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Dear Parent/Carer,



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have been back for about two months at school and will be approaching the October holiday. It is fair to say that the start to this academic year has been like no other but due to the hard work of all our staff, the efforts of all our pupils and the support from all of you, the parents, we have been able to progress the learning and teaching and operate in a safe, yet calm and welcoming environment and I would like to thank everyone for their efforts.

Head Pupils

Following successful interviews, I am delighted to inform you that our new head pupils for this academic year are as follows: **Head Girl – Amy Struthers; Head Boy – Ross McMillan; Depute Head Girl – Sophie Williams; Depute Head Boy – Callum Gow.** I am sure that our head pupils will be great role models and will carry out their duties and responsibilities to the best of their abilities. I would like to thank all our P7 pupils who applied for the positions and say well done to them also.

Learning and Teaching

As mentioned previously, although pupils have been developing their skills and knowledge through various curricular areas, there has been a specific focus on Literacy and Numeracy these first couple of months in an attempt to close any gaps which have been identified in learning. We have organised a support for learning programme across the school which involves additional staff working with small groups in an attempt to help pupils progress towards their expected levels.

P.E.

Our pupils are currently enjoying exercising outdoors and we have been fortunate to secure the services and expertise of active schools' coaches who have been working with the children during many of their lessons. As P.E., along with some other curricular work, is being done outdoors, please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing e.g. change of shoes, waterproof jacket.

At the time of writing, we have been informed that indoor P.E. lessons will be able to resume in October, therefore P.E. will once again take place in the gym hall when we return from the October holidays – unless the guidelines change. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their gym kit on their P.E. days, which are outlined on the school website under 'Classes'.

Homework

After the October holidays, a programme of homework will once again begin in all classes and a text will be sent out informing you to view the homework programme for your child's class on the school website.

Parents' Meetings

Due to the current restrictions, we will not be able to hold our usual face to face meetings. However, as it is still important that you are informed of the progress your child has made so far, teachers will be completing an interim report and it is our intention to send these to your email address week beginning Monday 16th November.

Lunches

You will be aware that the school is now serving some hot food at lunch times along with a choice of sandwiches. Now that we are entering the autumn and winter months, all our pupils are eating their lunch inside. Our P1-P3 pupils have their lunch in the gym hall/dining hall between 12pm-12.30pm, tables are then cleaned and then P4-P6 eat between 12.35pm-1.00pm. Due to numbers and our eagerness to keep pupils in their social bubbles as much as possible, P6/7 and P7 have their lunch in their respective classrooms at 12.00pm. The system is working well so far and allows pupils to enjoy their lunch safely while still being able to socialise with their friends.

Communication

A reminder that most of our communication is now carried out via text message, email or through our school website. Therefore, please look out for information through these channels as opposed to letters in bags.

Again, please be reminded that it is essential that the school has your up to date contact details including emergency contact details and it is therefore really important that you complete and return your Annual Data Forms with up to date and accurate information.

Citizenship Winners

We are continuing to promote **our values of Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion and Effort** through our monthly citizenship themes and I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils received a special Langcraigs certificate from me for displaying 'Good Behaviour' throughout the month of August:

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| <i>P1 Annie McGowan</i> | <i>P1/2 Lee Ross</i> | <i>P2 Ellena Scarrow</i> |
| <i>P2/3 Keegan Mooney</i> | <i>P3 Poppy Armstrong</i> | <i>P4 Orlay McEnhill</i> |
| <i>P4/5 Hannah Scott</i> | <i>P5 Anaya Malcolm</i> | <i>P6 Ellie McNicholl</i> |
| <i>P6/7 Taylor McNulty</i> | <i>P7 Taylor Adams</i> | |

The following pupils received their certificates for having 'Good Manners' during September:

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| <i>P1 Jaxson Hogg</i> | <i>P1/2 Harvey Prow</i> | <i>P2 Angus McEwan</i> |
| <i>P2/3 Lacey Burns</i> | <i>P3 Cooper Blair</i> | <i>P4 Payton Scarrow</i> |
| <i>P4/5 James Dickson</i> | <i>P5 Romy Easdon</i> | <i>P6 Lily Barr</i> |
| <i>P6/7 Fiifi Amofah</i> | <i>P7 Callum Gow</i> | |

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER

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| Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th | October Holidays |
| Monday 19 th Tuesday 20 th | Staff In-Service Day Pupils return to school |

Tuesday 20th

Homework due to begin this week
Indoor P.E. lessons can begin from today

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd –
Monday 9th

P1 Registration for 2021-2022 online. Please see Council website

Wednesday 11th

Parent Pay due to go live today

Tuesday 17th

Pupil Flu Vaccinations to take place today

Monday 30th

Holiday

Yours sincerely

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