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Dear Parent/Carer,

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2024

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 - Respect

E - Effort

A - Ambition

C - Caring

H - Honesty

Citizenship Theme

Good Manners

Our Values in Action

It was great to hear about our P5 pupil, Olivia Johnson, implementing our Honesty value last week. On her way home from school she found a sum of money and didn't try to hide or keep it. She was honest and told her parents, who made a post on the Glenburn group page on Facebook to see if the person came forward in order that Olivia could return it. What a great role model you are Olivia. Well done!

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 31st October and Friday 1st 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.

Our Lollipop Lady

Pupil safety is of paramount importance to all of us and our lollipop lady, Mrs Pope, who stands at the corner of Glenfield Road and Braehead Road, does a wonderful job in ensuring that our pupils cross this busy junction safely every day. However, some drivers can be in a hurry and are quite impatient and drive up very close to Mrs Pope and the children in an attempt to hurry the crossing process up. Please give our lollipop lady and our children the time and space which they deserve in order to ensure continued safe crossings.



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 again donated 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. If you are interested, please email the school office at langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk
A few days before a home game, we will contact a family at random and give them details on how to collect 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 2nd 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

ADVICE WORKS

Family Advice Service - Money, benefits and debt advice for parents and carers

We know money worries can have a big affect on people's lives. We also know that it can be difficult to take the first steps to sort out your finances. To make it easier for parents and carers with children in primary school, nursery or younger, Renfrewshire Council's Advice Works team is offering free, friendly, confidential and impartial advice for families.

What advice is provided?

Advice Works can assist with a wide variety of enquiries, including but not limited to money, debt, budgeting and benefits. If you have money worries of any kind, please make an appointment and find out if they can help you. They will also be happy to check if you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to, including the new Scottish benefits and things like Council Tax Reduction.

Where can I get advice?

Advice is generally provided over the phone, giving families greater flexibility and choice of where and when suits best to discuss issues and receive the appropriate advice and support without having to travel anywhere. They can also offer online appointments if you're prefer.

How do I make an appointment?

Contact the team by submitting an online referral form, or calling their helpline on 0300 300 1238, or emailing adviceworks@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

If you have any questions at all about the service, please contact Advice Works on 0300 300 1238.

Dates for the Diary

September

Monday 2 nd	Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 13 th	Open afternoon for P1 parents (1.30pm-2.45pm)
Friday 27 th	HOLIDAY
Monday 30 th	HOLIDAY

October

Wednesday 9 th	Teachers'/Parents' Meetings 3.30pm-8.30pm
Thursday 10 th	Non uniform day - school closes at 3.00pm as normal
Friday 11 th	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Monday 14 th -	OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
Friday 18 th	
Monday 21 st	Pupils return to school

Wednesday 30th

Halloween Disco (details to follow)

Thursday 31st

Photographer in 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

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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