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Onwards and Upwards



#### 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** - Reach

**E** - Effort

**A** - Ambition

**C** - Caring

**H** - Honesty

#### Citizenship Theme

Truth and Honesty

## NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2023

### Extra Holiday

Due to the King's coronation, **the school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, as it is a public holiday. It will re-open again on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### Staff News

Mrs Anderson, our classroom assistant, will sadly be leaving us on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March to begin a new job elsewhere. Mrs Anderson is a valued member of our staff and is extremely popular with all our pupils throughout the school. She will be a huge loss and she will be greatly missed by us all. On behalf of everyone at Langcraigs, I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and I wish her well in her new position.

### Red Nose Day

A huge thanks to everyone who baked or handed in cakes for our Red Nose Day fundraising event on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The cakes were amazing and I have to admit that I wasn't able to resist and had a couple myself with my coffee! The event raised £540 - half going to Comic Relief and the other half will pay for the inflatable which we will have during health week in May. Our Bake-Off winners were Jaxson Hogg, Fox Adams and Euan Mulrooney. Well done everyone.



### Library Visits



You will be aware that we have been taking our pupils to visit Glenburn Library this session, as part of our efforts to encourage pupils to read for enjoyment. Some of our pupils have been inspired to re-visit the library in their own time and have enjoyed taking out books and 'learning

new things'. To help maintain your child's interest in reading, a visit to Glenburn Library might be something you might consider during the Easter holidays.

### Open Afternoon

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our open afternoon. I hope that it gave you an opportunity to see around the school and have a chance to spend some time with your child(ren) and feel part of their learning journey. You were given a questionnaire to fill in and this is to help us gauge your views on how well we are doing and areas we can improve upon - all designed to make the learning experience for our pupils (and yourselves) the best it can possibly be. Below are the collated results and some comments which you made. Thank you once again and, as a staff, we will discuss your feedback and try to implement some of your suggestions, as best we can.

Responses	How would you rate today's open afternoon experience?	How are we doing with keeping parents informed about school events, school news, pupil achievements, what your child is learning about etc?	How are we doing in terms of providing you with opportunities to come into the school and feel part of your child's learning journey?	Overall, does your child enjoy being a pupil at Langcraigs?	How would you rate the range of experiences which your child receives to help them learn?	How would you rate the quality/variety of homework which your child receives?	Overall, how would you rate the progress of your child this year?
<b>Total - 118</b>	<b>99% – Good/VG</b>  <b>1% - Satisfactory</b>	<b>99% – Good/VG</b>  <b>1% - Poor</b>	<b>94% – Good/VG</b>  <b>5% – Satisfactory</b>  <b>1% - Poor</b>	<b>97% – Good/VG</b>  <b>2% – Satisfactory</b>  <b>1% - Poor</b>	<b>98% – Good/VG</b>  <b>1% – Satisfactory</b>  <b>1% - Poor</b>	<b>90% – Good/VG</b>  <b>8% – Satisfactory</b>  <b>2% - Poor</b>	<b>97% – Good/VG</b>  <b>3% - Satisfactory</b>

### Comments

#### Things we do well

- Good communication and updates about child's learning
- Involving parents in as much as possible
- Great use of seesaw - like receiving photographs
- Encourage children to do their best
- Staff highly supportive of pupils and very approachable
- Overall, teaching is great
- Lots of opportunities for pupils
- Child-centred approach at Langcraigs with my child's needs being met
- Child feels safe and happy at school - provide a good environment

#### Thing we could improve upon

- Given quite a lot of homework/homework overwhelming at times
- Give a bit more notice of bake days, dress up days, fundraising events etc
- More outdoor activities
- Parent Council - communication, updates, transparency and vision could be better
- Home-link jotters do not always show enough of what children are doing in class

## Citizenship Groups

During April and May, we will be re-starting our citizenship groups. This involves sorting pupils from P1-P3 and P4-P7 into mixed groups and giving them an opportunity to work together on various topics such as Nurture, Digital Learning, Reading, ECO and Rights of the Child. These groups allow pupils to work with and learn from different children, while developing a project which the whole school will benefit from.



## Parent Council

Langcraigs Parent Council urgently needs new members!!

Our Chairperson and I are aware that the lack of events planned by the Parent Council has been a little disappointing lately.

However, as much as we would like to arrange more film nights, discos etc., this has unfortunately just not been possible. This is due to the lack of volunteers we have had in recent years, compared to some other local schools.

To turn this around, we need more parents to come along to our meetings to join and help us.

New members will allow Langcraigs Parent Council to continue providing a huge support to the school by financing vital activities and items. In the last year, the Parent Council have provided funding for P7 hoodies & high school ties, Christmas Panto, buses to Lockerbie for P6 and P7, bouncy castles and more.

The Parent Council has always been very active in the past but key members have moved on and we have not been able to replace them. We have about 5 meetings a year that run for about 40 minutes max. Any volunteers will be warmly welcomed!

**Our next meeting is on Monday 15th May @ 6.00pm.**

## Citizenship Winners

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for displaying the personal quality of 'Tolerance of Others' during March:

*P1 Liam Downie*

*P1/2 Cali McGowan*

*P2 Quinn Hughes*

*P3 Caydence Glachan*

*P3/4 Leah Lochhead*

*P4 Rebecca Burns*

*P5 Euan Lithgow*

*P5/6 Poppy Armstrong*

*P6 Quinn Broad*

*P6/7 Romy Easdon*

*P7 Sophie Mullen*

## Dates for the Diary

### April

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Pupils return to school

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Home Link jotters being used in P4-P7 classes today

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

P6 pupils swimming lessons at The Lagoon - details to follow

## May

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	HOLIDAY
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	P6 pupils swimming lessons at The Lagoon P1 height and weight checks with school nurse P7 parents' evening at Gleniffer HS 6.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Langcraigs induction day for new P1s Gleniffer HS induction day for P7s P6 Safe Kids event at St. Mirren Park - details to follow
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gleniffer HS induction day for P7s
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Health Week begins - details to follow
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day 1.15pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Health Evening 5.00pm-6.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored Walk
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pupils return to school

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)