

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

Wednesday 8 th	£40 payment for Lockerbie due today.
Monday 20 th	Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm).
Tuesday 21 st	Open Afternoon for prospective P1 pupils/parents.
Wednesday 22 nd	Flu vaccinations for pupils.
Thursday 23 rd	P4/5 trip to the Transport Museum.
Friday 24 th	Final day for active schools clubs.
Tuesday 28 th	P6 classes to Bannockburn
Wednesday 29 th	Scottish Assembly (9.45am) P6 parents invited to attend.
Thursday 30 th	HOLIDAY

December

Friday 1 st	Christmas Fayre (details to follow).
Tuesday 5 th	Home-Link jotters sent home today for signing.
Thursday 7 th	Christmas Disco.
Tuesday 12 th	Christmas Pantomime for pupils in the hall.
Thursday 14 th	Nativity Performances (details to follow).
Friday 15 th	P1 & P2 Christmas Party.
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Service for pupils and staff only.
Wednesday 20 th	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2.30PM

January

Thursday 4 th	Pupils return to school.
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If you want clarification or wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter 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

I hope that you all had a good October break. As we move into the second half of our first term, I thought it would be appropriate to remind everyone of our vision, values and motto, as they are at the core of everything we teach and strive to achieve with our pupils.

Our Vision

To provide all our pupils with a range of experiences which will equip them with the skills and knowledge required in order to meet the challenges they will face throughout their lives.

Our Values

These are the values we work towards at Langcraigs and they are the result of a consultation exercise with parents, pupils, staff and our partners.

Honesty
Respect
Responsibility
Compassion
Effort

Our Motto

All our pupils had the opportunity to think of a school motto and the eventual winning motto was voted by our Pupil Council and is as follows:

'Onwards and Upwards'

Breakfast Club

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, we have organised a breakfast club which will run from Monday - Friday and be supervised by Mrs Smith and Mrs Wilson. The twenty pupils who have been selected from across the school have been informed. All other pupils have been placed on a waiting list and may be contacted if a place should arise. I would like to thank you for your interest in this initiative and I hope that it proves to be a success.



Parents' Meetings

I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our recent parents' meetings on Thursday 12th October. These meetings are always so important in terms of sharing information between the school and parents. It was also great to see so many pupils sitting in with their parents and this is an aspect of these meetings which we would like to encourage. I am very keen for attendance to be as high as possible at these events and below is a table outlining the number of pupils who had someone representing them on the night. This is our highest attendance rate in recent times, so well done and thank you.

P1A	P1B	P2	P2/3	P3	P3/4	P4/5	P5	P6A	P6B	P7A	P7B
96%	95%	96%	95%	86%	91%	100%	97%	90%	85%	96%	835

TOTAL ATTENDANCE RATE - 93%

If you were unable to attend these meetings, you will receive another appointment letter.

Attendance

In order for all our pupils to achieve and progress, it is vitally important that they attend school every day. Obviously there are occasions (e.g. illness) when absence is unavoidable but I would ask that you do everything possible to make sure that your child attends and is punctual for school. **Keeping children off because it is their birthday is not a valid reason for absence.** Last session we had twenty eight pupils who achieved 100% attendance throughout 2016/2017 and all of them received a personal letter from myself during the summer holidays to congratulate them on their achievement. It would be wonderful if I had more letters to write this year!



Head Boy Report

Hello my name is Ben Lyons and I have been Head Boy for a few weeks now and I love it. I had a great time at parents' evening welcoming old and new parents to Langcraigs School. I am loving the responsibility as we are trusted to help and guide pupils during our time at school. I also enjoy being invited to Mr Maclean's meetings and I hope I have given some useful input - the juice and biscuits are the best part though! I find the role very exciting and lots of fun and I look forward to future roles.

P1 Transition

One of the highlights of any school year is seeing the new P1 pupils starting in August. This year was no exception and it was great to see all forty three of our P1 pupils looking so happy and keen to start school. They have all subsequently settled in well and are enjoying life at Langcraigs.

Part of the reason for this positive start is the extensive and ongoing programme of transition events which takes place throughout the year. We recently sent out an evaluation form to our P1 parents to gauge their thoughts on our transition work and below are some of the comments:

"Getting to know teachers, the classroom and the school buddies prior to coming to school really benefitted my child."

"The transition activities helped relax my daughter (and me!) and knowing that she had a buddy who would look out for her was a big help."

"One of the successes of the programme is having my child attend the events without me always being there - it helped improve their confidence."

"I feel some extra visits would have improved things more."



Citizenship Winners

Congratulations to the following pupils for displaying 'Good Manners' throughout September.

P1A Charlie McLaren
P2 Marlee McVitie
P3 Brooke Wilson
P4/5 Maley McLeod
P6A Adam Thomson
P7A Hailey Mullen



P1B Orlay McEnhill
P2/3 Heidi Watson
P3/4 Holly Carlin
P5 Leah Ardern
P6B Kelsie Baillie
P7B Stephen Gillespie

