

## Dates For Your Diary

June

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

P7 Sports Induction Day at Gleniffer High (9.30am-2.30pm).

ECO Fashion Show.

Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm).

P6s to Blair Drummond Safari Park.

P2/3 to Almond Valley, Livingston.

P7 Bake Sale / Raffle.

P4/5 to the People's Palace.

P7 Ceilidh (7.00pm-9.00pm).

P4/5 & P5 to Holyrood Palace.

Summer Service (10.00am at Glenburn Church. Parents invited to attend).

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00PM**



As this is the final newsletter of this school year, I would like to thank you for all your help and support and hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday.

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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## Our Values

**Honesty   Effort   Respect   Compassion   Responsibility**

As you will be aware by now, we place a lot of importance on our school values. Most importantly, we try to ensure that they are embedded into our every day practice throughout the school. This session, our pupils have displayed their honesty by handing in money which they have found in the playground or in the school building. Sometimes it has been returned to a grateful owner or, if not claimed, it has been put in to a special money cup. In return for their honesty, the boys and girls have received a special Head Teacher's sticker which they enjoy showing off to their friends.

Our plan is to add up all the lost coins and give it to a charity of the Pupil Council's choice. So far the 'magic cup' contains £19.60 and with the school promising to double the amount raised, it looks as if we are on course to raise £40.

Well done boys and girls - keep being honest!

## Staffing

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bruce at the end of term. Mrs Bruce has worked in our office for nearly 10 years and she is often the first person you speak to when you telephone or come into the school. She has been a great help to me, all the staff and to you the parents. Most of all she will be missed by our pupils, many of whom have received a magic plaster or ice pack to soothe a cut knee or bumped head. Mrs Bruce will be greatly missed and will be a huge loss to Langcraigs. We wish her well in her new role.

**GOOD  
BYE &  
GOOD  
LUCK!**

## Parent Council

- Thank you to all the Parent Council members and volunteers who organised and helped out at our summer disco. These parents 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 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](mailto:glenifferhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

### Free School Meals

This is a reminder that school meals are free for all pupils in P1-P3. 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.



### Citizenship Winners

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

P1A Payton Scarrow  
P2 Ellis Duffin  
P3 Mae Calvert  
P4/5 Keira Burgess  
P6A Adam Thomson  
P7A Charlotte White



P1B Amelia McMeekin  
P2/3 Rachel Baird  
P3/4 Euan Thomson  
P5 Emily Mason  
P6B Emma Hemming  
P7B Katie Carmichael

### 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

- "Projects and day trips are a great thing for the children"
- "Communication is a lot better. The open afternoons are great prior to parents' evening"
- "Engaging with the children to get them to help each other and remember their manners"
- "My daughter goes to a reading group and punctuation group in the morning before school and due to this she is coming on leaps and bounds"

#### Areas where we could improve

- "More extra tuition like above"
- "More after school clubs"
- "I would love to see even more activities focussing on building self-awareness"

### Health Week

Educating our pupils in the traditional academic subjects is obviously of paramount importance to us at Langcraigs, however we also place huge importance on the health and wellbeing of our pupils. Our health week tries to promote and raise awareness of the benefits of taking regular exercise and eating well and we hope that our pupils will continue to embed some of these good habits in to their own lives. A big well done to all our pupils for participating in all the activities with such enthusiasm and their behaviour at events, particularly outwith the school, has been praised by many. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Sports Day and a special thanks to Mrs Hill who always organises a great week for everyone.



## 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 a 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.





