

What's New @ The View!

Castleview Family News

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Festive Reflection



Christmas seems like such a long time ago now. What a wonderful festive season we had at Castleview. Our children enjoyed a variety of events. Our annual Christmas fair was a record success. We raised an amazing £1456. Thank you to all involved who helped to make that happen. This amount of money means that next year we are able to make our Christmas events free of charge for another year. Please remember we do not expect or encourage staff gifts from our Parents and Carers. Our gift is that you trust us to teach your children.

Nursery Class News

In January our nursery began delivering full time nursery places. By 2020 the Scottish government says that all 3 and 4 years olds should be entitled to 1140 nursery hours. At Castleview that gives children roughly the same hours as the school;

Mon - Fri 8.30 - 3pm and Fri 8.30 - 12.30

Our nursery team have put in lots of work preparing the learning spaces and routines to ensure our children get the best possible education and care. The team have put nurture at the heart of all decisions. It was key that these young children would feel safe and loved whilst at nursery all day. The team have definitely delivered on this aim.

For me watching the children participate and enjoy lunch together in a calm, caring environment is lovely. Not only are children enjoying healthy meals but they are gaining from all the other learning that comes from enjoying a meal together. For example using cutlery, sharing, developing vocabulary, taking part in a conversation and much much more!



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A word from our weans



We love to investigate the woods at break and lunch. We like building bases safely so children are safe when they play. We are still learning to work together and share the space and resources. We are getting more sophisticated in our building. Long live the dens!

By Michael, Daniel and James P6

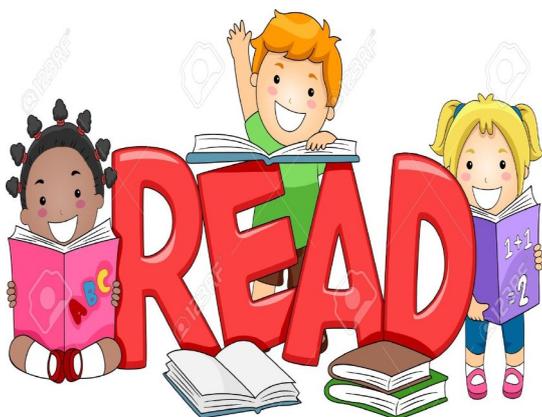
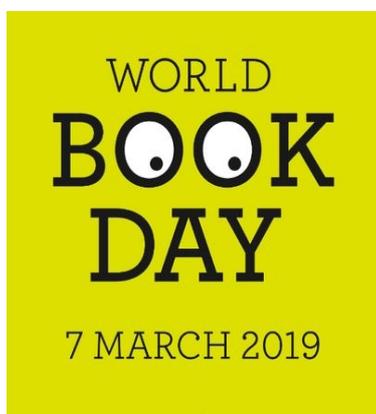


World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2019

World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.

This is the 22nd year there's been a World Book Day, and on 7th March 2019, children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading. Very loudly and very happily. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

At Castleview we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will invite all children to wear their pyjamas to school on Thursday the 7th March and take part in our Flash Reading Activity. This is when we at certain SURPRISE points in the day we will play music which means everyone has to stop what they are doing and read a book. Its important to have a book with you at all times!



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FEEDBACK

At Castleview we recognise that quality feedback is crucial to support our learners to make progress. In our weekly writing lessons our teachers give 2 stars and a wish.



The two star give pupils feedback on two things they have done well.



The wish tells pupils a next step, something the teacher would wish to see in their next piece of writing.

Look out for your child's two stars and a wish on their writing in their learner's update.

At Castleview we believe the best feedback for our pupils is given verbally in the moment. One of the ways we facilitate this is by our use of adults to support learning in small groups.

At Castleview our teachers focus on giving

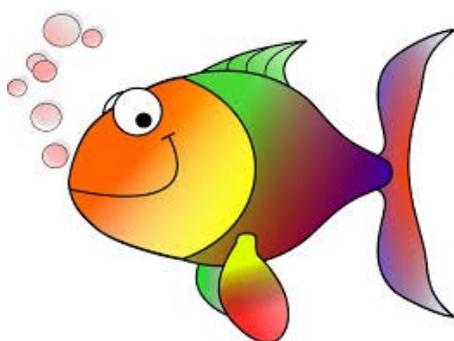
Fishy Feedback

This stands for;

Friendly—Focus on some positives and be kind

Specific—Be clear about the area for improvement

Helpful—Give a suggestion about how to make it better



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We are learning to **work co-operatively** to build a Roman Colosseum.



We are learning to do **Scottish Dances** and recognise the benefits of this physical activity.

A snapshot of some of our learning.



We are learning to **respect others food choices** when eating a Burns Supper with our friends.



We are learning to **create** a poster to share information about the rainforest.



We are learning to **use expression** when reading to our Buddies.



We are learning to **ask and answer questions** about Chinese New Year



FUN AT FORT DOUGLAS

Dalkeith Country Park

Some of our staff took an opportunity to take our pupils to Fort Douglas in Dalkeith Country Park before the February break. It was lots of fun playing and exploring the new outdoor equipment.

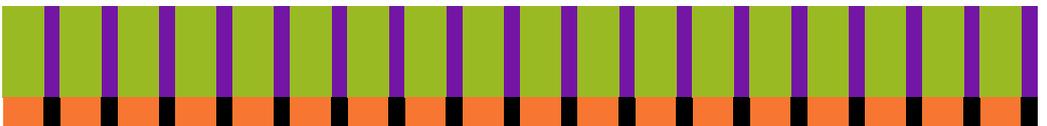
We value and love getting out and about with the children. We continue to strive to make all our excursions and visits free of charge including the transport.



