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November/December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The school is a hive of activity just now! Primary 1 to 3 are up to their eyes in all things Nativity, we have started practising our Christmas songs for our Advent Service and the school is full of donations and supplies for our Christmas Fayre on Friday. It's all go!!!



Our **Prefects** have embraced their roles with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility. So far this session, they have supported our Pupil Progress Meetings by warmly welcoming parents and carers as they arrived at the school. They also take pride in greeting important visitors and representing our school community. In addition, they have helped collect donations for our Christmas Fayre and worked collaboratively to create a Whole School Rights Respecting Charter. We are very proud of their commitment and leadership!


Our **Citizenship Theme** for October was 'Respect & Responsibility'. Respect is one of our core school values, and we continue to emphasise the importance of showing kindness, consideration, and appreciation for others. When we show respect and take responsibility for our actions, we grow into the kind of people others can trust and depend on. Well done to Hannah Hunter, Fergus King, Abby Woods, Kady Reid, Robyn Burns, Lucas Hunter, Lucia Rainnie, Morgan Baird, Cameron Robertson, Kayla Murray and Orlaith Fraser.



Last week we celebrated **Book Week Scotland**, and the whole school enjoyed a wonderful variety of activities. Our Pupil Council took a leading role by designing engaging tasks for classes, including an exciting book hunt that had pupils exploring every corner of the school.

Children from **P1-P3**, along with their parents and carers, took part in a fantastic activity afternoon, where teachers hosted six different reading-inspired stations. As part of the national initiative, our **P2 and P3 pupils** were also delighted to receive their *Read, Write and Count* bags to support literacy and numeracy at home.

A highlight of the week was when our **Primary 6 pupils** visited Glenfield Nursery to share stories with the younger children – a special experience that both groups thoroughly enjoyed. Book Week Scotland was a great success, celebrating reading, creativity, and community across the school.

 Our children have been enjoying visits to **Glenburn library** this term. Pupils have explored a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books, and learned how to use the library's borrowing system. The librarians have been extremely welcoming and supportive, helping to spark our learners' curiosity and love of reading. These visits have not only strengthened pupils' literacy skills but have also encouraged them to become confident, independent library users. We look forward to continuing this valuable partnership throughout the year. Thank you for your support with these visits.

Last week, our Primary 6 children completed their **Bikeability** Level 2 training sessions. They went out in all weather, demonstrating a commitment to their training. We are very proud of everyone that took part!

REMINDER - Swimming lessons for Primary 6 start this Thursday. Children should come prepared with their swimming clothes, a towel and £1 for a locker.

As part of our **Right's Respecting School** journey, our Prefects worked together to gather views from across the school community to create a School Charter. From their research, they settled on the following 4 articles

- Article 12 - Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.
- Article 16 - Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life.
- Article 28 - Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available for every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.
- Article 29 - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

We would love it if you could talk about these rights at home with your child/ren and support us on our journey towards our Gold Award.

Our **Christmas Fayre** Takes place this Friday afternoon. If you would still like to donate, there is still time to do so. We are still looking for chocolate items and bottles. Here is a reminder of the times:



1.15pm - 1.45pm	P1, P2/3 and P4/5
1.45pm - 2.15pm	P1/2, P3 and P5
2.15pm - 2.45pm	P2, P4 and P6

P6/7 and P7 children will be helping on the stalls and will cover for each other across the afternoon, so those parents/carers are welcome anytime between 1.15pm and 2.45pm.

Pupils will be dismissed at 3pm as normal and should not leave early. This is too difficult for school staff to manage safely on such a busy day. Also, the office may be unmanned at times, so if you need to contact us, please use the answer machine and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your understanding.

Our school **Christmas Lunch** will be on Thursday 11th December. You can order a lunch for your child using the link below.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NlMpyqYahkSyss92aWJTbCHyDaybzqNKsn9L-L5CFgtUOU9FU1NQQ1ZVRFVFNzFRSjdMTDJSMVM3Uy4u>

Our **school choir** will be visiting the residents of Hillside View care home on Tuesday 9th December and Monday 15th December to bring them some festive cheer through song.

We have booked a **Pantomime** for the children, which will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th December. We pay of this with the proceeds of our Christmas Fayre.

On Wednesday 17th December, our **Class Christmas celebrations** will take place. P1 and P2 children will have a party in the main hall with a very special guest! P3 and P4 will also enjoy a party either in their classroom or in Room 12. P4/5, P5, P6, P6/7 and P7 children will have a movie afternoon. Therefore, this will be a non-uniform day. Children can come in their own clothes, wear something Christmassy or their party clothes. Please think carefully when choosing outfits - Jumpsuits, playsuits, etc can be difficult for some children to visit the toilet independently. Also, remember that the children will still be outside for break and lunch.



We love to share **wider achievements** weekly on **Wider Achievement Wednesday**. If your child has an achievement that they would like to share, please message me on Class Dojo and I can then share it with the wider community.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

28 th November	1.15pm	Christmas Fayre
11 th December	From 11.45	School Christmas lunch
11 th December	1.30pm	P1 – P3 Nativity afternoon performance
12 th December	9.30am	P1 – P3 Nativity morning performance
16 th December	1.30pm	Whole school pantomime
17 th December	All day	Non-uniform day
	PM	Class Christmas celebrations – See above for more detail
19 th December	2.30pm	School closes for the Christmas break!

Attendance check – Our bi-monthly checks will take place next week. As per Renfrewshire Council policy, if a child's attendance rate falls below 90% you will receive a letter via email. In addition to this, anyone with more than 15 incidents of latecoming will also receive a letter. If there is any way that we, as a school, can support you to improve attendance or latecoming, please contact us.

Absence Policy – We understand that sometimes absence can't be helped. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office **before 9.30am**. Also, if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please keep them off for 48 hours, in line with NHS guidance, to avoid spreading it to others.

Latecoming – Thank you for your support with this. We have seen a reduction in latecoming incidents recently and hope that, with your support, we can continue to reduce these. It really does make a huge difference when our pupils are in school on time.

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 for your continued support!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lisa Robertson

Head Teacher