

Langcraigs Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carer,



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023

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

Being Kind to Others

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 - Payton Scarrow

Head Boy - Frankie McLeod

Depute Head Girl - Kayla Sweeney

Depute Head Boy - Rory Fraser

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.

Teacher/Parents' Meetings

Our parents' meetings will take place on **Thursday 12th 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, as this has been sent out.

Main Improvement Tasks for 2023/2024

- Continue to focus on increasing attainment in Writing across the school.
- Continue to raise attainment in Reading across the school.
- Embed new *Getting It Right for Every Child* (GIRFEC) policies and procedures.
- Develop consistent approaches to managing and using information (cluster priority).

For more information about our Improvement Priorities for 2023/2024 and to read our Standards and Quality Report, please look at our school website.

Class Visits to Glenburn Library

To help raise attainment in Reading, our Principal Teacher, Mrs Mullen, has organised for every class to visit Glenburn Library to promote and engage our pupils in reading for pleasure. You will see a list of dates in November at the bottom of this newsletter. A letter will soon be issued by each class teacher, giving you more details and asking if you are able to accompany your child's class to the library. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Parent Council

We had our first meeting on Monday 4th September, and it was great to share and discuss some ideas for the session ahead. The dates of our future meetings and proposed events are listed below:

Future Dates for Meetings

- Monday 20th November 2023
- Monday 5th February 2024
- Monday 22nd April 2024

Proposed Calendar of Events

- Parent Council Raffle at parents' night on Thurs 12th Oct (details to follow)
- Halloween Disco Thurs 2nd Nov (P1-P3 5:30pm-6:45pm) then (P4-P7 7.00pm-8:15pm)
- Christmas Fayre Fri 1st Dec (details to follow)
- Valentines Disco Thurs 15th Feb (P1-P3 5:30pm-6:45pm) then (P4-P7 7.00pm-8:15pm)
- Summer Disco Thurs 6th June (P1-P3 5:30pm-6:45pm) then (P4-P7 7.00pm-8:15pm)

The Parent Council will issue an information letter prior to each Disco. Volunteers to help out at each event would be greatly appreciated, so if you are able to do so then please contact the school office or Mrs Gold (Chairperson) on the contact details below.

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 20th November 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 Trips

Langcraigs has always placed a huge importance on 'bringing learning to life' by taking our pupils on school trips as part of their social studies topics. In years gone by, our pupils have been in Edinburgh, Dundee, Stirling and Loch Lomond to name but a few places. All of these excursions have been paid in full by the school. However, with a combination of the cost of buses and entrance fees to many venues increasing and our own resources not as plentiful compared to a few years ago, we will now regretfully have to ask parents to contribute to any future class trips. We will always use any fundraising money and our own budgets to subsidise trips, ensuring that your contribution is as minimal as possible. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

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.

Parent Volunteers

If you would like to become more involved at Langcraigs, have the time and would be willing to take a club (e.g. sports club / chess club/ computing club) then please contact the school. ***Support on a Friday afternoon in our school library would be of particular help to us and, again, please let us know if you can help out with this.***

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 Ellis Yardley

P1/2 Aiden Stevenson

P2 Lucia Rainnie

P3 Georgia Convery

P3/4 Lucas Orr

P4 Jacob Boyle

P5 William Young

P5/6 Kayla Murray

P6 Elliette Dock

P6/7 Nicole Butler

P7 Ayla Gough

Dates for the Diary

October

Wednesday 11 th	Harvest Assembly 9.45am (P3/4 & P4 parents invited to attend)
Thursday 12 th	Teacher/Parent Meetings 3.30pm-8.15pm
Friday 13 th	Non uniform day - school closes at 3.00pm as normal
Monday 16 th -	OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
Friday 20 th	
Monday 23 rd	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Tuesday 24 th	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 25 th	Home-link jotters (P5-P7) sent home to parents today
Thursday 26 th	P6 Cycle training (AM)
Friday 27 th	P6 Cycle training (AM)

November

Wednesday 1 st	Flu vaccinations for pupils taking place this morning P7 Pupil/Parents open evening at Gleniffer HS 6.00pm
Thursday 2 nd	School photographer taking individual and class photographs - pupils to wear white shirt and school tie Halloween Disco (letter to follow) P6 Cycle training (AM)
Friday 3 rd	School photographer taking individual and class photographs - pupils to wear white shirt and school tie P6 Cycle training (AM)
Tuesday 7 th	P2 visiting Glenburn Library (PM)
Thursday 9 th	P6 Cycle training (AM) P6/7 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Friday 10 th	P6 Cycle training (AM) P3/4 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Monday 13 th	P4 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Tuesday 14 th	P5/6 visiting Glenburn Library (PM)
Wednesday 15 th	P5 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Thursday 16 th	P7 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Friday 17 th	P3 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Monday 20 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 24 th	P6 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Tuesday 28 th	Home-link jotters (P5-P7) sent home to parents today
Wednesday 29 th	P6 swimming at The Lagoon (AM) - details to follow
Thursday 30 th	HOLIDAY

December

Friday 1 st	Christmas Fayre - details to follow
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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