

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2021

It is a pleasure to at last issue a monthly newsletter when all pupils are back and school life feels close to normal. It has been great to see our pupils chatting, laughing and playing with their friends in the playground and most appear to have settled back into the routines of school life really well.

Learning and Teaching

As mentioned in previous correspondence, our focus for this term is very much on Maths, Reading and Writing and teachers and support staff are spending extra time throughout the week trying to close any identified gaps that may have occurred during lockdown.

To support your child's learning, please encourage them to complete their homework tasks. Homework plans have been issued and most teachers provide homework activities in paper form or digitally (P1-P3 SeeSaw and P4-P7 Google Classrooms). Please contact the school if you have any queries regarding homework.

All schools across Scotland undertake an assessment at P1, P4 and P7 which is called Scottish National Standardised Assessment (SNSA). It is undertaken at these stages every year and helps to confirm teachers' professional judgements of a pupil's attainment level in Numeracy and Literacy. The assessments are online and we plan to undertake these during May. Attainment levels for all pupils across the school will be shared with you when you receive your child's end of year report, which we plan to send out to you via email on Monday 14th June.

P.E.

P.E. still requires to be undertaken outdoors, therefore we ask that pupils come to school with a warm/waterproof jacket each day. During inclement weather, P.E. will not take place.

Health and Safety

By wearing masks and keeping socially distanced when in the playground and by supporting the staggered drop off/pick up times, you are helping to prevent the spread of Covid-19 within our community and I would like to thank you for your support. Fingers crossed, by the time we return for the new session in August, normal start and finish times will have resumed and things will be more like they used to be.

I also want to reassure you that we continue to implement all our safety measures within the school and our pupils also deserve a lot of praise for continuing to wash their hands, following the one way systems and different lunch arrangements and for playing within the more restricted playground zones at intervals and lunchtimes.

Please remember not to enter the school grounds if you have a dog – even with a well trained one on a lead. Thank you to the parents who have supported the school with this request.

School Trips

Even although it is technically permissible for certain school excursions to take place from early May onwards, I have decided that we will not take any undue risks at this late stage in the session. Therefore, any class trips which involve pupils going on a coach will not take place but any involving pupils walking to a place within the local area (e.g. the Braes), will be permitted. As you will be aware from previous years, Langcraigs class trips are numerous and varied and pupils have gained a lot of knowledge and long lasting experiences from class trips and hopefully we will be in a position next session for these to resume once again.

School Events

Unfortunately, due to restrictions, our end of year events such as sports day, health week, summer service and P7 ceilidh cannot take place as normal.

The good news is that we will be having an outdoor fun day for all pupils on **Thursday 3rd June**, which will be organised by Active Schools. This will involve P1-P3 taking part in a range of fun games, fun fitness and dance activities, while P4-P7 will be involved in playing dodgeball, orienteering, frisbee/disc golf and bushcraft. **Pupils do not have to wear uniform and should wear sports clothes on 3rd June. Please also bring a warm/waterproof jacket in case the weather is poor.** Please note that parents should not attend this event.

Throughout the term, class teachers may also organise fun activities for their own class (e.g. class races, local walks) and they will inform you as appropriate.

We are also in the process of planning some activities for our P7 pupils and I will provide information about this separately.

P1 Induction

Our P1 induction programme will take place week beginning 24th May and if you have a child beginning school in August 2021, you will be contacted soon.

Citizenship Winners

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for 'Truth and Honesty' throughout the month of April:

P1 Caydence Glachan	P1/2 Mirren Glen	P2 Ellena Scarrow
P2/3 Jude Kerr	P3 Lola McGregor	P4 Ellis Adams
P4/5 Ethan McCafferty	P5 Corrie McCallum	P6 Lucy Cassidy
P6/7 Brooke Wilson	P7 Olivia Muir	

Dates for the Diary

MAY

Monday 3 rd	HOLIDAY
Thursday 6 th	IN-SERVICE DAY (pupils do not attend)
Monday 24 th	P1 transition programme begins
Monday 31 st	HOLIDAY

JUNE

Thursday 3 rd	Active Schools Fun Day
Monday 14 th	Pupil reports due out today
Friday 25 th	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.00PM

Yours sincerely

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