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Dear Parent/Carer,



NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2021

I hope that you all managed to have a good October break. As we move into the second half of our first term, I would like to remind everyone of our vision, values and motto, as they are at the core of everything we teach and strive to achieve with our pupils.

Our Vision

To provide all our pupils with a range of experiences which will equip them with the skills and knowledge required to meet the challenges which they will face throughout their lives.

Our Values

Honesty Respect Responsibility Compassion Effort

Our Motto

Onwards and Upwards

General Update

With some restrictions still having to remain in schools, staggered start/finish times will continue to remain in place until further notice. With large groups of people not being permitted in one area within schools, it is highly unlikely that our usual Christmas activities such as our Fayre, Pantomime and Nativity will be able to go ahead during December. However, we will follow the latest advice and do our best to make sure that our pupils experience some festive fun during December and I will update you of our plans in due course.

Pupil Reports

As mentioned last month, a school report, written by your child's class teacher, will be issued by email week beginning Monday 22nd November. This will give you a summary of how your child is progressing in class and highlight the targets which they are working on in Maths and Language. Once again, apologies that we are unable to meet with you in person due to the current guidelines, but I hope that you find the reports helpful and informative.

Allergies

As highlighted previously, some of our pupils have nut allergies and 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. Once again, thank you for your help with this important matter.

Head Girl Report

Hello everyone, my name is Sophie Burns and I am proud to be your Head Girl! I have only been a Head Girl for a few weeks and I'm already enjoying it. I have been around the classes to introduce myself and I am so glad to help other pupils and look forward to helping them in the future. I really enjoy being Head Girl and I will enjoy all the challenges that are in front of



me. I also love wearing my tie, badge and of course my blazer on special occasions. I am so happy that I was chosen to represent Langcraigs Primary School. I will always make sure that this school is safe for everyone and I will be sure to help the school at all times. I am very excited for the school year ahead of me! Regards. Sophie Burns.

Homework

By now, homework will be well under way and you should be familiar with the details about your child's homework plan for this session. As homework is an integral part of learning and teaching, I would ask you to encourage your child to complete their homework as per the teacher's guidelines. However, we do understand that it can sometimes be difficult to complete homework due to your child taking part in an evening event or activity and that in busy family lives, homework is not always a priority. Please be aware that, on occasions like this, children can attend the lunchtime homework club, where they can complete their homework for that evening.

If you are finding it challenging getting your child to complete their homework then please have a chat with your child's class teacher, who will be happy to discuss a solution with you. The last thing we want to do is cause added stress and anxiety during these already challenging times.

Home-Link Jotters for P4-P7 Pupils

As part of our efforts to inform you of how your child is progressing at school, on selected days throughout the school year, your child will complete all their written work for that particular day in their home-link jotter. This will be sent home to let you see what they are doing in school and the standard of work which they are producing. To make this really worthwhile, it is really important that you (and your child) make a comment about that day's work using the 'comment slip' which you'll find stapled into the jotter. By doing this, you are actively supporting your child's learning. Thank you.

Please note that P1-P3 pupils' progress in learning will be communicated via SeeSaw instead of home-link jotters.

School Behaviour System

We operate a whole school system called 'It's Good to be Green'. This is used in all classes and helps to ensure that we have a consistent approach to 'low level' incidents throughout the school.

The system works as follows:

*Each day, every pupil starts with a green card next to their name. If they don't adhere to the jointly agreed classroom rules, then they are given a verbal warning. If the poor behaviour continues, they are given a **yellow card** and, if despite these two warnings, the pupil's behaviour doesn't improve, a **red card** is issued, which results in a consequence which may include a pupil being sent to '**Reflection Time**' during interval. At Reflection Time, pupils will be asked to complete unfinished classwork and discuss their behaviour with a member of the senior management team. If it is deemed appropriate, you will receive a text to inform you that your child has been sent to Reflection Time.*

*Importantly, our behaviour system also rewards excellent behaviour, and if a pupil displays this, they receive a '**Silver Privilege Card**' which entitles them to receive a treat which has been agreed with the class at the start of the term.*

Parent Council

We had our first meeting this session on 4th October and it was a real success, with some new parents joining us. Parents also commented that the virtual format made it easier for them to attend. The minutes for our meeting can be viewed through the school website. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 15th November at 6.15pm**, which will again be through Zoom. If you would like to join us, please contact our chairperson, Mrs Jacqueline Gold on langcraigs@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk

Citizenship Winners

We are continuing to promote our values of **Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion and Effort** through our monthly citizenship themes. 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:

P1A Freya MacLeod *P1B Charlie Griffiths* *P2 Jaxson Fairbairn*
P2/3 Harvey Prow *P3 Steven MacLennan* *P4 Max Arthur*
P4/5 Evan Armstrong *P5 Ayla Gough* *P6 Euan Thomson*
P6/7 Ethan Pattison *P7 Tia Campbell*

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

P1A Emily Crawford *P1B Ferne McLean* *P2 Caydence Glachlan*
P2/3 David Gilmour *P3 Rebecca Burns* *P4 Carly Murphy*
P4/5 Lola McGregor *P5 Nicole Butler* *P6 Hannah Scott*
P6/7 Elliott Dunn *P7 Martin Brooks*

Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER

Monday 1 st	P1 Registration for 2022-2023 online. Please see Council website P6 & P6/7 historic tour of Paisley
Monday 8 th	P7 historic tour of Paisley
Monday 15 th	Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm online)
Tuesday 16 th	Flu vaccination programme for pupils
Monday 22 nd	Pupils' interim reports emailed out this week
Tuesday 23 rd	P4-P7 Home-link jotters sent home today
Tuesday 30 th	HOLIDAY

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1 st	P6s to St. George's Outreach Centre for Christmas activities (AM)
Wednesday 8 th	Last day for Active Schools' Clubs
Friday 10 th	Last day for Supported Study Clubs
Wednesday 15 th	Elf and Santa Visits for P1-P3
Wednesday 22 nd	Final day for school breakfast club

SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY

JANUARY

Thursday 6 th	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
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Yours sincerely

Graeme Maclean

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Head Teacher

If you want clarification, wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter or have any ideas/suggestions, then please do not hesitate to contact the school or send me a message to: langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk