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|  | **LANGHOLM PRIMARY**  **FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER**  **Thomas Telford Road**  **Langholm DG13 OBL**  **01387 380 900**  loffice646@ea.dumgal.sch.uk | |  |
| **Dates for your Diary**  **5th February Financial Education P1 & 2**  **7th February Chinese food in dinner hall**  **7th February Internet Safety Talk P5,6 &7**  **11th & 12th February Holiday**  **13th February Euro Quiz in Dumfries – P6 pupils**  **14th February PTA Valentine Disco**  **14th February Victorian Day P6**  **18th February P4 – P7 Poetry Prize giving**  **19th February P7 Rotary quiz 4 – 5pm**  **20th February P1-P3 Thai Exercise club begins 3 – 4pm**  **21st February Dogs Trust Fundraising – Pyjama Day**  **22nd February P4 Sports Hall Athletics**  **28th February BIG MATHS TRAINING FOR PARENTS P3 classroom 6pm.**  **27th & 28th February Nursery Enrolment**  **1st March SSPCA in school P1 – P7**  **1st March P5 in Dumfries – Choir competition**  **4th March Health Week**  **11th March P6 Fire Safety Training**  **14th March Eco Club P4 – P7**  **14th March PTA Bingo Night 6.30 pm**  **15th March Red Nose Day (wear red)**  **18th March Careers Fortnight**  **19th March P2 Open Afternoon 1.45 pm - CASTLES**  **20th March Curling Tournament P7**  **26th March P3 Open Afternoon 1.45 pm**  **- ROMANS**  **27th March – Parents Night**  **28th March - Easter service 9.30am**  **29th March - School closed - holiday**  **15th April – School re-opens**  **Additional Support For Learning**  **From time to time you may receive a letter from us indicating that your child will be receiving some additional support form our specialist teacher Mrs Pringle. Following advice from Education Scotland we have extended this opportunity to a much wider range of children including those who require further challenge.**  **Your child may only need a limited amount of support for a short period of time in a particular area and this may be delivered to pupils individually or in a group. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further clarification.**  **WINTER WEATHER**  **May I remind parents that we have no facility for supervision of children in school before 8.45 am and that children should not arrive before this time. This is particularly important during bad weather. It is also very important that children are dressed appropriately for bad weather as our policy is to allow our children to play outside as much as possible. It is very unhealthy for them to be indoors all day and we know that this also has an impact upon their ability to learn in class.**  **OPEN DAYS**  **We have a further series of open days this term following on from the very successful P5 and P7 events.**  **We were especially pleased with high rate of parental attendance on these days. Parents have reported that they very much enjoy coming into the classroom to share their child’s learning experience and that it is much more informative than the previous format.**  **Pupil Council Fund Raising**  **The Pupil Council conducted a poll among our pupils and they overwhelmingly voted to raise funds for the Dog’s Trust. We hope to have visits from this organisation shortly who try never to put a healthy dog ‘to sleep’. On the 21st of February children will be asked to dress in their pyjamas, slippers and bring a soft toy. Minimum donation £1.00 please.**  **We will also be celebrating Red Nose Day on the 15th March when pupils will be asked to wear red and bring a donation.**  **Dinner Hall Menus**  **Menus go out on a Wednesday and must be returned on Friday morning. Failure to complete menus results in children having to wait for their lunch until the very end with a limited choice of remaining food. This can be very upsetting for many of them and disrupts the smooth operation of the dinner hall.** |  | ***ELECTION FEVER!***  ***Primary Seven pupils were busy last month electioneering for their chance to become either a captain or vice captain for their respective houses. They expressed their ideas and opinions with the clarity and enthusiasm that we expect from our senior pupils. We are pleased to announce the results:***  ***ESK CAPTAINS***  ***Luke Bell and Ellie Harrison***  ***ESK VICE CAPTAINS***  ***Ngan Nguyen and Louis Ellis***  ***TARRAS CAPTAINS***  ***Jenny Samuels and Alex Green***  ***TARRAS VICE CAPTAINS***  ***Freyja Rutherford and Jackie Edgar***  ***WAUCHOPE CAPTAINS***  ***Carly Blaikie and Ruairi Hotson***  ***WAUCHOPE VICE CAPTAINS***  ***Lauren Graham and Matthew Grieve***  ***NEW ARRIVALS***  ***Two members of staff have become grandmothers to beautiful baby girls. Mrs. Cubbon is delighted to announce the births of Ava and Erin. Mrs. Shaw is also delighted to announce the arrival of Rhian. We wish both families health and happiness for their future.***  ***BIG MATHS***  ***The Parent Council expressed an interest in being given the opportunity to gain some insight into our Big Maths programme of work. Miss Malin has kindly offered to deliver a ‘hands –on’ session for parents on Thursday the 28th February at 6pm. This will be your chance to participate in a real classroom situation and to experience maths through the eyes of a pupil.***  ***ROAD SAFETY***  ***You are no doubt aware that the***  ***Sports Hall car park has been fenced off for the new school building work. We have been assured that this will speed up the process. In the meantime parking will become rather more problematic but I must continue to ask you to be mindful of the safety of our children and park with consideration.***  ***PTA DISCOS***  ***Many thanks to the PTA who continue to run and organise discos for our pupils. Their next disco is scheduled for the 14th February. Can I kindly remind parents of nursery children that they must remain with them at all times inside the hall and when visiting the toilets or buying food and drinks from the tuck shop****.*  ***P1 – P3 Thai Exercise Club***  ***This is a new club for Langholm Primary which will be held on Wednesdays between 3 and 4pm beginning on the 20th of February.***  ***Ross Dawson, our Active Schools Sports Co-ordinator will be delivering this exciting programme which will last for 5 weeks.***  *P7 CURLING*  *On Wednesday the 9th of January Primary 7 pupils went to Lockerbie Ice Rink to participate in a session of curling. There were 4 different stations which included ‘delivering the stone, sweeping, balancing and getting the stones in the house’. It was hard to ‘sweep’ because the stone went so fast you could hardly keep up with it. In the second session we put all the stations into one and played a full game on the ice.*  *We visited the ice-rink again on the 16th January, re-capped the rules and played a full game.*  *The winning team consisted of:*  *Jude Zietara, Ellie Harrison and Katie Smith who received medals.*  *Two teams will go on to represent Langholm in a Curling Competition on the 20th March and we know they will do us proud.*  *Thank you to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Bell for helping us on both days.*  *Reported by Lauren Graham, Matthew Grieve and Ciaran Jackson*  *Mrs C Mills*  *(AHT)* |  |
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