

Langcraigs Primary School
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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

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2023

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)

Following successful interviews, I am delighted to inform you that the following pupils will form our JRSO committee, which will begin work in August:

Elliette Dock	Zander Allen	Callum Doherty	Chloe McHendry
Max Arthur	Ruby Millar	Lacey Burns	Luca Pallisco
Poppy Armstrong	Connor Cornfoot	Ayla Gough	Kayla Sweeney

We will be working in partnership with Renfrewshire Council's Road Safety Officer, Fiona Muir, and our aim is to try and keep the school and surrounding areas as safe as possible for everyone in our school community. We'll need your help and we'll be in touch next school session!

Summer Reading Challenge

To help maintain children's enthusiasm for reading over the summer holidays, there will be another 'Summer Reading Challenge'. We will have a member from Glenburn Library coming in to talk to the pupils about it at assembly but below is a link for your information, which explains how you can get your child involved.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src>

Parent Council

It was great to see some new members attending our last meeting and thanks to them for coming along. I would also like to thank all our regular parents who have attended

meetings and helped raise funds for the school during the last year and I anticipate some exciting times ahead for the Parent Council next session.

Classes and Teachers for 2023/2024

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.*

Citizenship Winners

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils received a special Langcraigs certificate from me for displaying the personal quality of 'Truth and Honesty'.

P1 Ellie McLaughlin

P1/2 Harley McGrory

P2 Georgia Convery

P3 George McGillivray

P3/4 Lucas Woods

P4 Angus McEwan

P5 Maisy Mills

P5/6 Hannah Duffin

P6 Blake Wilson

P6/7 Noah Longwill

P7 Aimee Dunn

Dates for the Diary

JUNE

Thursday 1st

Summer Disco

P1-P3 5.45pm-7.00pm P4-P7 7.15pm-8.30pm

Friday 2nd

P7 Induction Event at Gleniffer HS

Tuesday 6th

Langcraigs Induction Day for new P1s (10.15am-11.30am)

Thursday 8th

Netball Match at St. Peter's (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Wednesday 14th

School Choir Performance in the gym hall (PM) - for choir members' relatives only

Tuesday 20th

Football Tournament at OnX, Linwood

Wednesday 21st

Langcraigs Induction Day for new P1s (1.30pm-2.45pm)

Pupils will work with next year's teacher today

Thursday 22nd

P7 Ceilidh 6.00pm-8.00pm

Monday 26th

P7 Leavers' Service in the gym hall 1.30pm

Tuesday 27th

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00PM

AUGUST

Monday 14th

Staff In-service day

Tuesday 15th

Staff In-service day

Wednesday 16th

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

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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