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Dear Parent/Carer,

## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2024

### 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

Trying Your Best

Although a few weeks ago now, I hope that you managed to have a great Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Langcraigs.

### Community Spirit

It is always amazing just how much people can pull together and help one another during difficult times and the Christmas period was no exception. My thanks go to Ian Brown at 'Glen-Bun Bakers' and his team, who helped encourage the local community to raise funds for good causes within the school and in the local area. Well done and thanks to them and to all our parents who made donations - your kindness helped make Christmas special for so many people in our local community.

### Pupil Attendance

It cannot be emphasised enough just how important regular attendance at school is for your child. It helps them achieve their potential academically and it also helps them to develop socially, giving them opportunities to build bonds with their peers. **Please do everything you can to get your child to school for 9.00am every day.**

There are obviously times when your child cannot come to school due to illness and, on those occasions, it is important to contact the school office. If you cannot speak to someone then please leave a voicemail. If the office do not hear from you, they will send you a text **and please respond to this**. This will prevent your child's absence being coded incorrectly and also prevent you receiving further texts and absence letters. Thank you for your support with this matter.



### Head Pupil Report

Hello, my name is Frankie McLeod and I am very proud to have been appointed Head Boy of Langcraigs Primary School this year. It is amazing to have been given this privilege and I hope that I am doing a good job so far! I am doing my best to be a good role model for all the children in the school and I feel that I am good at helping other pupils if I see them alone in the playground. I enjoy trying to uphold the school values and I feel proud wearing my Head Boy tie and blazer at special events. Standing up speaking at assemblies has helped develop my confidence and I particularly liked welcoming parents into the school during parents' night and I look forward to doing this again in March.

### Education Manager's Visit

Our new Education Manager, Yvonne Ward, will be visiting some classes and speaking to pupils and staff on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. I will feedback to you how we get on in the March newsletter.

### Car Park

The closing of the school gates between 8.50am-9.10am and 2.50pm-3.10pm has now been in place for a few weeks and it has resulted in a much calmer and safer environment when children are coming to and leaving from school. Despite a couple of teething issues early on, the response from parents has been really positive and I would like to thank you for your continued support with this.

### P2 & P3 Parent Survey

A survey for parents/carers of P2/3 children who received Read, Write, Count bags in November can be accessed here should you wish to complete it: <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/LPZ3TD2>.

### School Uniform

Uniform provides our pupils with an identity and helps prevent 'fashion' competition. Also, apart from looking so smart, uniform helps us to promote a community ethos within our school. **Please try not to send your child to school in a black jumper, black trousers or black skirt, as this is not part of our recommended uniform. If anyone requires support with providing uniform for their child, then please contact the school office.**

A reminder of our school uniform is outlined below and thank you in helping to support and maintain our standards 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 shoes*

#### **Informal School Uniform:**

*Blue sweatshirt*

*Yellow polo-shirt  
Grey trousers / grey skirt / grey pinafore  
Black shoes*

### **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.



### **Water Bottles**

Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day but please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school. Diluted Juice/ fizzy drinks /energy drinks should not be brought to school - plain still water is best 😊.

### **P7 Ceilidh**

Just to confirm that we plan to have a summer ceilidh for our departing P7 pupils in the school hall on **Thursday 20th June 6.00pm - 8.00pm**. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Citizenship Winners**

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils received a special Langcraigs certificate from me for 'Respecting Others' during December:

<i>P1 Millie-Jay McConville</i>	<i>P1/2 Fraser McDougall</i>	<i>P2 Jacob Robb</i>
<i>P3 Ferne McLean</i>	<i>P3/4 Caydence Glachan</i>	<i>P4 Noah Cochrane</i>
<i>P5 Macie Haughie</i>	<i>P5/6 Rebecca Burns</i>	<i>P6 Niamh McNally</i>
<i>P6/7 Blake Wilson</i>	<i>P7 Sophie Leggat</i>	

Also, well done to the following pupils who displayed a 'Positive Attitude' throughout January - they will also receive a special certificate.

<i>P1 Thomas Hood</i>	<i>P1/2 Bonnie Wood</i>	<i>P2 Alex Woods</i>
<i>P3 Quinn Rayton</i>	<i>P3/4 Emily Crawford</i>	<i>P4 Leah Lochhead</i>
<i>P5 Ellena Scarrow</i>	<i>P5/6 Cooper Gray</i>	<i>P6 Peyton Lomas</i>
<i>P6/7 Riley Crawford</i>	<i>P7 Ellis Adams</i>	

## Dates for the Diary

### February

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting (6.00pm)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return
	Valentine's Disco - details to follow from Parent Council
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	P5-P7 Home-link jotters sent home today
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from Education Manager
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	P5 & P5/6 trip to Glasgow Science Centre

### March

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	P7s' trip to Burns Cottage
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	P6s to Easter Code at St. George's Community Centre
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	P6s' trip to Burns Cottage
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Open Afternoon - details to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	P5 & P5/6 Scottish Assembly (9.45am)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil reports sent home today
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher/Parents' Meetings (3.30pm-8.00pm) - details to follow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
	SCHOOL CLOSSES 2.30PM

### April

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
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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](mailto:langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)