

Langcraigs Primary School
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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

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2024

Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to Robbie Mets in P3 for gaining the 'Chief Scout's Bronze Award', which I'm told is the highest award you can get in the Beavers. This is a fantastic achievement, as not everyone is able to gain this level of award.

Robbie is quite rightly very proud of himself and here is a picture of him holding his lovely certificate. Well done Robbie!



Classes and Teachers for 2024/2025

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, before the end of the term. 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.

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.

Below is some information which you may find useful in respect of how classes are organised in a Primary School:

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.*

Staff Updates

- Mrs Herron, who has been teaching P5 on Thursdays and Fridays, left us last week to begin her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Herron and her family well and we look forward to seeing her, along with her new baby, sometime in the near future. Mrs Herron plans to return in Spring 2025. In her place, we welcome Miss Rachel Holgan to our staff, who will cover for Mrs Herron from now until the end of Term.
- Mrs Lorraine Wilson, our lunch hall supervisor, will sadly be leaving Langcraigs after being with us for over fifteen years. She has helped hundreds of children during that time and has become such a reassuring and familiar presence for all our pupils. Mrs Wilson will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils and, on behalf of everyone at Langcraigs, I would like to thank her for all the hard work and kindness which she has displayed over all these years and wish her well in her retirement.

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 'Being Responsible'.

P1 Junior Aitchison

P1/2 Kallie West

P2 Ella Peakman

P3 Reuben Sweeney

P3/4 Callum Colvin

P4 Chloe Robertson

P5 Cassia Rainnie

P5/6 Bethany Ireland

P6 Ruby Millar

P6/7 Carly Murphy

P7 Noah Longwill

New Minister

I am delighted to inform you that St. George's have appointed a new Minister and her name is Rev Hazel Shaw. We look forward to working with her over the course of the next few years.

Dates for the Diary

JUNE

Monday 3rd

Parent Council Meeting (6.00pm)

Wednesday 5th

P5 Trip to Transport Museum/Tall Ship

Thursday 6th

Summer Disco - details as per emailed letter

Friday 14th

School Choir Performance in front of their parents 1.30pm

Thursday 20th

P7 Ceilidh (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Wednesday 26th

P7 Leavers' Service in the school gym hall - 1.30pm
(P7 relatives invited to attend)

Thursday 27th

Non-uniform day

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00PM

AUGUST

Wednesday 14th

Staff In-service day

Thursday 15th

Staff In-service day

Friday 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