

### 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 2025

### Head Teacher

As you will be aware by now, I will be retiring on 27<sup>th</sup> June, after over thirteen years in my role as Head Teacher of Langcraigs Primary School. It has been an honour and a privilege to lead the school over this time and work with so many wonderfully inspiring pupils, staff and parents. Thank you for all your support over the years and for your recent kind messages - I wish you all well for the future. Onwards and Upwards! At the time of writing this month's newsletter, I have no knowledge of who my replacement will be, but I will inform you as soon as I know.

### Secretary

After nearly seven years at Langcraigs, Mrs Robertson, our school secretary, will also sadly be leaving us. Mrs Robertson has been a great support to me and the staff during this time and she has played an important part in ensuring that all of our pupils have the best experience possible e.g. by organising school trips, P7 leavers' hoodies, P7 Year Books, ceilidh bands and ordering school resources to name but a few of her tasks. Mrs Robertson will be a big loss to Langcraigs and we all wish her every success for the future.

### Support Staff

Mrs Kearney, Additional Support Needs Assistant, will not be returning to Langcraigs, having left earlier in the year and we will also sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Swanson (ASNA), who will be moving on to Gleniffer HS. I would like to thank both of them for all their hard work in supporting various pupils over the years. Their efforts, patience and skill are much appreciated by us all. We wish you both well for the future.

### Parent Council

After many years of service on the Parent Council, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Jacqueline Gold (Chairperson) and Mrs Kirsty Ireland (Treasurer). Both ladies have given up their time to attend meetings and organise various fundraising events

such as school discos, raffles and stalls at our school Christmas Fayre. The funds which they have helped raise have provided our pupils with leavers' ties, hoodies, Christmas pantomimes and helped with the cost of buses for class trips. Their contribution over the years is much appreciated by everyone at the school and I would like to thank them most sincerely for everything they have both done.

I am pleased to inform you that our new Parent Council Chairperson will be Mrs Cathryn Thomson. No doubt Mrs Thomson and the new Head Teacher will be in touch early on in the new session to advise you of future meetings and events.

### **Classes and Teachers for 2025/2026**

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.

### **Citizenship Winners**

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for displaying the personal quality of 'Being Responsible'.

**P1A** Lochlan Clark

**P1B** Jayce Docherty

**P2** George Arrol

**P2/3** Robyn Burns

**P3** Alex Woods

**P4** Ferne McLean

**P4/5** Isla Courtney

**P5** Aaron Kelly

**P6A** Amelia Magennis

**P6B** Kayla Murray

**P7A** Maisy Mills

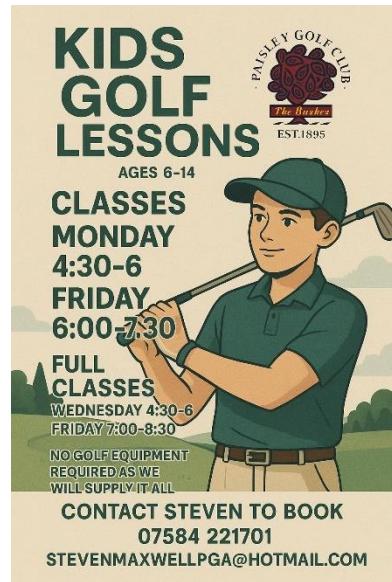
**P7B** Carly Murphy

## Golf Lessons

Following successful visits by some of our pupils to The Paisley Golf Club during our Health Week, here is a message from the Head Professional.

*"Hi everyone, I hope you enjoyed the golf lessons for your health week last week. For those wanting to get involved, opposite is some information of current classes. There may be more classes upcoming so if these dates don't suit but you still have a young golfer looking to start, please let me know. Thank you"*

Steven



**KIDS GOLF LESSONS**  
AGES 6-14

**CLASSES**  
**MONDAY**  
4:30-6  
**FRIDAY**  
6:00-7:30

**FULL CLASSES**  
WEDNESDAY 4:30-6  
FRIDAY 7:00-8:30

NO GOLF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED AS WE WILL SUPPLY IT ALL

CONTACT STEVEN TO BOOK  
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**Paisley Golf Club**  
The Bunker  
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## Dates for the Diary

### June

Monday 2nd	P2, P2/3 and some P3 pupils to Culzean Castle (details to follow)
Tuesday 3rd	P4, P4/5 and some P3 pupils to Culzean Castle (details to follow)
Thursday 5th	Summer Disco (details to follow)
Tuesday 10th	P4/5 visiting Glenburn Library (PM)
Wednesday 11th	Some P4 pupils to Hillside View Care Home
Thursday 12th	P7 Trip to Pinkston Watersports Park (details to follow)
Friday 13th	P6A visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Tuesday 17th	Pupil Council Fun Day (details to follow)
Wednesday 18th	Some P4 pupils to Hillside View Care Home
Thursday 19th	P5 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Friday 20th	P7 Ceilidh (6.00pm-8.00pm)
Monday 23rd	P2/3 visiting Glenburn Library (AM)
Thursday 26th	P1A, P1B, P2 & P2/3 to Ayr Beach
Friday 27th	P7 Leavers' Service in the gym hall (1.30pm) - parents invited (a maximum of 3 adults per pupil)
	Non-uniform day
	<b>SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.00PM</b>

### August

Thursday 14th	Staff In-service day
Friday 15th	Staff In-service day
Monday 18th	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

*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)