment
16th January Primary 1 enrolment
16th January Big Burns supper – final rehearsal P6 – parents session 3pm
16th January – Staff training – golf
16th January – P7 Curling
22nd January – PTA meeting 6.30pm
25th January – Scottish afternoon (children to wear some tartan if possible)
25th January Big Burns Supper in Dumfries P6 (P6 pupils leave at 3pm and return at 9pm approx)
29th January Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
31st January Poetry judging P4/5/6
1st February P7 poetry judging
5th February Financial Education P1 & 2
11th & 12th February – Holiday
14th February – PTA Valentine Disco
4th March – Health Week
13th March – Curling Tournament P7
18th March – Careers Fortnight
21st March – PTA Bingo night 6.30 pm
27th March – Parents Night
28th March - Easter service 9.30am
29th March - School closed - holiday
15th April – School re-opens

Infant Nativity

Thanks to the amazing generosity and support of our parents and families we have managed to raise an astonishing **£1,023.00**. These funds will enable staff to provide the children with a special treat. Previously they have enjoyed a visit from Purves Puppets and a Hairy Maclary show.

Senior Xmas Concert

Many thanks to families and friends who joined us in church to celebrate Christmas with a lively and varied programme of entertainment. Your generous donations resulted in the Dumfries and Galloway Young Carers Project receiving a very welcome **£145.00**. This money has been ring-fenced for use in Langholm.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We warmly welcome our pupils back to school for the beginning of 2013 and hope that the coming year brings peace, good health and happiness to our families.

OUR NEW SCHOOL

The new build will begin on January 21st Jan 2013. We have been assured that staff and pupils will be kept up to date with the various stages of development..

PRIMARY ONE ENROLMENT

Primary One enrolment will take place on the 15th and 16th of January between 2.00 and 3.30 pm. Please ensure that you bring your child's birth certificate, proof of address and contact telephone numbers for enrolment.

NURSERY ENROLMENT

If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1st March 2009 and 28th February 2011 you should be deciding upon nursery provision. Pre pre school:-

- Born between 1st March and 19th August 2010 (starting 19th Aug 2013)
- Born between 20th and 31st August 2010 (starting on the day of or after the child's 3rd birthday)
- Born between 1st September and 31st December 2010 (starting January 2014)
- Born between 1st January and 28th February 2011 (starting April 2014)

Pre school:-

- Born between 1st March 2009 and February 2010 (starting August 2013)

Nursery enrolment will take place on the 27th and 28th February between 9.00 and 3.00 pm. Please ensure that you bring your child's birth certificate, proof of address and contact telephone numbers for enrolment.



Tea Towels

These have sold very well and provide a lasting memento of you child's time at school during 2012. There are approximately 20 left for sale. Thank you to all members of staff who work so hard to make our festive season activities successful.



PTA HAMPER DRAW

Thank you to the PTA for organising and beautifully presenting the Xmas hampers. The draw raised a fantastic **£512.00** which will fund a variety of special events throughout the year. The Xmas disco raised a total of **£183.35**.

HOUSE POINTS

November winners were Tarras.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Ms Dickson, our P2 teacher, is in the process of updating our school website and the results are fantastic. While we are waiting on a domain name you can access the website by searching for 'langholm primary blog'. Staff has frequent access to the website and will post information from time to time. Currently P 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 have their own pupils zones. Many thanks to Ms Dickson who has spent an enormous amount of time in creating our website and in training school staff.



XMAS CARD COMPETITION

Congratulations to Kelsey Brannan of P5 who won the Eskdale prize in Mr David Mundell's Xmas card competition. Over 1000 copies of the card were distributed throughout his constituency and David Cameron most probably had Kelsey's card displayed at Downing Street over the festive season!

Primary Seven Archaeological Dig

Report by P7 Pupils

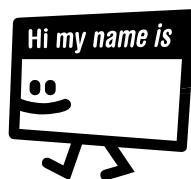
On Wed 21st November pupils participated in the Castleholm Dig. We were greeted by an archaeologist who introduced us to a machine that we had to jab into the ground. This collected electric currents which could help us measure where the original castle had been built. Twelve pupils had to hold on to a wire that was connected to the machine while two others moved it and poked it into the ground. We had to cover 12 metres of landscape and guess and measure where we thought the corners of the building might be. We all loved taking part in this event and would like the opportunity to do it again.



Primary Seven Tree Planting

Report by P7 Pupils

On Tuesday the 27th November P7 pupils went to plant trees near Gorrenberry Farm close to Hermitage Castle. A lady called Jill from the Woodland Trust gave us a safety talk and divided us into pairs. We had to plant oak and birch trees and we each planted between ten and fifteen trees to celebrate the queen's Diamond Jubilee. We went on to make art from the nature all around us. We made a portrait of the Queen from grass, sticks, stones and leaves. We did get very muddy but we had lots of fun and would really like to do it again.



Lost Property

We continue to find sweatshirts and items of clothing with no means of identification. We have organised a lost property box in the foyer but we do not have the space to store items over a long period of time. Items that have not been claimed over a lengthy period will be donated to the recycling bin.

Mrs C Mills
(Acting Head Teacher)

FUN FOURS FOOTBALL

*Congratulations to our primary 2 and 3 pupils who took part in this event in Annan to celebrate the opening of the new 3G Football pitch. This was the first time that these boys had played outside of Langholm and spectators included Justice Minister Kenny McAskill. The boys played 4 games with enthusiasm and skill against some of the best teams in Dumfries and Galloway. Team members were:
Brady Wilson, Corey Park, Danny Hotson, Kerr Gordon, Callum Ritchie and Jake Park.*

