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Dear Parent/Carer,



## **NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2022**

### **Covid Update**

Following recent Government guidelines on the lifting of various restrictions in society, below is a summary of how some of these changes impact our school:

- **Staggered drop off/pick up times will cease and normal 9.00am-3.00pm times will resume on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**
- Class bubbles have stopped and activities such as paired reading and mixed seating in the lunch hall will once again resume.
- Transition visits for pupils (i.e. nursery/P1 & P7/secondary) will be able to take place in Term 3.
- Health week can now take place, week beginning Monday 23/5, which will also include Sports Day on Tuesday 24/5.
- School trips will resume and these are already being organised by teachers and office staff. Please note that there will be no charge for any trip, as we will use our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) money to pay for all our pupils.
- Our parent/teacher meetings, where staff and parents meet in the gym hall, will not take place this session but we will provide the opportunity for you to receive a telephone call from your child's class teacher and these will be scheduled for Term 3. Further information to follow.

### **P7 Activities**

As our P7s enter their final few months at Langcraigs, we are all so pleased that the easing of restrictions will allow some of our usual end of term activities to take place. Bearing in mind that covid has not disappeared completely, we have decided that ceilidh dancing is still inappropriate but we will have a silent disco on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm – 8.00pm**. The red carpet will be in place and food/juice will be provided as normal. Pupils can dress smart/casual for the event.

Teachers are also currently planning a fun activity week which will take place w/b 6<sup>th</sup> June and will include some exciting day trips. We also plan to have a summer service on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, which may take place at St. George's Outreach Centre (formerly Glenburn Parish Church) or in the school hall, whichever is appropriate at the time.

We will issue an information letter for P7 parents once trips and activities have been finalised but hopefully this gives you some advance notice of what our intentions are for P7.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and as part of our celebrations, children are being invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Children are also welcome to bring their favourite book to school on this day. There will be prizes for the best costumes in each class. We have some exciting activities planned for the children to take part in, such as a 'Where's Wally Hunt', a special visitor for the infant school and classes will take part in paired reading sessions together. Individual classes will also take part in their own activities throughout the day.

## New Values

As part of our consultation with pupils, parents and staff when creating our curriculum rationale, we felt it appropriate to update our school values in order to make them relevant to the feedback which we were receiving. We have added 'Ambition' and replaced 'Compassion' with 'Caring'. We now have the acronym 'REACH', which will hopefully help our pupils remember the values as we continue to embed them throughout the school on a daily basis.

## Our Values

- R - Respect
- E - Effort
- A - Ambition
- C - Caring
- H - Honesty

## Digital Leaders

This term, as we are working towards a Digital Schools Award, Digital Leaders have been appointed in all classes. Their role is to showcase their talents and support and lead learning amongst their peers. All the teachers are very excited about this new initiative and are looking forward to having learners share their expertise.



## Digital Leaders

Class	Digital Leader	Digital Leader
P1a	Archie Millar	Emily Crawford
P1b	Olivia Wright	Quinn Hughes
P2	Annie McGowan	Cameron Robertson
P2/3	David Gilmour	Angus McEwan
P3	Jude Kerr	Rebecca Burns
P4	Niamh McNally	Coral Taylor
P4/5	Evan Armstrong	Lola McGregor
P5	Hannah Duffin	Riley Higginson
P6	Ellie Longwill	Mason McNaught
P6/7	Ethan Pattison	Katie McGregor
P7	Keiran Singh	Martin Brooks

## Staff Updates

Miss Jennifer Gilchrist will be leaving us on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March to take up post at a new school. Although all the staff and her P4/5 class will be really sad to see her go, we all wish her well in her new adventure. On behalf of everyone at Langcraigs, I would like to thank her for everything she has done for her pupils and the school during her time with us.

Miss Gilchrist will be replaced in P4/5 by Mrs de Lange, who is currently working with us and someone who knows the children well.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we also look forward to Ms Susan McGeoch joining our staff. Ms McGeoch will be supporting groups of pupils throughout the school with their learning.

## Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council is scheduled for **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm**, 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)

## Active Schools Clubs

Monday	Lunchtime	Basketball P4&5
Tuesday	3pm-4pm	Football P5-7
Wednesday	3pm-4pm	Having a Ball P2&3
Thursday	3pm-4pm	Movement to Music P1

Pupils will receive information flyers and the above clubs will 'go live' for joining on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## Citizenship Winners

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils received a special Langcraigs certificate from me for having a 'Positive Attitude' throughout the month of January:

<b><i>P1A Cali McGowan</i></b>	<b><i>P1B Masiann McPhillips</i></b>	<b><i>P2 Annie McGowan</i></b>
<b><i>P2/3 Austin McEnhill</i></b>	<b><i>P3 Steven McLennan</i></b>	<b><i>P4 Charlotte MacIntyre</i></b>
<b><i>P4/5 Anna Ahmed</i></b>	<b><i>P5 Kai Singh</i></b>	<b><i>P6 Emma Millar</i></b>
<b><i>P6/7 Marcus Wylie</i></b>	<b><i>P7 Naomi Bertram</i></b>	

The following pupils will also receive a certificate from me for 'Trying Your Best' during the month of February:

<b><i>P1A Emily-Rose Black</i></b>	<b><i>P1B Lucas Orr</i></b>	<b><i>P2 Tia Singh</i></b>
<b><i>P2/3 David Gilmour</i></b>	<b><i>P3 Sophie McDougall</i></b>	<b><i>P4 Niamh McNally</i></b>
<b><i>P4/5 Joel Christie</i></b>	<b><i>P5 Ayla Gough</i></b>	<b><i>P6 Ryan Cunningham</i></b>
<b><i>P6/7 Katie McGregor</i></b>	<b><i>P7 Caleb McGregor</i></b>	

## **Pupil Achievement**

Many congratulations to Orlay McEnhill in P5, who is a budding pop star! Orlay is part of a group of pupils who have made a track called 'Children of the Night'. They are hoping that the more downloads they get, their track will climb the charts and raise money for the John O'Byrne Foundation, which is a foundation that raises money to help sick children. For a preview of the track, click on either of the following links:

iTunes link:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/id1611378421?app=itunes>

Apple Music link:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/id1611378421>

Well done Orlay, we are all very proud of you!

## **Dates for the Diary**

### **MARCH**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Active school clubs begin
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	P6 to Easter Code at St. George's Outreach Centre
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am start and 3.00pm finish times resume from today
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P6/7 & P7 to Glasgow Science Centre
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil reports sent out to parents P1 height and weight checks with school nurse
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day for active school clubs

### **APRIL**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 2.30PM
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils return to school at 9.00am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	P4-P7 Home-link jotters sent home today

Yours sincerely

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**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)**