Onwards and Upwards

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope everyone had a lovely, restful October holiday. It was lovely to see so many of our families in the school for Pupil Progress Meetings before the break. Classes have been enjoying learning about the last 7 decades, as part of our 70th birthday celebrations. Our Pupil groups are now up and running, meeting regularly and making plans for the rest of this term.

Our **Citizenship Theme** for September was 'Fairness and Justice'. Well done to Hudson Taylor, Aria Foster, Owen Muir, Max Baird, Nola Gallagher, Ruaridh McEwan, Eillie McLaughlin, Harrison Weir, Stella Paton, Taha Butt and Cameron Robertson 👍👍👍

Prefects for Session 2025/26 – After a rigorous application and selection process, we appointed 4 Primary 7 Prefects, who were chosen for their leadership qualities and commitment to being positive role models across our school. We know they will do a fantastic job in supporting our school community. Well done to Noah, Arron, Caydence and Jenna – we are very proud of you!

Before the October break, we held our first **Pupil Progress Meetings** of the session. Our Prefects asked parents/carers to complete evaluations after their visit and responses were all very positive. If you didn't get the chance to complete an evaluation, please click on the following link. All feedback is appreciated and helps us to make changes which support everyone's needs. https://forms.office.com/e/B3WFVdPZxr

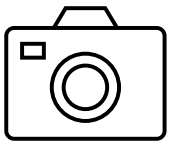
We are absolutely delighted to announce that Langcraigs Primary School has achieved **UNICEF UK's Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award**! A huge thank you to Miss Wilson who has led our UNCRC journey from the very beginning, which has been a huge commitment. During the assessment visit, the assessor recognised that children's rights are embedded throughout the school and underpin every aspect of school life. This wonderful achievement reflects the commitment of our whole school community to ensuring that every child feels valued, respected and heard. We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved together!

Classes across the school have been **visiting Glenburn Library**, to research their class topic and borrow some books. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful resource within walking distance. The librarians are fantastic with our children!

Well done to our Primary 6 children on completing their **Bikeability** Level 2 training! Through practical cycling sessions, they developed their skills, confidence and an awareness of how to cycle safely on the road. We are proud of the effort, enthusiasm and responsible attitude they showed throughout their training. A big thank you to Mrs Mullen, Miss Fender and our parent helper, Mr McEwen, who supported the sessions and helped our children achieve this important milestone. Happy and safe cycling, Primary 6! 🚴

Every Wednesday and Thursday, we're joined by a lovely team of **volunteers from St George's Church** who come in to read with children across the school. They give fantastic support to our pupils, who really enjoy spending time reading with an adult. We're so grateful for all the time and enthusiasm they share with us each week!

We are delighted that this session we have been able to continue our partnership with **Pets as Therapy**, a charity that brings specially trained therapy dogs into schools. This initiative is designed to help build children's confidence and support the development of their reading skills in a calm, friendly, and non-judgemental environment. Selected pupils have the opportunity to read aloud to a therapy dog during short, supervised sessions—an approach shown to encourage reluctant readers and boost self-esteem.



This week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, a **photographer** will be visiting the school to take pictures of the children. He will take individual pictures, pictures of siblings, and cohort photographs of P1 and P7. We would love to see all the children smartly dressed for this.

Our Parent Council have organised **Hallowe'en Discos** for the children on **Thursday 29th October**. Tickets are available at the door and include snacks and unlimited juice/water. Details are as follows:

Accessible Disco	5.15pm - 5.45pm	£1.50
P1 to P3	6.00pm - 7.00pm	£2.50
P4 to P7	7.15pm - 8.15pm	£2.50

REMINDER - Friday 30th October is a **non-uniform day**, so children can come in their own clothes or in fancy dress for Hallowe'en.

To celebrate our **70th Anniversary**, the Pupil Council are planning a whole-school **Old-Fashioned Fun Day** on **Friday 6th November!** 🥳 We're taking a trip down memory lane with some classic playground games, including **hopscotch, tiddlywinks, jacks and hook-a-duck!** 🎯 We can't wait to have lots of fun together as we celebrate 70 fantastic years of Langcraigs Primary!

Our fun day is completely **FREE**, but we'd love your help to make a difference to local families. We're collecting donations of non-perishable food and essential household items to support our local community. St George's Church will kindly distribute donations to the food bank at the Baptist Church and Renfrewshire Foodbank, both of which are currently running short of some essential items.

If you're able to help, here are some of the items needed:

- 🍎 Tinned fruit
- 🥫 Soup
- 🍓 Jam
- 🍮 Custard and rice pudding
- 🐾 Pet food
- 🧻 Toilet paper
- 🐟 Tinned meat and fish
- 🍅 Tinned tomatoes and potatoes
- 🧼 Toiletries and cleaning products

Every donation, big or small, will be greatly appreciated and will help support families in our local community. For more information about Renfrewshire Foodbank, please visit:
https://renfrewshire.foodbank.org.uk/

Active Schools Clubs for the rest of this term are now live on **Class for Kids**. They will run from Tuesday 27th Oct 2026 - Friday 4th Dec 2026.

Tuesday	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Having a Ball (Multi Sports for p2-3)
Wednesday	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Dodgeball p4-5
Friday	12:25pm - 1:00pm	Girls Football p4-7

Please sign up via the link below, which has also been shared on Class Dojo.
https://oneren-langcraigs.classforkids.io/term/41

We love sharing **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

70th Birthday Fun Day	6th November PM
Christmas Fayre	4th December PM – More information to follow on Dojo about donations
Christmas Lunch	11th December
P1 – P3 Nativity	11th December and 12th December (to be confirmed)

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lisa Robertson

Head Teacher