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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2022**

I hope that you had a good summer break and it is lovely to see our pupils back at school for what we hope is the first routine school year for quite some time. Several new families have joined us at the start of the new session and our current roll is 295 pupils, which is the biggest roll we have had for quite some time. Whole school assemblies are certainly a lot busier than before!

### **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 they will face throughout their lives.

### **Our Values**

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

### **Our Motto**

**Onwards and Upwards**

### **Learning and Teaching**

Despite last school session being a comparatively settled year for pupils, we were still unable to have events such as 'in person' parents' meetings, class assemblies, Nativity, fundraising events etc. However, we plan to resume these sorts of activities and make Langcraigs a place where you are once again welcomed into the building and can become more actively involved and engaged in your child's learning journey. Details of such events will be issued in due course.

You will have read from the curriculum information letters that, over the course of the school session, we will be covering the full curriculum. However, our main focus will remain the Health & Wellbeing of our pupils, along with additional support work on the core subjects of Maths, Reading and Writing in order that any identified gaps in pupils' learning are closed as quickly as possible.

You can play your part in helping close any gaps by encouraging your child to complete their homework as per the homework plans which were issued recently – details of which are also on our school website.

### **Pupil Achievements**

We are always interested in what our pupils get up to out with school and it is great to share their achievements with other pupils. Therefore, please continue to send your child in with any medals, trophies, certificates etc whereby we will take their photograph and add them to our 'Wider Achievement' wall, which is much admired in our entrance foyer.

### **School Uniform**

It is great to see our pupils dressed in full school uniform every day. They look so smart and it really helps promote a community ethos within our school. Please note that apart from P7 pupils wearing hoodies as a treat in their final term of school, hoodies are not school uniform and should not be worn inside the school building. This helps us to identify pupils by name in the event of an emergency. A reminder of our school uniform is below and thanks for your ongoing support in helping us keep standards high at Langcraigs.

#### **Formal School Uniform:**

*White shirt / blouse with blue and yellow Langcraigs school tie*

*Grey cardigan / jumper*

*Grey trousers / grey skirt / grey pinafore*

*Grey blazer with school badge*

*Black school shoes*

#### **Informal School Uniform:**

*Blue sweatshirt*

*Yellow polo-shirt*

*Grey trousers / grey skirt / grey pinafore*

*Black shoes*

### **Water Bottles**

Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day, as it keeps them hydrated and helps with concentration, but please remind your child to bring their own water bottle to school as we do not have a supply of bottles/cups. Diluted juice/ fizzy drinks /energy drinks should not be brought to school.

### **Beat the Street**

You will have received information about this fun, free game which is being promoted throughout schools in Paisley. The game starts on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August and ends on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and is designed to promote the health and fitness of children and their families by encouraging them to walk and cycle to all the various markers throughout Paisley. We hope as many children take part as possible in this fun game. Good luck and enjoy.

### No Dogs in the Playground

In the interests of safety for all our pupils, please be reminded that dogs are not permitted within the school grounds at any time. Even the most well-behaved dogs can behave out of character when surrounded by excited children. Although many of us are dog lovers, we must respect those pupils who are not and indeed become anxious when a dog is in their presence. Therefore, please respect this request and keep the school grounds a dog free zone.

### 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 for your help with this important matter.



### St. Mirren Tickets

St. Mirren Football Club have donated four season tickets to every primary school in Renfrewshire, allowing different families to attend home matches throughout the course of the season. Tickets can be used as follows: 2 adults:2 children or 1 adult:3 children. If you are interested in taking your child(ren) to a home game, please email the school: [langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) (no phone calls please) prior to the game of your choice and we will select a family/families at random and arrange with you to come to the school to collect your tickets. As these are season tickets, after the match, we would then ask you to return the tickets to the school so that they can be given to another family for the next home game.

### Communication

Most of our school communication is now done by text message, email, See Saw, Google Classrooms or through our school website. Therefore, please look out for information through these channels as opposed to letters in bags. **Also, please be reminded that more than ever before, it is essential that the school has your up-to-date contact details including emergency contact details.** You will have been issued with Annual Data Forms and various parental consent forms and I urge you to complete these with all the required information and return them to the school as instructed.

### Pupil Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, it is important that you contact the office before 9.30am. This will prevent you being contacted by text. Also, if your child is unwell in school and needs to be sent home, please give the office a ring the next day to let them know how your child is and when they are likely to return to school.

### Parent Council

We have an active Parent Council who meet every couple of months for about 45mins. The meetings provide an opportunity for parents to meet other parents, suggest ideas for fundraising events and help improve the learning experiences of all children

throughout the school. **Our first meeting of this new session will be held in the school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.** It would be great to see some new parents join us, so please feel free to come along. If you would like a bit more information about the Parent Council you can always drop our chairperson, Mrs Jacqueline Gold an email: [langcraigs@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk](mailto:langcraigs@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk)

### **Parent Volunteers**

If you would like to become more involved at Langcraigs, have the time and would be willing to take a sports team for an hour per week, our active schools' co-ordinator would like to have a chat with you and she'd be grateful if you could contact her by email: [nicole.brown@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:nicole.brown@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

### **Citizenship Winners**

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for displaying 'Good Behaviour' during August:

<i>P1 Lucia Rainnie</i>	<i>P1/2 Marc Fulton</i>	<i>P2 Olivia Wright</i>
<i>P3 Cali Millar</i>	<i>P3/4 Macie Haughie</i>	<i>P4 Zoe Belton</i>
<i>P5 Max Arthur</i>	<i>P5/6 Ellis Adams</i>	<i>P6 Hannah Lafferty</i>
<i>P6/7 Emma Lithgow</i>	<i>P7 Marlee McVitie</i>	

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **September**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	HOLIDAY
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY

#### **October**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photographer in
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher/Parent Meetings 3.30pm-8.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform day - school closes at 3.00pm as normal
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> -	OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school

No school can operate successfully without having a positive partnership with parents and I would like to thank you for your support in helping us in our efforts to ensure that all of our pupils reach their full potential. Here's to a great school year!

Yours sincerely

*Graeme Maclean*

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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)