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Dear Parent/Carer,



## **NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2021**

### **General Updates**

- In accordance with the guidance from Renfrewshire Council, please note that we will continue to operate our staggered start and finish times until we are advised otherwise.
- Please be reminded that no cars should be driven into the school car park at anytime but especially during the times when pupils are coming to and going home from school – it really is far too dangerous to be driving into the carpark at this time. For safety reasons, the janitor will be closing the gates between 8.50am-9.10am and 2.50pm-3.10pm.
- Thank you for your support with last month's requests regarding no dogs in the playground and the wearing of school uniform. We have noticed a marked improvement in both.
- As per last month's newsletter, please discourage your child from 'hanging around' the school at night or at weekends. There is evidence of pupils running along the roofs, bottles being smashed and general damage to school property and I want to be confident in saying that it is not Langcraigs pupils who are involved. Other local Head Teachers are also mentioning this to their parents in an effort to help make our schools a more pleasant and safe environment for our pupils. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **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 – Sophie Burns**

**Head Boy – Mason Mkangama**

**Depute Head Girl – Brooke Wilson**

**Depute Head Boy – Kyle Murphy**

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 includes additional staff working with small groups during class time and some teachers are also operating supported study clubs outwith core hours in an attempt to help pupils progress towards their expected levels.

### **School Improvement Plans 2021/2022**

Every year, the school works towards achieving the targets set out in our School Improvement Plan (SIP), which is derived from our own evaluations, the feedback from parents and pupils and from Government/Council priorities. We also receive Pupil Equity Funding (PEF), which is additional monies given to schools to assist with closing the poverty related attainment gap and raising the standards generally across the school.

Below is an outline of our SIP and PEF plans for this year. A more detailed document is available at the school office or you can view it on the school website.

**SIP Priorities** – Continued focus on pupils' Health and Wellbeing; development of whole school approach to nurture; review of our school's Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood Education programme of study; development of our school Curriculum Rationale; development of a whole school approach to Digital Learning; development of our school Lending Library.

**PEF Priorities** – Employment of additional Classroom Assistants; Supported Study Clubs; Free Educational Trips; Free Active School's Clubs; Free Breakfast Club; development of Outdoor Play; upgrade of Digital Technologies.

### **Parent Council**

Our first meeting will be held virtually on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6.15pm. Details of how to join are in the flyer you will have received, so please feel free to join us then.

### **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.

As always, 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.

## **Dates for the Diary**

### **OCTOBER**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	October Holidays
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Staff In-Service Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest photographers in for class photographs
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hallowe'en activities (details to follow)

### **NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils' Flu Vaccinations to take place today
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupils' interim reports emailed out this week
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P4-P7 Home-link jotters sent home today
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday

Yours sincerely

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