

Langcraigs Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2022

PATHS Award

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Social and Emotional Worldwide Model School Award. You may have heard your child talk about being 'pupil of the day' and they may have brought home a compliments letter or just talked about how they discuss their feelings in class. This is because, since 2019, we have implemented a whole school approach to developing pupils' social and emotional skills, which we believe helps our pupils to make positive choices throughout their lives. The series of lessons we use in each class is part of a whole school programme called PATHS - Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies.



We have been congratulated by Renfrewshire Council on our success and this prestigious award is in recognition of the commitment of all staff and pupils in implementing our PATHS programme since August 2019. We are hoping to be presented with our award in the next couple of weeks, so watch out for us in the local paper! Well done everyone at Langcraigs and special thanks to Mrs Mullen, our Principal Teacher, who co-ordinated the programme and made the application for this award 😊.

Parents' Evening

I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our recent parents' meetings on Thursday 13th October. These meetings are always so important in terms of sharing information between the school and parents. As always, I am keen for attendance at these meetings to be as high as possible and below is a table outlining the number of pupils who had someone representing them on the night. The overall attendance rate of 90% is good but let's try and be even better when we meet again in March!

P1	P1/2	P2	P3	P3/4	P4	P5	P5/6	P6	P6/7	P7
92%	96%	100%	72%	96%	97%	91%	88%	90%	83%	83%

Total Attendance Rate - 90%

Education Manager's Visit

We were visited by our Education Manager on Tuesday 25th October. Mrs Henry spent the day observing learning and teaching in several classes across the school and talking to pupils and staff. Her feedback was extremely positive and I include some quotes from her report below:

"Confident, happy and well-behaved children were evident across the school."

"All staff visited provide a nurturing and inclusive environment for the children."

"Almost all children were engaged and motivated by the learning experience."

"The children's ability to work independently across the school was a strength."

Head Pupil Report

Hello, my name is Aimee Dunn and I am delighted to say that I am your Head Girl this year. I have already been doing lots of exciting things like Parents' Night two weeks ago and also the Harvest Assembly. I love wearing my golden tie around the school and also my blazer at special events. I am proud to represent our school and I'm looking forward to working with the other Head Pupils, staff and pupils at Langcraigs. As Head Girl, it is my aim to be approachable and helpful to all pupils at Langcraigs Primary School. I am excited for the great year ahead of me.

Regards

Aimee Dunn



Pupil Council

Congratulations to the following pupils who were elected to represent their classes on the Pupil Council. Mrs Hill has commented that they are a really enthusiastic group and have loads of good ideas. They have already started well with their Hallowe'en costume swap and I'm sure they have some more exciting projects ahead!

P3 Annie McGowan

P3/4 River McLeod

P4 Harris Blair

P5 James Morris

P5/6 Orlay McEnhill

P6 Reid Hughes & Sean Cowan

P6/7 Romy Easdon & Ryan Cunningham

P7 Anaya Malcolm & Marlee McVitie

Library Visits

As part of our Improvement Plan, we are working hard to raise the profile of reading throughout the school and a programme of visits to Glenburn Library has been organised. You will have received a letter informing you of the date and time when your child's class will be visiting and I would be really grateful if you could spare some time and volunteer to accompany the class as requested. If required, the office staff will contact you. Many thanks.

Basketball



On Wednesday 12th October, Rory Fraser, Frankie McLeod, Sean Cowan and Ronan Harrigan represented Langcraigs as part of a cluster basketball team at Gleniffer High School. All four pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented the school really well, contributing to several wins throughout the event. Well done!!

Tempest Photographer in School

The photographer will be in school on Friday 25th November to take class photographs.

Please ensure that children wear a white shirt and school tie.

Parent Council

We had a very productive meeting on Monday 3rd October and it was great to welcome two new members - Joanne Mulrooney and Sarah Nelson. The first event, the Halloween Disco, proved to be a great success and was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to the Parent Council for organising this.

The next big event, will be the Christmas Fayre and I know that members are trying to organise raffle prizes so, if you can help in any way with this, please contact the school or our chairperson, Jacqueline Gold langcraigs@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk

As always, a full set of minutes is available to take from the school at reception or you can read them online on the school website under 'School News'.

Our next meeting is on Monday 30th January 2023 at 6.00pm in the school.

Citizenship Winners

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for 'Being Kind to Others' during October:

P1 Liam Downie

P1/2 Cali Hardie

P2 Imogen McElhinney

P3 Annie McGowan

P3/4 River McLeod

P4 Cassia Rainnie

P5 Lola McGregor

P5/6 Kara McNair

P6 Nicole Butler

P6/7 Sophie Cooley

P7 Allan Leitch

Dates for the Diary

November

Tuesday 1st

Friday 11th

Friday 18th

Tuesday 22nd

Friday 25th

Tuesday 29th

Wednesday 30th

P1 registration for 23/24 online from today until 4/11
P6, P6/7 & P7 Remembrance Service. Parents of these classes will be invited to attend (details to follow)

Children's 'Dress as a Word Day' (details to follow)

School flu immunisation programme takes place today

Class photographs - white shirt and school tie please!

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

HOLIDAY

December

Friday 2nd

Thursday 8th

Wednesday 14th

Monday 19th

Wednesday 21st

Christmas Fayre 1.15pm

Last day for after school active schools' clubs

P1-P3 Nativity 10am & 1.30pm performances (details to follow)

'Beauty and the Beast' panto in school

Non-uniform day

SCHOOL CLOSES 2.30PM

January

Thursday 5th

Pupils & Staff return to school

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