



Onwards and Upwards



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We've had a very busy start to the school term, with lots happening across the school. At our weekly assemblies, we've celebrated birthdays and those children consistently demonstrating the school values. We've also been introducing the UNCRC Article of the Week and then this has been developed further in our classrooms. Voting took place to elect this session's Pupil Council and Eco-Committee members, and we began the process of appointing Prefects.

This week, we welcomed back our **reading volunteers** from St George's Church. Our lovely volunteers will be supporting groups of pupils across the school on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. We are very lucky at Langcraigs to have this support from the local community 😊

We are delighted to be able to continue the partnership with **St. Mirren Football Club** this season. If you'd like to be included in the ballot to **win a set of family tickets** (2 adults, 2 children OR 1 adult, 3 children), please complete the below survey before the 22nd September. Your name will then be entered into the ballot each time there is a home game. Tickets are available for league games only.

<https://forms.office.com/e/J3RG6NXu8D>

IMPORTANT – Parent Pay and Parent Portal. Renfrewshire Council are moving towards digital communication with all parents. Therefore, in order to keep in touch with important updates, such as personal information regarding both you and your child, consent for local and school trips, updating medical information and making appointments for Pupil Progress meetings, you must be signed up to both of these systems. You can access these through MyGov account. If you need any help with this, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help 😊



NEXT WEEK - Climate Action Meets Maths Week Scotland at Langcraigs!



We're excited to share some *brilliant news* about an upcoming event that promises to be one of the most engaging weeks of the school year. This year, we're bringing together **Climate Action Week** and **Maths Week Scotland** into one **action-packed celebration of learning, exploration, and fun**—all with a strong environmental twist!



Climate Action + Maths = A Week to Remember!

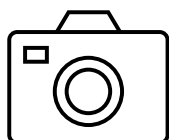


From **Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th September**, Langcraigs will be buzzing with outdoor adventures, hands-on projects, and innovative learning experiences that shine a light on two incredibly important areas: **protecting our planet** and **seeing maths in the world around us**.

We're proud to be connecting maths and sustainability in such a meaningful way—helping our young learners see that they really do have **the power to change the world**.

More information to follow separately. Let's make this week one to remember!

IF YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD TO GO ON LOCAL AREA TRIPS VIA PARENT PAY, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE WALK UP THE BRAES.



On **Monday 22nd September**, the photographer from the Paisley Daily Express will be visiting the school to take pictures of our **Primary 1** children. We'd love to see them smartly dressed for their newspaper appearance 📰

Primary 7 pupils and their parents/carers are invited along to **Gleniffer High School's Transition Open Evening** on **Wednesday 24th September**. After a short welcome, the pupils will have the opportunity to sample some of the learning experiences in different departments across the school, meeting staff and pupils along the way.

On Tuesday 30th September, we are hosting a meeting in the main hall for the parents of **Primary 7** children who are considering going to **Ardentinny Outdoor Centre**. Tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

One Ren are hosting a **P6 and P7 Paisley Boys Football Tournament** on Wednesday 1st October at Ferguslie Sports Centre. We are looking for parents to support with this to allow us to attend. If you are able to help, please let the school office know. We are still waiting on confirmation of times, but the tournament will take place during the school day.



Pupil Progress Meetings will take place on **Thursday 9th October**. This year, you will be asked to book your appointment/s through Parent Portal. Once the appointments go live, you will receive an email inviting you to make an appointment. **YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP TO PARENT PORTAL IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS**. Meetings will take place in the main hall, with the opportunity to look at your child's work beforehand.



Help beat the flu with a wee scoosh! The yearly **Flu vaccination Programme** will take place on **Tuesday 21st October**, with NHS nurses visiting the school to deliver a nasal spray vaccine. It's quick and painless and there's no need to sniff or inhale the vaccine. It'll feel like a tickle in their nose. The vaccine is given once a year, usually between September and December. Flu viruses are constantly changing, so a different vaccine is made every year to give the best protection. Protection from the flu vaccine usually begins 10 to 14 days after vaccination.

The Pupil Council have been working hard to plan some exciting Hallowe'en events for everyone to enjoy, and we'd love your support to make them a success!

Costume Swap

If you have any unwanted dressing-up costumes at home, please send them into school by **Monday 20th October**. On **Thursday 24th October**, children will then have the chance to choose a different costume from the donated selection. It's a great way to recycle and share while saving families some money.



Hallowe'en Fun Day – Thursday 31st October

We've got a whole day of spooky fun planned!

- **Pumpkin Carving Competition** – Pupils can carve their pumpkins at home and bring them into school to be judged.
- **Spooky Hair Competition** – Children are invited to come to school with their spookiest, most creative hairstyle. (Pinterest has lots of fun ideas if you need some inspiration!)
- **Fun in the Gym Hall** – There will be games and activities for everyone to enjoy.

This will also be a **non-uniform day**, so children can come in casual clothes ready for fun.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to see all the pumpkins, and spooky hairstyles!



We'd love to share your child's **wider achievements** on our ClassDojo school story. If your child is celebrating an out of school achievement, please encourage them to share this with me and I can then share it with the wider community.

Last year's **Community Club** was a great success, with children in our early stages joining together in cross-stage groups to explore the theme '*People Who Help Us*'. This year, we are excited to launch the club with the theme '*Growth*'. Pupils will take part in a range of activities to improve and enjoy our school grounds, including weeding and planting in the garden, making bird feeders, and creating beautifully designed rocks for our rock garden. Alongside this, they will take part in a weekly litter pick and scavenger hunt to help care for our environment.

We are also delighted to share that our pupils will once again have the opportunity to become designers through *Class Fundraising*. Our Christmas-themed shop will be opening soon, with every purchase raising vital funds for the school. Last year, these funds supported a wonderful end-of-year trip to Ayr beach, and we look forward to providing another exciting opportunity for our children this year.

When children of different ages work together, everyone benefits from the chance to collaborate and learn in a supportive, inclusive environment. Cross-stage activities build friendships, strengthen social skills, and encourage cooperation and respect as pupils work together and value one another's strengths. Through participation in our **Community Club**, children develop a sense of belonging and shared responsibility, helping to create a caring, connected, and inclusive school community.

We can't wait to see the developments the children make throughout the year!



The school is closed on Friday 26th September and Monday 29th September for the September weekend. Pupils return on Tuesday 30th September.

Latecoming – It is so important for your child to be in school for the start of the school day at 9am. Arriving late means that they miss out on valuable teaching/information, interrupts the lesson and can make some children feel anxious about going into class. I appreciate your support with ensuring that your child arrives on time for school each day. *Did you know? Regular lateness is linked to poorer academic results and can lead to a child falling behind in their work.*

Absence Policy – If your child is unwell, please contact the school office **before 9.30am**.

We have several children with **allergies** in the school. With this in mind, we ask for your support to make Langcraigs a nut-free environment, as nuts and products containing nuts can cause severe allergic reactions. Therefore, children should avoid bringing items to school that contain nuts, either for snack or for their lunch. We also discourage the sharing of snacks.

Thank you so much for the warm welcome that you have shown me since starting at Langcraigs!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Robertson".

Mrs Lisa Robertson

Head Teacher