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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Happy New Year! This is an exciting year for Langcraigs Primary, as the school celebrates its 70th year 🇬🇧

In December, our Christmas Fayre raised an amazing £3155.41 for our School Fund. The School Fund is used to enrich education for our children, providing resources or experiences that we wouldn't necessarily be able to afford from our budget. For example, it paid for a pantomime for the children, which they thoroughly enjoyed. It also allowed the children to enjoy Christmas celebrations with their peers, with snacks and juice. We also use money from the School Fund to provide activities and resources for Health Week in Term 3.

Children across the school were asked to talk about what they learned/enjoyed in Term 1. Listening to our children helps us ensure learning is engaging, supportive and meaningful, and it hopefully gives you a valuable insight into your child's experiences in school.

P1 - *'It was so much fun when our mums and dads came into the school when we got our Book Bug bags. We liked them helping us with the different jobs.'*

P1/2 - *'Our favourite thing was when Mrs Robertson came to our class to Knight us. Mrs Robertson had a crown and a big sword that she tapped us on the shoulders with - it was so exciting!'*

P2 - *'We loved being in school at Christmas time. There were so many fun things to do. We had a party, Santa visits, activity afternoons AND a panto (Oh, yes we did!!)'*

P2/3 - *'Our favourite thing is Community Club, especially when we go for a walk up the Braes. Also, at Christmas time, we had an amazing afternoon in the gym hall doing lots of Christmas things.'*

P3 - *'Learning our times tables and how to multiply is something we are very proud of. We also loved all the fun of the Christmas Fayre.'*

P4 - *'Some of us are in the choir, and we went to the care home to sing to the people who live there. It was lovely to see them smile and join in with the songs.'*

P4/5 - *'Italy Day was brilliant! We made pasta from scratch, built pasta Eiffel Towers, and did lots of research too.'*

P5 - *'Going with the choir to Hillview Care Home was one of our favourite things, and we also loved singing on the stage at the Christmas Assembly!'*

P6 - *'We enjoyed Bikeability, even in the rain! Swimming lessons at the Lagoon were fun too.'*

P6/7 - *'Our World War II topic was really interesting, and we learned lots about the war. We did artwork and an assembly too.'*

P7 - *'We wrote our own World War II news reports and then used the green screen to record them. It was really fun and made us feel like we were real news reporters from the past.'*

We enjoyed a very busy term 1 with lots happening across the school. We are looking forward to another busy term, with lots planned already!

Our **Citizenship Theme** for December was 'Community and Giving'. Well done to Logan Parslow, Harper Wilson, Brooke Whitelaw, Willow Young, Kallie West, Bonnie Wood, Arlo Callanan, Carly McDougall, Calan Thomson, Charlotte Dalton and Ellena Scarrow 🍌🍌🍌



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.



Big Garden Birdwatch



23–25 January 2026

On the 23rd of January, the Big Garden Birdwatch begins - the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

Across the UK, over 590,000 people took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch last year, counting a whopping 9.1 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 60% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do - or don't - count will give us a valuable insight.

Our Eco Committee will be delivering talks and providing resources to classes during this week, but you can also sign up to take part at home via the RSPB website.

Rights Respecting Schools - Primary 6/7 pupils shared the Rights Respecting board games they designed and created as part of their UNCRC learning with pupils across the school from Primary 1 to Primary 6. The older pupils carefully planned and developed practical, age-appropriate games that introduced key children's rights in an engaging and meaningful way. Through turn-taking, questioning, challenges and discussion, the games supported younger learners in developing their understanding of children's rights in a fun and interactive format.

The P6/7 pupils demonstrated leadership by clearly explaining rights, modelling respectful behaviour and supporting pupils across stages to recognise how rights are respected and upheld within the school. This initiative helped to embed children's rights across all stages, strengthening Langcraigs Primary's whole-school commitment to promoting the UNCRC and a shared rights-respecting culture.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16 th February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 17 th February	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 18 th February	IN-SERVICE DAY
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes at 2.30pm for the Easter break!



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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 has diarrhoea, please keep them off for 48 hours, in line with NHS guidance, to avoid spreading it to others.

Latecoming –We continue to see a reduction in latecoming incidents 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. Thank you for your support with this!

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