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Dear Parent/Carer,



## NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2021

### General Advice

With the winter period now upon us, there will undoubtedly be pupils who have coughs and cold symptoms which, in the past would not have caused much concern. However, in the current climate, such symptoms may be a sign of coronavirus and the current guidelines mean that the school office may have to contact you and ask you to collect your child and take them home.

A reminder that the symptoms include a:

- new continuous cough
- loss in or change to sense of taste or smell
- high temperature or fever

You can check your symptoms for coronavirus (COVID-19) on the NHS Inform website. If your child has any of the symptoms of COVID-19, they should not come to school and you must book a PCR test at an NHS testing centre and follow all the NHS coronavirus advice.

I realise that receiving a call may be frustrating and inconvenient but the school office are only following the national guidelines in an attempt to curtail the spread of the virus.

### Christmas

Although our normal events cannot take place, we have a range of Christmas activities planned which I'm sure the children will enjoy. These include:

- (1) Recording each class singing their favourite song. Your child's class song will be available to view and we will text you with details.
- (2) *The Pupil Council are organising a Christmas raffle, which will be drawn on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Instead of pupils buying a raffle ticket, they can earn them by demonstrating any of the school values – Honesty; Respect; Responsibility; Effort and Compassion. Staff will give out tickets, which will then go into a box. **The winning tickets will be drawn on 21<sup>st</sup> December.** Winners will get to choose something from the prize table. The more tickets pupils earn, the more chance they will have of winning a prize!*

*We have started collecting prizes already, but lots more are needed! If you can donate something, such as a new toy; a selection box; a set of toiletries etc, we would really appreciate it. Please send prizes into school as soon as possible. Please note, prizes should be unused and unopened.*

*Thank you for your help,  
Jemma Butler & Danni McQueen (P7 Pupil Council Reps).*

- (3) *Please see 'Dates for the Diary' for other Christmas activities taking place.*

Please note that the school will close for the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, with the staggered times as follows:

2.10pm P1B, P4/5, P6 and P7

2.20pm P1A, P2/3, P4 and P5

2.30pm P2, P3 and P6/7



### Keep Safe Kids App

Keep Safe Kids app is a new way for children and young people in Renfrewshire to:

- find health and wellbeing support;
- report bullying and wellbeing concerns.

Developed by more than 60 pupils from six schools and the charity 'I Am Me Scotland', the app is also packed with help and information for you as a parent or carer.

All reports made through the app are sent directly to the school and will be picked up in the normal way during school hours. Reports can be made anonymously and at any time of day. Information is not stored on the app, meaning your data is secure.

You can Download the Keep Safe Kids app from iOS and Android.

Further information can be found on our school website under 'Information'.

### Head Boy Report

*Hello, my name is Mason Mkangama and I am ecstatic to have been appointed Langcraigs' Head Boy for this year. Over the past few weeks, I have enjoyed visiting all of the classes and getting to know all of the pupils. This achievement is the one that I have aspired to since my early stages at this school. Up to this point I have had various meetings with Mr Maclean and my fellow Head Pupils about the future events and just generally developing our school. I have really enjoyed and will continue to enjoy setting a great example for the younger generation of this school. I have a mind to work with the other Head Pupils to keep this school the best it can be. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



### Pupil Reports

Nothing compares to spending face to face time with your child's class teacher but I hope that you found the interim reports informative and that they gave you an understanding of how your child is progressing so far and lets you see the targets that they are working on.

### Parent Council

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our second meeting of this session. There were some really good discussions, with the main issue being that of the traffic congestion which takes place at the front and rear of the school. The Parent Council and I have both written to Renfrewshire Council and, as a result, the transportation officer will visit the school to observe the situation and hopefully they will provide some solutions. The minutes for our meetings can be viewed through the school website. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 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](mailto:langcraigs@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk)**

### **Car Park**

For the safety of our pupils, please do not drive into the staff car park in the mornings or at collection times in the afternoon. Park outside the school gates and by doing this, you could prevent a serious accident from occurring. Thank you for your support.

### **Staffing Update**

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Claire Fender has joined our staff as a classroom assistant. Miss Fender will work in various classes throughout the school and supervise in the senior playground.

### **ECO Award**

Congratulations to Mrs Murphy and the ECO Committee who managed to gain our fourth ECO award in the last few years. Well done for all your continued hard work.

### **Children in Need**

Many thanks for all your donations for our Children in Need appeal on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Your generosity raised £293 for the charity. We will apply to the Council to have that amount doubled, so our final donation will hopefully be £586, which is a fantastic effort. Well done everyone 😊.

### **Medication**

Please be reminded that written consent is required to enable school staff to give your child medication. Parents must sign the consent form to enable us to administer medication to your child – verbal consent over the phone is not sufficient. Also, medication must be prescribed. Without a prescription, staff cannot give pupils medication – this is something you would require to do.

### **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 will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for 'Playing Sensibly' throughout the month of November:

<b><i>P1A Kenedi Armstrong</i></b>	<b><i>P1B Georgia Connor</i></b>	<b><i>P2 Rowan Welsh</i></b>
<b><i>P2/3 Sophie McGregor</i></b>	<b><i>P3 Craig Reilly</i></b>	<b><i>P4 Tilly Mitchell</i></b>
<b><i>P4/5 Callum Doherty</i></b>	<b><i>P5 Ayla Gough</i></b>	<b><i>P6 Matthew Stevenson</i></b>
<b><i>P6/7 Grace Milne</i></b>	<b><i>P7 Dannii McQueen</i></b>	

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **DECEMBER**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	P6s to St. George's Outreach Centre for Christmas activities (AM).
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Active Schools' Clubs. Christmas Lunch.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Supported Study Clubs.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P4/5 & P5 Christmas Movie afternoon – pupils can bring their pyjamas in a bag to wear in the afternoon.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 vision tests for pupils who missed the original date.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Elf and Santa Visits for P1-P3.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	P6, P6/7 & P7 Christmas Movie afternoon – pupils can bring their pyjamas in a bag to wear in the afternoon. Parent Council Christmas mug swap.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	P1 & P2 Christmas Party – pupils come to school in their party outfits.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> P3 Christmas Party – pupils come to school in their party outfits.  
Pupils will watch PACE Theatre’s Christmas Panto online.  
Non-uniform day - pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers today.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Final day for school breakfast club.  
Non-uniform day today too! Pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers today.  
**SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY (as per times above)**

## **JANUARY**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

### **SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

**8.50am P1B, P4/5, P6 and P7**

**9.00am P1A, P2/3, P4 and P5**

**9.10am P2, P3 and P6/7**

On behalf of everyone at Langcraigs, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

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](mailto:langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)**