

What's New @ The View!

Castleview Family News

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Rolls Royce Science Prize Winners! Not one but two awards!



On the 4th of November Ms Carter, Ms McGrory, Ms Maxwell and Cathy Southworth (our community partner from the centre for Regenerative medicine travelled to London to attend the Rolls Royce Science Prize Awards. As you know we had been shortlisted as one of six finalists for our project 'People like me can do STEM', which aimed to raise aspirations and make pupils believe that they can do STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through working with young people, their families and community.

We wanted to get the entire school and their families excited about science and create on-going partnerships with local STEM institutions. The pupils were given a real voice in creating the project which included a pupil lead science newspaper, science clubs, teacher courses, a parent - children STEM challenge and a community science festival.

The MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine was a key partner in the project. We are incredibly grateful to Staff and researchers from the Centre, Edinburgh BioQuarter and the wider University who were involved in delivering a range of science engagement activities, including the community science festival and a holiday science club.

The judges praised us for our efforts to change preconceptions on who can be a scientist and for helping to raise positive ambitions by building relationships. They also highlighted the partnership approach and the involvement of parents.

The Eden Award, selected by Sir Tim Smit, co-founder of the Eden Project, recognises the most environmentally focused project. This award highlighted the school's belief in their young people and in the development of sustainable communities, recognising the neighbouring connection and partnership with Edinburgh BioQuarter and The University of Edinburgh.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who played a part in this amazing achievement. Please look out for your invitation to our community celebration to celebrate our success!

Castleview Language of Learning



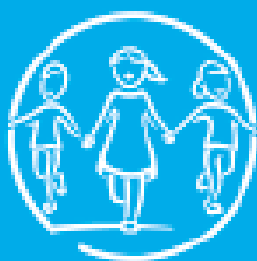
Rights Respecting Schools

As you know we are a Gold Level Rights Respecting School. Learning about children's rights is threaded through our curriculum. At the start of the session every year each class prepares their own class charter inline with their class theme. The class charters focus on our four core school rights;

- Right to learn and go to school, Article 28
- Right to be the best you can be, Article 29
- You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe, Article 19
- Right to relax and play, Article 31

The children then sign up to the charter and it is used to support teaching and learning.

You will find a copy of the Rights of all children in this newsletter.



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GOLD – RIGHTS RESPECTING

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What's all this rights stuff about?

You have rights, use them!

UNCRC stands for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. It's a list of rights that all children, everywhere in the world, have. The rights on the list are all the things that children and young people need to make sure that they are healthy, happy and safe. There are 54 articles in the list, and 42 of these are rights for children (the others are about how adults and governments should work together to make sure all children get all their rights).

Want to know your rights?

- Article 1: Everyone under 18 has these Rights
- Article 2: All children have these rights no matter what!
- Article 3: Everyone who works with children should always do what is best for each child
- Article 4: The government should make sure that all these rights are available to all children
- Article 5: Learn how to use your rights as you grow up
- Article 6: You have the right to life and to be healthy
- Article 7: Your right to a name and nationality
- Article 8: The government should respect your right to a name, nationality and family
- Article 9: Your right to be with your parents if this is what's best for you

- Article 10: Your right to see your family if they live in another country
- Article 11: Your right not to be taken out of the country illegally
- Article 12: Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to
- Article 13: Your right to have information
- Article 14: Your right to follow your own religion
- Article 15: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs
- Article 16: Your right to have privacy
- Article 17: Your right to honest information from newspapers and television that you can understand
- Article 18: Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their children, and they should always think about what is best for each child



Article 19: You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe

Article 20: You should be looked after properly if you can't live with your own family

Article 21: Your right to live in the best place for you if you can't live with your parents

Article 22: Refugee children have the same rights as children born in Wales

Article 23: Your right to special care and support if you are disabled

Article 24: Your right to good food and water and to see a doctor if you are ill

Article 25: Children who are not living with their families should be checked on regularly to make sure they are ok

Article 26: The right to extra money if your family hasn't got enough to live on

Article 27: Your right to a good standard of living

Article 28: Your right to learn and to go to school

Article 29: Your right to become the best that you can be

Article 30: Your right to use your own language

Article 31: Your right to relax and play



we have the right to be included

→ Article 32: You should be protected from work that is dangerous

→ Article 33: You should be protected from dangerous drugs

→ Article 34: The government should protect children from sexual abuse

→ Article 35: You have a right not to be sold

→ Article 36: You should be protected from doing things that could harm you

→ Article 37: Your right to be treated fairly if you break the law

→ Article 38: Children should be protected during a war and not allowed to fight in the army if they are under 15

→ Article 39: Children should get special help if they have been abused

→ Article 40: Your right to legal help if you have been accused of breaking the law

→ Article 41: If the laws in your country protect you better than the rights in this list, those laws should stay

→ Article 42: The government must let children and families know about children's rights



A word from our weans



This year the school has launched its very own Pupil Parliament, all children from P4 – P7 have a unique role to play within the Parliament. There are 4 different cabinets, that the pupils have chosen to become a part of, these are; The Rights Respecters, Environmental Educators, Challenge for Change and us...the Raving Reporters! We each have our own ideas and agendas that will help us to lead changes in the world for the better.

