

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

Thursday 1 st	Health Evening (5.00pm - 6.30pm).
Friday 2 nd	P7 Induction Day at Gleniffer High.
Monday 5 th	Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm).
Thursday 8 th	School closed for pupils.
Monday 19 th	Pantomime 'A Little Princess'.
Thursday 22 nd	P7 Leavers' Ceilidh (7pm-9pm).
Tuesday 27 th	Summer Service in Glenburn Church (10.00am - parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 28 th	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.00PM

August

Tuesday 15th Pupils return to school.

On behalf of everyone at Langcraigs Primary School, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and thank you most sincerely for all your support throughout this school session.

If you want clarification or wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Maclean

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Head Teacher

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Comments/Suggestions:

Name:.....

Child's Name..... **Class**.....



Langcraigs Big News

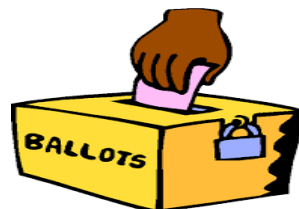


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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Closed

As intimated in the previous newsletter, the Council has confirmed that **the school will be closed for pupils on Thursday 8th June** as it is being used for a polling station for the General Election. Staff will be relocated to Gleniffer High for the day.



Retirement

It is with sadness that we will be saying a fond farewell to our P6 teacher Mrs Stevenson at the end of this session. Mrs Stevenson has been a big part of our team and she has played such a positive role in the development of so many of our pupils during her time here at Langcraigs. Her passion and expertise for foreign languages has inspired her pupils to continue with their studies in to secondary school and it has also opened their eyes to the different cultures of others, which has really enhanced her pupils' life skills.

On behalf of everyone at Langcraigs, I would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her a long and happy retirement.



Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been 'Responsible' during the month of May.

P1A Allan Leitch
P2 Jemma Butler
P3 Max Kyle
P4/5 Hazel Marsh
P6A Ellis Rowan
P7A Meghan Hemming



P1B Ethan McCafferty
P2/3 Reiss Thomson
P3/4 Declan Black
P5 Adam Thomson
P6B Katie Carmichael
P7B Olivia Welsh

Free School Meals

This is a reminder that school meals are free for all pupils in P1-3. However, if your child is moving into P4 next session and you feel that they meet the criteria for a free school meal then you must submit an application form to ensure that your child continues to receive a free school meal in P4. You should contact Renfrewshire Council for further advice on applying for a free school meal.



Journey to Excellence Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who were able to complete the short questionnaire to give your thoughts on how well the school is doing and ways in which you think we can improve. I will try to incorporate some of your suggestions into next session's School Improvement Plan which you will be able to read in September. Below are just some of the points which you raised:

Areas where we are doing well

- "The variety of work is excellent"
- "The increased focus on Literacy & Numeracy"
- "The school is always welcoming and supportive"
- "Excellent teaching standards"
- "Communication"
- "Involving parents through assemblies, open afternoon, home link jotters, health evening etc"

Areas where we could improve

- "I would like to see more therapeutic teaching/support for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties"
- "I think it would be great if the children were able to get involved in gardening"
- "Improve children's confidence when presenting"

Achievement

It is always good to share some good news, especially when it is a P7 pupil who we will not get the opportunity to congratulate next session. Jack Glen has been training with Rangers F.C. at Murray Park for three and a half years and he has just been told that he has to sign a year's extension to his contract - obviously Rangers must be impressed! Jack is a goal keeper and already he has played in tournaments in Dusseldorf and Stuttgart in Germany, where he saved a crucial penalty to ensure that his team finished fifth out of over forty teams. We wish Jack all the best in his efforts to fulfil his dream of being a professional footballer and maybe we will see him playing for Scotland one day. Good luck!



Parent Council

- Thank you to all the Parent Council members and volunteers who organised and helped out at our summer disco. These people give up their valuable time to ensure that all pupils in the school are able to have a fun and pleasant experience and without their support, these events would not take place and no funds would be raised to subsidise things such as pantomimes and P7 leavers' gifts, so sincere thanks once again for all your efforts.
- P7 parents who would like to join Gleniffer High's Parent Council next session should contact the school at glenifferhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Classes for Next Session

As with the majority of schools across Renfrewshire, we will be running with some composite classes next session – something which is unavoidable due to our staffing allocation. I realise that some of you may be anxious about your child being placed in a composite class, but please be assured, as many parents realised this year, that your child's progress is not hindered at all and in some cases can actually be advantageous, with self esteem and confidence being enhanced. We take care and put a lot of thought into organising classes and I have outlined below Renfrewshire's guidelines for your information. I hope this is helpful and informative but should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Structure of Classes

- Primary schools have pupils at 7 broad year stages. P1 – P7. A year stage is a group of pupils entering primary education at a common date.
- Pupils are organised within single year classes e.g. Primary 3 or in composite classes, e.g. Primary 3/4 which contain more than one year group.
- Schools are staffed to agreed standards based on the total number of pupils within the school regardless of the numbers of pupils at each year stage. This means that Head Teachers need to organise classes to make best use of available staff, resources and space. Balancing up the various factors involves both educational and organisational considerations.
- Renfrewshire Council's normal maximum number of pupils in a single year class is 25 for P1 and P2, 30 for P3, 33 for P4-P7 and the maximum number of pupils in a composite class is 25.
- The Head Teacher is responsible for structuring classes on the basis of advice given by the council.
- In all classes, pupils working at broadly the same place and level in language and/or mathematics are grouped together. This arrangement uses teaching resources most effectively and supports continuity for pupils.

Selection of Pupils

- Where a composite class is being formed, specific criteria have been provided by the council.
- In forming new classes, full account must be taken of existing successful groupings of pupils. Schools should use language and/or mathematics groupings as the basis for allocating children to classes. Within this broad guideline a language or mathematics working group could be described as:
"A number of pupils with broadly the same attainment levels who show the capacity for working well as learning group"
- Where a single year class and a composite class are being formed at the same stages, the head teacher, class teacher and, where appropriate, pre-five colleagues, will make use of their professional judgement and all available information to form the two classes.

Communication

- Normally, classes will be formed before the start of a new school year so that all involved know what class structures exist for the new school session.
- In certain circumstances, class restructuring may have to take place during the summer break or after a school session has started.
- Parents will be informed of the arrangements for annual class structuring arrangements, as soon as possible
- The head teacher will be happy to meet with you to answer any questions on class structure or any other matter.

Please note that your child's class and class teacher, for next session, will be issued towards the end of June and your child will have the opportunity to work with their new teacher before school stops for the holidays.