

**Langcraigs Primary School**  
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Dear Parent/Carer,



## **NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2022**

Despite having to remain careful in school and continuing to have some restrictions in place, it is lovely to see the children coming into school at the usual times and experiencing more and more activities which they were used to prior to March 2020. Long may it continue!

### **Tree Week**

Not only was the weather fabulous but all the children throughout the school had great fun learning about plants, trees and wildlife in their local area. They also enjoyed working with the members of St. George's Church and Councillor Stephen Burns, trying to reduce the amount of litter in the local community. It was also great to have Renfrewshire's Provost, Lorraine Cameron, help our pupils plant trees in our school grounds. The week was well supported by all our staff but special thanks must go to Mrs Murphy, who has been responsible for ECO development throughout the school for several years. Her hard work in organising this event is much appreciated by us all – thank you.

For more pictures like the one below, please visit our website and click on the appropriate link. We also had a special feature in the local paper.



### **Teacher/Parent Phone Calls**

After the Easter holidays, pupils will be issued with a letter which will provide you with the opportunity to receive a telephone call from your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. We will send you a text when they are being sent out, so please look out for this in your child's bag and return the slip as requested.

### **Encouraging Reading for Pleasure at Home - Parent Information**

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day become confident readers and develop a broader vocabulary and increased general knowledge.

As their parents/guardians, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading the books they bring home from school together.

Here are some links with ideas, activities and advice on how best to encourage your child to read more at home. We have also included a link to the best children's books of 2021. In addition to this we have also added a link to Glenburn Library.

Oxford owl is an educational website with good ideas on reading engagement:  
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/reading-for-pleasure-ten-ideas-to-inspire-your-child-to-read-more/>

This the best book guide for 2021:  
<https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/great-books-guide/2021/booktrust-great-books-guide-2021-new.pdf>

Glenburn Library  
<https://libcat.renfrewshire.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?p=13961a65-033a-4fdd-b6b1-cd91360ede1d&v=ee02af4e-8a3c-4a6d-968f-69514a066273>

## Football

A group of ten pupils represented the school at a recent tournament at Castlehead High School. They acquitted themselves really well - winning two, losing two and drawing two games. Considering that this was the first time the group had played together, and they were up against more established teams, it was a great achievement and several of the coaches commented on how impressed they were with the skill level of the team. I was also very impressed with the sportsmanship and positive attitude which every one of our pupils displayed. Very well done, you all represented Langcraigs really well. 😊



## 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)

## Recruitment

Renfrewshire Council have requested that the following be shared with our parents:

*Renfrewshire Council are holding two recruitment events to find people for jobs in our schools, nurseries and care at home teams.*

*Home Care and Community Alarm jobs recruitment event  
-Park Mains High School, Barrhill Road, Erskine PA8 6EY  
-Wednesday 6 April  
-Session one: 10am to 12midday*

-Session two: 2pm to 4pm

School and nursery cleaning, catering and maintenance jobs (Soft Facilities Management) recruitment event

-Paisley Grammar School, Glasgow Road, Paisley PA1 3RP

-Tuesday 12 April

-Session one: 10am to 12midday

-Session two: 2pm to 4pm

Jobs include:

-Home Care Workers, Community Alarm Responders

-Facilities Operatives (cleaning, catering and maintenance in our schools and nurseries)

-Caretakers, School Crossing Patrollers, Housekeepers, Cleaners

You can fill out an application form at our recruitment event. Successful applicants will be offered an immediate interview and can complete their recruitment checks at the event.

Alternatively, apply for a job on MyJobScotland. Successful applicants will be invited to an interview at the recruitment event.

Visit [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/recruitment-event](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/recruitment-event) for more information, including evidence you need to bring with you to the event.

### **Pupil Absences**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, please let the school know if your child is going to be absent from school, whether it's due to illness or going on holiday. If the office do not hear from you, they will send you a text **and please respond to this**. This will prevent your child's absence being coded incorrectly and also prevent you receiving further texts and absence letters. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Allergies**

As some of our pupils have nut allergies, 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. Thank you.

### **Citizenship Winners**

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for displaying the important attribute of being 'Tolerant of Others' throughout the month of March:

**P1A Albi Pallisco**

**P1B Cali Hardie**

**P2 Noah Cochrane**

**P2/3 Alexander Carey**

**P3 Lee Ross**

**P4 Kara McNair**

**P4/5 Rory Fraser**

**P5 Connor Cornfoot**

**P6 Allan Leitch**

**P6/7 Joshua Berry**

**P7 Summer Rose Wylie**

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **APRIL**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

SCHOOL CLOSURES 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

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

P1 Dental Inspections

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

P1A & P1B to The Sea Life Centre at Loch Lomond Shores

## **MAY**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HOLIDAY
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY (pupils do not attend)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6pm (online)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	P7 transition day at Gleniffer HS
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P7 transition day at Gleniffer HS
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P2, P2/3 & P3 to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Health Week begins (information to follow)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	P4-P7 Home-link jotters sent home today

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)**