As Raving Reporters, it is our job to report on what's happening in the different cabinets and share it with parents/carers and our local community, as well as undertaking some of our own activities and events. Stay tuned for updates

Written by Ollie P5

It is so important you to come to school.

We miss you when you are not there!

Every day plays an incredibly important part of your child's week and each day includes valuable learning and teaching time. As a parent or carer, you have a legal responsibility for ensuring that your child's attendance at school is the best it can be. Should attendance concerns persist, school staff will make a referral to our Education Welfare Officer, Lesley Warner.

Where attendance falls below 85%, this means that your child has missed at least 27 days at school ie almost half a term. As a community, we have been making every effort to reduce the number of pupils who have attendance of less than 85%. Our efforts have been recognised and praised by City of Edinburgh Council. We want to continue to make progress with this and reduce the number of pupils with attendance of under 85% even further.

It's essential when pupils are absent that we know the reason for this as soon as possible. This can be done through a telephone call to our school office on the number listed below, or through a written note. If your child is absent for more than one day, please keep school staff updated. Unconfirmed absences from school are marked as 'T' which means that we have not been informed of a reason for their non-attendance.

Please remember to ask for help if you are experiencing difficulties in supporting your child's attendance or punctuality. Thank you for your continued support.

Craigmillar Connects - Castleview Connects



Craigmillar Connect
keep well; get connected

We're really excited about our first wellbeing event which will take place here in school on Friday 29 November. It will start at 9:30am and will finish around 12 noon. The aim of this event is to bring awareness of just some of the support organisations we have available here in our community. Castleview is thrilled to be working in partnership with these organisations and hope that as many of you as possible will come along. Please see our separate Castleview Connects Community Newsletter for further information.

Please contact Anne Murray or Helen Anderson, Pupil Support Officers, if you have any queries.



Winter Clothing Items

Now that the weather is turning colder, we thought it would be a good idea to have a rail in school where anyone can help themselves to a winter jacket or hats, scarves and gloves. These items will be completely free of charge. It's hoped to have children's and adults items.

If you have any unwanted items which are in a good, clean condition, please consider handing them into the school office. If you wish, you can donate one item and help yourself to another!

Any suitable unclaimed items from our Lost Property box will also be used in this scheme. Sufficient notice will be given for collection of items from Lost Property.

If you have any queries, please speak to Anne Murray, Pupil Support Officer.



Castleview's Partnership with Family and Household Supports!

The Family & Household Support Team are here to help if you have a problem and need some support. From health and well-being to parenting, neighbour disputes, welfare benefits and housing, we will help you get in touch with the right people and support you to make changes. We are a Council service which helps you get all the support you might need. We want to make it much easier for you, so you talk to one person and get access to a whole range of services in the Council and across the community.

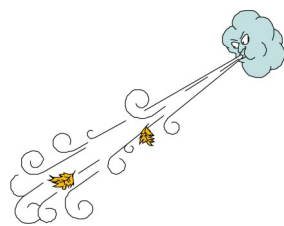
Free Drop in Morning Sessions on offer at Castleview:

- 11th December
- 15th January
- 19th February
- 18th March



please dress for the weather

We are now well into Winter and the temperature has started to drop. The children love to be outdoors and we wouldn't have it any other way. We encourage all the children to wear their coats. Please can you try to send your child to school in warm clothes, coats, jumpers, gloves, hats and scarves as required. If you need any support with this please don't hesitate to ask we are always here to help.



We are learning to use pastels to create Monet inspired artwork.

A snapshot of some of our learning



We are learning to make music with our friends



We are learning to clean water with a pump and how important this is in some countries.

We are learning to recall the 3x table during an outdoor learning opportunity



We are learning to identify types of rocks

We are learning to share with our friends, new words, healthy foods, the names of shapes, colours, identifying patterns, sounding out words, initial sounds, how to use our fine motor skills whilst we play picnics. # the power of play!





