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Dear Parent/Carer,

## NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2023

I hope that you had a good summer holiday and it is lovely to see our pupils back at school having fun with their friends and enjoying working with their new teachers.

### 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

Good Manners

## Digital Schools' Award

At the end of last session, we attained this nationally recognised award. This



recognises the progress we have made in using digital technologies across the whole school and the impact it is having on pupils' learning and on communication with parents and internally amongst staff. I would like to thank Miss Colquhoun (P7 teacher) who has led the development of digital technologies throughout the year and also put a lot of work into organising the evidence required to attain this award. Well done and onwards and upwards!

## 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.

## Pupil Photographs

Monument Photographers will be in school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** to take individual and class photographs. We are told that there is a quick turnaround and that all pictures will be available to buy in time for Christmas. On these days, please ensure that your child wears a white shirt and school tie. Further details and another reminder will be issued in due course.

## **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. 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*

- *Please note that black jumpers, black skirts and black trousers are not part of our uniform. The only item of clothing which is black is shoes.*
- *As the weather is so unpredictable, please always send your child to school with a waterproof jacket.*

## **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.

## **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. A text has already gone out and we have received many replies. A few days before a home game, we will contact a family at random and give them details on how to receive the tickets.

### **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 4<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 (e.g. football / netball), 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).

### **Fundraiser - Non-Uniform Days**

Following on from previous ideas from our Pupil Council, we now have a non-uniform day on the last day of term prior to a holiday. This is a treat for our pupils and also helps to raise some money for school funds. Our first non-uniform day will be on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** and you are invited to make a cash donation or a donation via ParentPay. Even if no donation is made, all pupils can dress in their own clothes on this day.

### **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 Ruaridh McEwan</i>	<i>P1/2 Skylar Clements</i>	<i>P2 Ellie McLaughlin</i>
<i>P3 Lily Alexander</i>	<i>P3/4 Cali Millar</i>	<i>P4 Isla Courtney</i>
<i>P5 Colby Gray</i>	<i>P5/6 Max Arthur</i>	<i>P6 Jo-Lee Connor</i>
<i>P6/7 Leah Peakman</i>	<i>P7 Heather Nicholson</i>	

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **September**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open afternoon for P1 parents (1.30pm-2.45pm)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	HOLIDAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY

#### **October**

Thursday 12 <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 16 <sup>th</sup> -	OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Tuesday 24 <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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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](mailto:langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)