We are always keen to have Parents and Carers supporting us on our outings. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would be available to help on a trip.

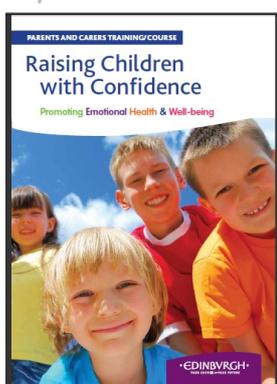


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At Castleview we recognise the importance of working with our families to improve learning and achievement. We do this in two ways, supporting Parental Engagement in their child's learning at our All Teach All Learn sessions and through working in partnership with others in the community to provide quality courses for parents. Being a Parent/Carer is no easy task. Some might say in the modern age of social media and multiple screens it's never been harder!

Family Learning at Castleview



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Mrs Lauren Newall and Katie Smith in our nursery lead on Family Learning at Castleview. We are currently running three FREE courses which are stimulating, challenging, relevant and enjoyable.

Course	Castleview Facilitator	When and Where
PEEP- Supporting parents and children learn together for our nursery Parents/Carers and children	Katie Smith	Castleview Primary School Friday mornings 9-10am
P1 PEEP for parents, carers and children	Emma Barrie	Castleview Primary School Tuesday mornings 9-10am
Raising Children with Confidence	Jenny Burnett	Jack Kane Centre Thursday afternoon 12.30 -2.30
Triple P (3-6 year old behaviour)	Lauren Newall	Castleview Primary School- Friday mornings 9.30 -11.30

Families who attend are fully engaged and participate in designing the content. Through our family learning classes, families have increased aspirations as individuals and as a family. They have a sense of achievement and successes are recorded and celebrated. If you are interested in taking part in any of our courses in the future or want to find out more please speak to Mrs Newall.

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Rolls Royce Science Prize

Ms Carter continues to lead our Rolls Royce Science Prize team. They are working on our project to develop Science capital in our pupils and community.

Our teachers have been giving up their time to run after school Science clubs in partnership with Edinburgh University students.



We were delighted that our partnership working resulted in the local space the White House being able to offer a free Science club and lunch for 8-12 year olds in the February break. This was a successful venture and we know our children had a great time learning, laughing and being scientists!



To learn more about our Rolls Royce Science Prize please look at this link and scroll down to see the Castleview entry.

<https://careers.rolls-royce.com/united-kingdom/educators-and-parents/science-prize/#project-enthuse>



Please remember the lovely Kirsteen from CHAI has appointments every Tuesday morning at Castleview. Please book these through our office. Kirsteen is doing a fantastic job at supporting our families. She has dealt with a variety of issues including; Free School Meals, homelessness, neighbour complaints, sourcing uniform and clothes, gas/electricity being cut off, benefit checks, Edindex issues and benefit claims. Don't be shy give it a try! Diane is happy to support families along to appointments.



Date for the Diary!

Primary four are hosting our free **Celebrate Scotland** event.

All friends and families are welcome to come along and join the fun on Thursday the 14th of March 5-6pm.

Primary Four will begin the evening by performing some Scottish songs and poems in the gym hall. We will then move to the dinnerhall to enjoy a feast of haggis, neeps and tatties.

Next we will then return to the hall to view some P4 Scottish dancing. To end the event we will have our first Castleview Family Ceilidh and Mrs Martin will support our Castleview family to enjoy some Ceilidh dances. Please come along and enjoy the fun.



A Word on Bullying

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once...**
That is **Not Nice**

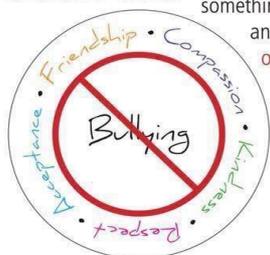
MEAN

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once...**
That is **Mean**

BULLYING

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it, over a period of time,** even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...

That is **Bullying**



At Castleview we strive to be a bully free zone. All our staff spend lots of time with children helping to diffuse and sort out issues between children everyday.

We want to be clear at Castleview we do not tolerate bullying, It is important that firstly we support any victim but we also support the accused bully and understand why they would be behaving like that.

We often hear children and families use the word bully. The image on the left helps us in discussions with children so they can be clear on what has not been kind and what is persistent unkind acts to the same person and therefore bullying. We welcome parent and carer support with this issue.



All welcome to Parent/Carer Tea Club on Friday at 11.30—12.30.
Have a friendly cuppa and chat with the grown ups and then spend some protected time with your child on a fun activity.



Red Nose Day 2019

Friday 15th March

We plan to fundraise for Comic Relief on Friday the 15th March . One of the themes for this year is a

DANCEATHON—right up our street at Castlevue!

Please look out for more information but current plans will be for our children to learn more about the important work of this charity and have a danceathon for the full length of our assembly on Monday 11th March. Can we dance non stop for an hour?!



A Final Note

I had a lovely Christmas celebrating with my home family. Christmas was a busy holiday . The February break has been a welcomed quiet rest. Hopefully like me everyone is well rested for rest of the rest of the term ahead.

A huge focus of this term for our school family is around our charity work including the work of Comic Relief and World Book Day. Not only taking part in but learning about these national events allows our pupils to fully engage and embrace in our school values—Joy, Kindness, Respect and Honesty. It also allows us to continue our high standard of Gold Award Rights Respecting Schools.

Keep up to date with us by following us on twitter. Please remember that my door is always open. Don't hesitate to come in for a chat.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Clare Langley (Headteacher)

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