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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 looking at the UNCRC Articles and then this has been developed further in our classrooms. Voting took place to elect this session's Pupil Council, and we began the process of appointing Prefects.

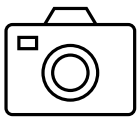
Last week, we welcomed back our **reading volunteers** from **St George's Church**. Our lovely volunteers will be supporting groups of pupils across the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are very lucky at Langcraigs to have this support from the local community 😊



We are delighted to be able to continue our 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. 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>

Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat' - We are delighted to announce that we were one of this year's top-performing schools, receiving the accolade of Best Improved School! We earned this title for achieving the highest growth in challenge sign-ups this year, so well done to everyone that took part 🎉 We received our Reading Schools Award this year, and I'm so delighted that our focus on creating a culture of reading is continuing to have such a positive impact on our children.



On **Wednesday 9th 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 📰

Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative that will see Paisley transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and wheel in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs. The game will start on Wednesday 16th September 2026 and end on Wednesday 28th October 2026. Our Primary 5/6 and Primary 6 classes will be attending the launch event at St Peters' Primary School on Wednesday 16th September.

<https://beatthestreet.me/paisley/>

Primary 7 pupils and their parents/carers are invited along to **Gleniffer High School's Transition Open Evening** on **Wednesday 30th 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.



One Ren are hosting a **Paisley Boys Football Tournament** on Wednesday 30th September and a **Paisley Girls Football Tournament** on Friday 2nd October at Ferguslie Sports Centre. 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 **Wednesday 7th October**. You will be able 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.

P6 children had their bikes checked last week so that they can start **Bikeability** lessons this week. Lessons will take place on both Wednesdays and Thursdays for the next 3 weeks. Children go out in all weathers, so please make sure they bring a suitable jacket!

🎉 70th Anniversary 🎉

Langcraigs Primary School celebrates its 70th year this session. To mark this this milestone, we have lots planned across the school. Each stage in the school is exploring a different decade from the 1950's all the way to the 2020's and will each class will create a display in the corridor. We then plan to invite Parents and Carers into the school towards the end of this topic, to take a walk 'through the decades'.

Mrs Mullen has arranged visits to **Glenburn Library**. These visits will have a focus on the 1950's, the decade in which the school was built and opened. Class teachers may be looking for helpers, so watch out for more information on Dojo.

Our fabulous **choir** is starting back up, with rehearsals taking place on a Thursday at lunchtime. Mrs Cromar and Miss Stewart are going to be working with the children on a show that will take us through the decades, again to help us celebrate the school turning 70.

The first **Parent Council** meeting took place last week. We only had parent representatives from P1, P3 and P5. We would love to have every stage represented and would really like to see more people join us. There's no pressure to take on any responsibility – I promise! If you are interested, there's a FaceBook group specifically for the Parent Council or pop along to our next monthly meeting.



Help beat the flu with a wee scoosh! The yearly **Flu vaccination Programme** will take place on **Wednesday 9th September**, 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.

We love sharing **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 'Growth'. Pupils took 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 took part in litter picks to help care for our environment.

This year, they are focusing on Pupil Voice to allow the children to decide how to make the most out of Community Club, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

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.



The school is closed on Friday 25th September and Monday 28th September for the September weekend. Pupils return on Tuesday 29th 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**.

This session, we have a Keyworker supporting attendance and latecoming, Mrs Smith. She will be contacting families that we feel might benefit from some support. The old Primary 2 classroom is now The Hub and is being used in a variety of ways to support children. It's a space which can be used to provide children who struggle with a softer start to their day. If you think you or your child would benefit from support from Mrs Smith or from the Hub, please contact me directly.

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.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 9th and Thurs 10th Sept

Bikeability, Level 2 starts for P6 cohort

Friday 25th & Monday 28th Sept

School closed for September Weekend

Wednesday 7th Oct

Pupil Progress Meetings

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lisa Robertson

Head Teacher