

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Thursday 3rd	£40 deposit for P6/P7 Lockerbie trip due P1 visiting Glenburn Pre-5 Centre
Wednesday 9th	Home-link jotters sent home for signing
Thursday 10th	Teacher/Parents Meetings (3.30pm - 8.30pm) P6 swimming lessons at The Lagoon
Friday 11th	STAFF IN SERVICE DAY
Monday 14th -	OCTOBER MID TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 18th	
Monday 21st	Pupils return to school
Thursday 24th	Hallowe'en Disco (details to follow) P6 Swimming Lessons at The Lagoon
Thursday 31st	P6 Swimming Lessons at The Lagoon

November

Friday 1st	Harvest Service (9.45am) - P5 parents invited to attend (details to follow).
Wednesday 6th	Home-link jotters sent home for signing £40 deposit for P6/P7 Lockerbie trip due today
Thursday 7th	P6 swimming lessons at The Lagoon
Friday 8th	Photographer in to take class photographs
Wednesday 13th	Mary, Queen of Scots performance (2pm) - P4 & P4/5 parents invited to attend (details to follow)
Thursday 14th	P6 swimming lessons at The Lagoon
Monday 18th	Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm - 7.00pm)
Thursday 21st	Final swimming lessons at The Lagoon for P6

December

Monday 2nd	HOLIDAY
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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



Comments/Suggestions:

Name:

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

Langcraigs Primary

Newsletter October 2019



New

Dear Parent/Guardian

Head Pupils

I am delighted to inform you that we have recently appointed our Head Pupils for this session and they are as follows:



Head Boy: Alan McNally



Head Girl: Ashleigh McGlenn



**Depute Head Boy:
David McCotter**




**Depute Head Girl:
Cara Johnstone**


We wanted to make the process as real as possible, so the pupils had to complete an application form and from there, a shortlist of candidates were invited to attend an interview with Mrs Hill and me. We were both extremely impressed with the standard of the submitted application forms and with the calibre of the pupils who were interviewed - they should be very proud of themselves and I would like to thank all of the pupils who applied for the positions.


I have already met with the Head Pupils and they all understand the responsibilities and duties expected of a Head Pupil and I have every confidence that they will continue to be great role models in what is a fantastic learning experience for them.
 Congratulations once again.




Amended Holiday Dates	<p>The council have amended some holiday dates for this session to correspond with national VE Day celebrations. Pupils will now attend school on Thursday 30/04/20, Friday 01/05/20 and Monday 04/05/20.</p> <p>Pupils will now not attend school on Wednesday 06/05/20 (In-service day), Thursday 07/05/20 (In-service day) and Friday 08/05/20 (Holiday).</p>
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Improvement Plan	<p>Please be aware that a summary version of our School Improvement Plan and Standard and Quality Report are both available on our school website and also outside the school office should you wish to read them.</p>
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Nut Allergies 	<p>As some of our pupils have nut allergies, I would be very grateful if you would not send your child to school with any foods containing nuts. As far as possible, school kitchens try to ensure that all pupils who have a medical diet are catered for and it is also helpful if they are also supported by the school community. Thank you for your help with this important matter.</p>
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No Dogs Please 	<p>In the interests of safety for all our pupils, please be reminded that dogs are not permitted within the school grounds at any time. Even the most well behaved dogs can behave out of character when surrounded by excited children. Although many of us are dog lovers, we must respect those pupils who are not and indeed, become anxious when a dog is in their presence. Therefore, please respect this request and keep the school grounds a dog free zone.</p>
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Extended Support Team(EST) Meetings 	<p>As part of our ongoing Pupil Support monitoring procedures, we hold regular EST meetings in the school. The EST framework is widely used in schools across Renfrewshire and is a way of making effective use of the time of visiting professionals such as the Educational Psychologist.</p> <p>EST meetings usually run for a morning, every three to six weeks. Specific stages are discussed at each EST meeting, with each class having two EST opportunities in the course of the school year. Class teachers refer children for discussion, usually about a specific aspect of their learning or personal and social development. If your child is going to be discussed at an EST meeting, you will always be informed in advance by a letter. Please be assured that this is nothing to be concerned about; it is simply part of our ongoing support procedures to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our pupils. Mrs Hill organises these meetings and she is happy to discuss the reason for a referral either before or after an EST meeting and you should not hesitate to contact her if you require further information.</p>
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PATHS	<p>You may have heard your child talk about being 'pupil of the day' and they may have brought home a compliments letter or just talked about how they discuss their feelings in class. This is because we are implementing a whole school approach to developing pupils' social and emotional skills, which we believe will help them to make positive choices throughout their lives. The series of lessons we are using in each class is part of a whole school programme called PATHS - Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies. The early feedback which we are receiving from pupils, is that they are really enjoying the lessons. You may want to ask your child what they are learning about and how they are benefiting from the lessons. If you would like more information about PATHS, please log onto www.pathseducation.co.uk</p>												
School Choir  <small>shutterstock - 219797956</small>	<p>For the first time in several years, Langcraigs has a school choir - thanks to Miss McLennan who is working with P4-P7 pupils on a Wednesday at lunchtime. We can't wait to hear them.</p>												
School Uniform Bank 	<p>We have built up a stock of badged items of school uniform- sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts. These items have all been quality checked and laundered, and are available to any pupils in the school, free of charge. The uniform bank will be available on Parents' Evening, or by contacting Mrs Hill or the school office.</p>												
Aldi Kit for School Stickers	<p>Aldi are currently running a promotion where 20 schools can win £20,000 to help kick-start a 'health legacy' for their school. Stickers are given out to customers with spends of over £30. As Langcraigs is participating in this promotion, we would be most grateful if you could support us by forwarding any stickers you receive to the school.</p>												
Citizenship Winners 	<p>Congratulations to the following pupils for displaying 'Good Behaviour' during the month of August:</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td>P1 Mirren Baird</td><td>P1/2 Mirren Glen</td></tr> <tr> <td>P2 Poppy Armstrong</td><td>P2/3 Noah Longwill</td></tr> <tr> <td>P3 Kayla Sweeney</td><td>P4 Aimee Dunn</td></tr> <tr> <td>P4/5 Layla Scarf</td><td>P5 Lily Barr</td></tr> <tr> <td>P6 Fiifi Amofah</td><td>P6/7 Rose Ireland</td></tr> <tr> <td>P7 Isla Fulton</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	P1 Mirren Baird	P1/2 Mirren Glen	P2 Poppy Armstrong	P2/3 Noah Longwill	P3 Kayla Sweeney	P4 Aimee Dunn	P4/5 Layla Scarf	P5 Lily Barr	P6 Fiifi Amofah	P6/7 Rose Ireland	P7 Isla Fulton	
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