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Dear Parent/Carer,



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2022

Parents' Views

Thank you to the eighty two parents who completed and returned the recent survey. I have collated the replies and have included your suggestions, some of which I will take forward by including them in next session's school improvement plan.

Question	Very Well /Effectively	Well / Effectively	Quite Well /Effectively	Not Very Well /Effectively	Suggestions as to how we can improve
How well do we enable parents/carers to contribute to the life of the school and be involved in school improvement?	35%	38%	23%	4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion box for parents. Have more opportunities to be involved in children's learning
How effectively do we support parents/carers to participate in, contribute to and understand their child's learning?	41%	37%	19%	3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework terms could be explained more clearly (e.g. VCOP, WOW words) parents to enter school once again for parents' nights, assemblies and nativities;
How effectively do we communicate about progress, attainment and achievement?	44%	32%	20%	4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more face to face contact with teachers phone calls good but require meeting with teacher to have in depth discussion about pupil progress Seesaw to used in P4-P7 have a school twitter account

Question	YES	NO	Suggestions as to how we can improve
Are you aware that the school has a Parent Council?	90%	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More fundraising events as per pre covid time Better feedback to parent forum as to what is being discussed at meetings e.g. have a parent council newsletter Raise the profile of the parent council
Are you aware of which parents are members of the Parent Council?	39%	61%	
Are you aware of what our Parent Council does to support the school?	51%	49%	
Are you aware of how to contact the Parent Council?	46%	54%	

Classes and Teachers for 2022/2023

We plan to inform pupils and parents about their new classes/teachers for next session in the next few weeks. When headquarters have finalised our staffing allocations, this information will be emailed out to you. Pupils will also have the opportunity to work with their new teacher and classmates in their new classroom. As part of our normal transition practices, teachers and support staff will be sharing information and having several discussions with each other to ensure that transition is smooth and that all receiving staff are well informed about all of their new pupils.

Below is some information which you may find useful in respect of how classes are organised in a Primary School:

As with the majority of schools across Renfrewshire, we will be running with some composite classes next session – something which is unavoidable due to our expected staffing allocation. I realise that some of you may be anxious about your child being placed in a composite class, but please be assured, that your child's progress is not hindered at all and in some cases it can actually be advantageous, with self-esteem and confidence being enhanced. We take care and put a lot of thought into organising classes and I have outlined below Renfrewshire's guidelines for your information. I hope this is helpful and informative but should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Structure of Classes

- *Primary schools have pupils at 7 broad year stages i.e. P1 – P7. A year stage is a group of pupils entering primary education at a common date.*
- *Pupils are organised within single year classes e.g. Primary 3 or in composite classes, e.g. Primary 3/4 which contain more than one year group.*
- *Schools are staffed to agreed standards based on the total number of pupils within the school regardless of the numbers of pupils at each year stage. This means that the Head Teacher needs to organise classes to make best use of available staff, resources and space. Balancing up the various factors involves both educational and organisational considerations.*
- *Renfrewshire Council's normal maximum number of pupils in a single year class is 25 for P1, 30 for P2 & P3, 33 for P4-P7 and the maximum number of pupils in a composite class is 25.*
- *The Head Teacher is responsible for structuring classes on the basis of advice given by the council.*
- *In all classes, pupils working at broadly the same place and level in language and/or mathematics are grouped together. This arrangement uses teaching resources most effectively and supports continuity for pupils.*

Selection of Pupils

- *Where a composite class is being formed, specific criteria have been provided by the council.*
- *In forming new classes, full account must be taken of existing successful groupings of pupils. Schools should use language and/or mathematics groupings as the basis for allocating children to classes. Within this broad guideline, a language or mathematics working group could be described as:
"A number of pupils with broadly the same attainment levels who show the capacity for working well as a learning group"*
- *Where a single year class and a composite class are being formed at the same stages, the Head Teacher, class teacher and, where appropriate, pre-five colleagues, will make use of their professional judgement and all available information to form the two classes.*

Communication

- *Normally, classes will be formed before the start of a new school year so that all involved know what class structures exist for the new school session.*
- *In certain circumstances, class restructuring may have to take place during the summer break or after a school session has started.*
- *Parents will be informed of the arrangements for annual class structuring arrangements towards the end of the final term.*
- *The Head Teacher will be happy to meet with you to answer any questions on class structure or any other matter.*

Bikeability – can you help?

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils have been brushing up their cycling skills this term by taking part in Bikeability. This has been a great success, with almost all pupils achieving their Level 1 award and the majority of P7 pupils now working on Level 2.

Moving forward, we would like to continue with this programme, with the aim of all pupils having the opportunity to complete Levels 1 & 2 by the end of P7. In order to achieve this, we are hoping to get some parents trained in order to help school staff deliver the programme. Full training would be given by Bikeability instructors and involves two half-training sessions, usually delivered at the KGV sports complex in Renfrew. You do not need to be a skilled cyclist to take part in the training, enthusiasm and willingness will be the most important qualities! You would also need to have some availability during the school day to help support the in school Bikeability sessions with children.

If you are interested in helping, or would like a bit more information, please contact Mrs Hill at school.

In preparation for pupils participating in Bikeability, a local company 'Own Yer Bike' did a fantastic job at fixing pupils' bikes to make them safe and roadworthy. If your or your child's bike requires a repair, the contact details are: Tel 07761673985 / email: info@ownyerbike.org.

Parent Council

On behalf of everyone connected with our Parent Council, I would like to thank Mrs Laura Pattison, who is leaving her post as secretary at the end of this school session. Mrs Pattison is a much valued member of the Parent Council and has been a huge help in raising funds for the school over the years. Thank you once again.

I would also like to thank all our parents who have attended online meetings during the last year and I look forward to having some more in person meetings next year.

Parking Outside the School

We have received complaints from residents of Craigielinn that our parents are blocking the entrance to their driveways and are also blocking a nearby footpath. Residents are also complaining that cars are being driven too fast and it is particularly dangerous when it is so busy at drop off and pick up times. Please be a courteous and thoughtful driver and be aware of where you park your car. Thank you.

Citizenship Winners

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for 'Being Responsible' throughout the month of May:

P1A Robbie Mets

P1B Jacob McLaren

P2 Sonny Jones

P2/3 Jack Harper

P3 Aaron Grady

P4 Connie McEwan

P4/5 Frankie McLeod

P5 Adam Nicholson

P6 Ethan McCafferty

P6/7 Millie Haughie

P7 Olly Robertson

Dates for the Diary

JUNE

Wednesday 1 st	P6 to the Science Centre P7 Transition day at Gleniffer HS
Thursday 2 nd	HOLIDAY
Friday 3 rd	HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th	P6 to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh P7s to Loch Lomond
Tuesday 7 th	P2, P2/3 & P3 to Blair Drummond Safari Park P5 to The Hunterian & Kelvingrove Museums
Wednesday 8 th	P7s to Robert Burns' Museum P2/3 to the Science Centre P4/5 Glasgow Bus Tour

Thursday 9 th	P7s to Renfrew for activity day
Friday 10 th	P4 to Glasgow Caledonian University P7s to Gleniffer Braes
Tuesday 14 th	P4 to Blair Drummond Safari Park
Friday 17 th	P7s to Volleyball Festival at Gleniffer HS
Thursday 23 rd	P7s Dance (6.30pm-8pm)
Tuesday 28 th	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.00PM

AUGUST

Friday 12 th	Staff In-service day
Monday 15 th	Staff In-service day
Tuesday 16 th	Pupils return to school

As this will be the last newsletter of this school year, on behalf of everyone at Langcraigs, I would like to thank you for all your support and I hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday 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