

Craigie Record

This is the best Craigie Record anyone could ever read! Christmas is the best time of the year especially when you are spending time with your family. Just remember to leave out the cookies and milk! Merry Christmas!

Eve O'Brien, Editor



THE MAGIC OF SPORT

Craigmarloch's sports stars experienced the magic of organised sport as they took part in their first ever quidditch training session. They practised their broomstick riding proficiency and learned how to bludge the snitch into the net (*is this right?*). With the team picked it is now time to prepare for the first match against Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as the team seek to win the prestigious Goblet of Fire!



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HAVE A SAFE CHRISTMAS!
Worried that you'll set your house ablaze while cooking Christmas dinner? Use one of these fire service approved face masks while preparing your yuletide feast, as modelled here by Mrs Barney. Probably best not to use one while chopping your vegetables though!



WORLD CUP WINNER ANNOUNCED!

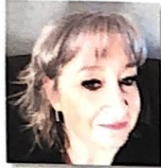


Congratulations to Mr Convery on winning Scotland's first ever World Cup. Well, not a real World Cup but the only competition that matters: Craigmarloch Staff Fantasy Football. Well done to everyone who took part in this extremely Messi month-long battle and commiserations to all the losers!

Craigmarloch Heroes Michelle McShane



Michelle is a long serving member of the Craigmarloch staff team and is equally at home in the primary and secondary wings of the school. As part of the editorial team's support staff she was asked a number of the toughest questions, covering subjects from pets to postmodernist philosophy.



What are your favourite sweets?

Minstrels.

Do you like iPads?

Not a fan. I prefer my Samsung tablet.

Do you go to the gym?

I used to, and I need to go back asap!

What's your favourite TV show?

Friends because it is just awesome, very funny and I can watch it over and over.

Do you play computer games?

PacMan and Space Invaders on the Atari system!

Do you have a dog or a cat or both?

I have both. Fred the dug (a black

Labrador who follows me around constantly and likes to steal things in the house) and Joe the cat (who likes to bring in left over presents and chase them round the house!).



What are you most scared of?

Spiders - I run as fast as I can, chucking shoes at them as I go. Spiral staircases as they give me the heebie-jeebies. Flying and my phone running out of charge. The panic is immense.

What job did you do before this one?

I've been doing this job for 30 years but before that I worked at my auntie's restaurant, the Kopper Kettle in Greenock.

What is your favourite music?

The Killers, Queen, GreenDay, Beyonce and Frank Sinatra!

Why?

Why not?

What is your favourite fairground ride?

It's a French title - the *A la coat*. It's where you watch everyone else getting on the ride and hold their coats!

What's your favourite food?

Mince'n'tatties, obviously! With tomato sauce!

Would you rather fight a lion sized duck or a duck sized lion?

Duck sized lion. If I gave it a collar and lead I'm sure it would become part of my family

McDonalds or KFC?

McDonalds.

Mermaids or Unicorns?

Mermaids.

Disney+ or Netflix?

Netflix

Im Bru or Coke?

Im Bru.

Sweets or Crisps?

Crisps.

Jack or Victor?

Can't tell them apart. Jack.



Teacher Interview Mr Malik



Our editorial team have enjoyed getting to know Mr Malik over the last two terms. We were delighted that he was able to join us one morning in November for a wide ranging conversation about food, football and faith.

What are your favourite sweets?

My favourite sweets are called Patisa.

They are crunchy Pakistani sweets that you can have with your tea or on their own.



What is your favourite food?

Lamb Karahi. It's like a curry but less creamy and a bit spicier!

What job did you do before this one?

I was an accountant before I decided that my heart was in teaching.

McDonalds or KFC?

KFC as McDonalds is not Halal in the UK.

Sweets v Crisps

Crisps. Sensations Thai Sweet Chilli!

Ballet or Karate?

Karate.

Mermaids v Unicorns?

Mermaids are better looking!

Im Bru or Coke?

Coke.

Jack or Victor?

Victor. He has some great facial expressions!

What family do you have?

I currently live with my parents, and I have 2 half brothers, an older brother and a younger sister.

Do you have any pets?

No. I don't think I'd have time to look after them properly.

What do you do when you are not at work?

2 main things. I keep fit by going to the gym and playing football regularly. As a Muslim I also like to read books about my faith to help me to deepen my understanding of it.

What musical instruments do you play?

I used to play a lot of guitar when I was younger!

What is your favourite movie?

The Dark Knight. I think the last one I

watched was *Birdbox* on Netflix.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?



Easy one - a footballer!

What football clubs do you support and who is your favourite player of all time?

Rangers and Chelsea. My favourite player when I was younger was Didier Drogba.

What countries have you visited?