Last week we had a great time at events in the Craigmillar Book Festival. The Craigmillar Book Festival aims to inspire everyone in Craigmillar to enjoy the pleasures and benefits of reading, writing and other literacy activities. It certainly did that for us!

We welcomed various authors into our school including Justin Davies and Lari Don. We visited the library for workshops. Our amazing P4 pupils smashed their presentation, films and song responding to their Creative Residency with artist Katy Wilson at the launch event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Craigmillar Literacy Trust for organising this amazing event.



On Friday the 16th of November we publicised the great cause that is Children in Need by going on a whole school rabble in Craigmillar Castle Park. The wonderful Rights Respecters council from our Pupil Parliament organised and lead the event.

It was a great adventure out in the fresh air. We raised a total of £99.00 for the cause.

Thanks to all those who took part.



Joy Kindness Respect Honesty



We are still on our mission to make our residential trip to Benmore free for all our P7 pupils this session. This month our wonderful P7 pupils ran their own Benmore Fair with stalls, games, baking and face painting. Alongside donating for games and activities there were also free activities with prizes so everyone could get involved. Our pupils raised £651.00 to put in the Benmore bucket. Please look out for the Benmore Bucket over Christmas events all donations however small are welcomed. Every penny counts. Thanks for your support with this.



Last week our whole school community took part in anti bullying week. UK. The focus of our learning was to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. Our P6 classes took part in odd socks day and discussed what makes us all unique and that its OK to be different!



As you know this school session we had a scary unfortunate incident when one of our pupils was knocked down outside the school. This year to mark Road Safety Week in November we wanted to focus on the benefits of walking to school. We would like to encourage all our pupils to walk to school. Its good for physical fitness, mental wellbeing and the environment. Come on you can do it!



Building Resilience – Keep Connected

This term our Building Resilience tool is called 'Keep Connected'. During this unit, the children will be thinking about people who are special to them. In general, people with caring and positive relationships are happier, healthier and live longer. Having caring and positive relationships is one of the most important factors of our ability to cope with life's ups and downs. This unit introduces the term 'back up team'. This unit explains that we need to work at building up a strong back up team of people who we trust to be there for us through the ups and downs.

In this unit, we will be learning that:

- Relationships are important for our health and wellbeing
- Belonging to a group can be a good way to build friendships
- Good relationships are a two-way thing



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Friday 29 th November	Winter Fair	8.45am
Monday 2 nd December	P2, P3, P4, P5 and P7 to Panto in afternoon	Later Pick Up Time TBC
	P6 to Queens Hall	Later start and back to school approx. 9pm
	Nursery and P1 'It's in the bag production'	Various
Friday 6 th December	P2 – P7 All Teach All Learn Winter Craft	9am
	P6 to Panto in morning	Later Pick Up Time TBC
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch in School	
Thursday 12 th December	P2 and P3 Nativity	1.30pm
Monday 16 th December	Whole School visit to church	1.40pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery and P1 Winter Performance	Two performances 9.15 or 2pm
Wednesday 18 th December	P1 – P3 Christmas Party	All day, special visitor in afternoon, more information will follow
Thursday 19 th December	P4- P7 Christmas Party	All Day
Friday 20 th December	Nursery Christmas Party	9-11am
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Parent Council Winter Fair

Friday 29th December

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our brilliant Parent Council who organise and run our Winter Fair which pays for all our pupils Christmas parties and Panto/Performance.

We are still collecting used good quality toys and games for the Fair. If you are having a clear out please drop these items into the school office.

We will also be looking for baking the day before or the day of the Fair.

Please come along and support the morning. The raffle prizes are excellent and lets see who wins the P4-P7 'Grow a Fiver' competition. It would be lovely to see everyone.



A Final Note

I can't believe it's nearly December already. What a busy session we are having. So much learning, so much fun and so much laughter. Exactly what I want!

I continue to be so proud of our wonderful school community. Winning the STEM prize will be always be a highlight for me. Such an amazing achievement that we all achieved together! Go us!

This term I was invited to speak at two conferences about our loving school community whose main focus is to care and support whilst ensuring we continue to raise attainment and achievement for our learners. It was lovely to see our work recognised.

Christmas can be a tricky time for many people. Let's look out for everyone in our amazing community. Keep an eye on twitter and our website where we will let you know of any holidays clubs and supports you may want to access.

It is a privilege to work with you and your children. The Castleview team would like me to say they don't need any Christmas gifts. It is a gift enough that you loan us your children everyday.

All the best for 2020 when its comes!

Clare Langley (Headteacher)

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