

Langcraigs Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2022

Head Pupils

Following successful interviews, I am delighted to inform you that our new head pupils for this academic year are as follows:

Head Girl - Aimee Dunn

Head Boy - Ethan McCafferty

Depute Head Girl - Marlee McVitie

Depute Head Boy - Lucas Howie

I am sure that our head pupils will be great role models and will carry out their duties and responsibilities to the best of their abilities. I would like to thank all our P7 pupils who applied for the positions and say well done to them also, they did fantastically well and made our decision extremely difficult.

Parents'/Teacher Meetings

Our parents' meetings will take place on **Thursday 13th October** 3.30pm-8.15pm. This is one of the many ways in which we share the progress of your child with you and I encourage your attendance at this important event. As I feel that it is important for your child to hear what the teacher is saying about their progress, I would encourage them to sit in with you and listen to their teacher or, if you prefer, your child can attend the crèche as normal. Please check the bags for an appointment letter, which will be sent out shortly.

Main Improvement Tasks for 2022/2023

- We will focus on increasing attainment in Writing across the school.
- Raising attainment in Reading across the school.
- Health and Wellbeing of all pupils will be tracked and measured over the course of the year, which will help us to identify who requires support.
- Increased parental involvement and engagement over the course of the school year.

For more information about our Improvement Priorities for 2022/2023 and to read our Standards and Quality Report, please look at our school website under 'Information'.

Learning and Teaching

From the above, you will see that one of our main priorities this school session is to improve pupils' skills in writing. To help us with this, staff have been trained in using **Talk for Writing**, a writing pedagogy which many other Renfrewshire schools have also begun to use. The Talk for Writing approach enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. A key feature is that children internalise the language structures needed to write through 'talking the text', as well as close reading. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully. P1-P3 are currently using the strategies, with P4-P7 using them after the October holiday. We hope that the methods used will help improve pupils' skills and abilities with writing and you may want to ask your child how they are finding using them and if they are enjoying their writing more than before.

Tempest Photographer in School

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 4th October to take individual/sibling photographs. **Please ensure that children wear a white shirt and school tie.**

Non-Uniform Day

As Friday 14th October is the last day before the mid-term break, pupils can attend school in their casual clothes. If you wish to make a donation to support school funds then you can do so through Parent Pay, however there is no obligation to do so.

Education Manager's Visit

Our new Education Manager, Emma Henry, will be visiting some classes and speaking to pupils and staff on Tuesday 25th October.

Parent Council

We had our first meeting on Monday 5th September and it was great to share and discuss some ideas for the session ahead, one of which is the proposal of a Halloween Disco. Confirmation to hopefully follow soon!

Our office bearers were also elected and are as follows:

***Jacqueline Gold remaining as Chairperson
Kirsty Ireland taking on the role of Treasurer
Siobhan Fraser taking on the role of Secretary***

A full set of minutes are available to take from the school at reception or you can read them online on the school website under 'School News'.

As always, it would be great to see some new parents join us, so please feel free to come along. **Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd October at 6.00pm in the school.** Remember, if you would like a bit more information about the Parent Council, please

look at the Parent Council Facebook page - **Langcraigs Primary School Parent Council**
or you can always drop our chairperson, Mrs Jacqueline Gold an email:
langcraigs@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk

School Security

Please note that it is strictly prohibited for any adult, including parents, to enter the school and continue to enter classrooms where children are being taught. Adults must only enter the premises after being granted permission by office staff or from another member of Langcraigs staff. Adults must remain in the foyer until directed otherwise.

Labels on Clothes

Please remember to label your child's clothes with their name. Our lost property area is full of items of unnamed clothing which could be returned to their rightful owner and help prevent parents having to buy new items unnecessarily.

Citizenship Winners

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

P1 Presley Higgins

P1/2 Quinn Rayton

P2 Georgia Connor

P3 Arron Daly

P3/4 Sophie McDougall

P4 Jude Kerr

P5 Tyler Crawford

P5/6 Sophie Leggat

P6 Frankie McLeod

P6/7 Hannah Scott

P7 Lacey-Jane Darroch

Dates for the Diary

October

Monday 3rd

Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm

Tuesday 4th

Tempest Photographer in school today

Wednesday 5th

Harvest Assembly - P3/4 and P4 parents invited to attend 9.45am

Thursday 13th

Teacher/Parents' Meetings 3.30pm-8.15pm

Friday 14th

Non uniform day - school closes at 3.00pm as normal

Monday 17th-

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Friday 21st

Monday 24th

STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY

Tuesday 25th

Pupils return to school

Wednesday 26th

P4-P7 home-link jotters being used today. Please read and sign your child's work for that day.

November

Tuesday 1st

P1 registration for 23/24 online from today until 4/11

Friday 11th

P6, P6/7 & P7 Remembrance Service. Parents of these classes will be invited to attend (details to follow)

Tuesday 22nd

School flu immunisation programme takes place today

Tuesday 29th

P4-P7 home-link jotters being used today. Please read and sign your child's work for that day.

Wednesday 30th

HOLIDAY

Yours sincerely

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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