My family are from Pakistan so I have been there a few times. I've been to Saudi Arabia because many important mosques are there and it is important for Muslims to visit. I've also been to Barcelona and I'm going to Morocco in January!

What is the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?

Because my family is from a poorer country I would give away the money to people in

poorer parts of the world. An essential part of my faith is giving charity to those less fortunate so I would definitely give a portion of it to people who it would help.

What are you reading at the moment?

I'm actually reading a book about the different Prophets in Islam called the *Stories of the Prophets*. One of the chapters in the book is about Jesus (Isa in the Qur'an), who is an important Prophet for Muslims as well as Christians. However the most important Prophet in Islam is the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him).

Do you play video games?

I used to play a lot of video games, especially FIFA and Uncharted!

Would you rather fight a duck sized lion or a lion sized duck?

Of course it would have to be the duck. The lion would tear you to shreds!

**Pupil Interview
Ciaran Devine—Head Boy**



Ciaran Devine has enjoyed a smooth start to his time as Craigmearloch's head boy. Here's what he had to say when he met for a working lunch with the editorial team!

Do you like sweets?

Yes. I like Milky Way and Galaxy the best.

Do you play the drums or guitar?

I practice the guitar and I'm trying to get better at it!

Do you play video games?

I like Minecraft and GTA on the PS4.

What do you do for hobbies?

I don't really have hobbies but I like to go for walks.

Do you like YouTube or Snapchat?

YouTube. It's good to watch satisfying videos now and again.

What is your favourite supermarket?

Tescos. They sell good stuff in there!

Do you have any pets?

I do. I have a girl dog called Siren but I don't know what type it is.

Do you like old Top Gun or new Top Gun?

I've never seen any but I think the old on must better?

What are your favourite and least favourite subjects.

Social Subjects are very hard, but I don't do them any more. My favourite would be Tech as you get to use tools.

Who is your favourite member of staff?

It's a hard question. Mr Fisher.

What would you like to do to improve the school?

McDonalds or KFC?

McDonalds

Mermaids or Unicorns?

Mermaids

Ballet or Karate?

Karate

Sweets or Crisps

Crisps.

Irn Bru or Coke?

Irn Bru

Jack or Victor?

Navid

Fix stuff that people are complaining about—the lunch queue for example.

What movies do you watch on Netflix?

Ones I've not seen before or haven't seen in years.

Would you rather fight a duck sized lion or a lion sized duck?

A small sized lion. They're more lethal but it would be easier to fight a small one!



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Call Yourself Santa? (with apologies to Clyde One)



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The person who knows the most about Christmas is obviously Santa, right? Not if Craigmarloch's teachers have anything to do with it that is! In this feature, one of Craigmarloch's most Christmassy teachers Ms Stewart answered a few questions about the religious festival that is Christmas. Then it was a Zoom call to the North Pole where our editorial team were able to put a few questions to the man himself. So who knows the most: the Craigmarloch teachers, or Santa Cl-Orr-S? Read on to find out!

1. What is Santa's real name?

Ms Stewart St Nicholas

Santa St Nicholas

Score 1-1

2. What is Santa's favourite drink?

Ms Stewart Milk

Santa Coca-cola

Score 1-2

3. What is Santa's favourite food?

Ms Stewart Cookies

Santa Mince Pies.

Score 1-3

4. What is Santa's favourite radio programme?

Ms Stewart The Top 40 Christmas Number Ones.

Santa Clyde One Super Scoreboard

Score 1-4

5. What is Santa's favourite colour?

Ms Stewart Red

Santa Green and white, and gold along with it!

Score 1-5

6. What is Santa's favourite jumper?

Ms Stewart His Christmas jumper, with Rudolph on it!

Santa A green one!

Score 1-6

What is Santa's favourite Christmas song?

Ms Stewart Jingle Bell Rock. He sings in *Christmas Chronicles*, so it must be!

Santa When Santa got stuck up the chimney!

Score 1-7.

Well despite Ms Stewart's valiant effort it turns out that Santa does indeed know the most about Santa. Although his answers do sound suspiciously like those of a legendary Inverclyde based janitor and football pundit. But we're sure that Santa would like to wish his opponent and everyone else a merry Christmas!



A legal disclaimer



Our last edition caused some controversy as some felt that it could be interpreted that we were promoting violence against Lion Sized Ducks or Ducks Sized Lions. For the avoidance of doubt, our regular question—"Would you rather fight a duck sized lion or a lion sized duck" - is a purely hypothetical question and we do not encourage anyone to attempt to fight lion sized ducks, duck sized lions or any other member of the animal kingdom. We wouldn't want anyone to get eaten!

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And with that in mind, have a wonderful Christmas holiday and best wishes for 2023!

The Editorial Team