

What's New @ The View!

Castleview Family News

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A Wonderful Festive Season



Happy New Year! All the best for 2020!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Christmas 2019 special at Castleview. It is always my favourite time of year in school and Christmas 2019 did not disappoint.

At our Winter Fair we raised a record breaking £1414.00. £273.42 made on the cake stall went straight in the Benmore Bucket. The rest was donated by our wonderful parent council to make Christmas free to all including panto, shows and parties.

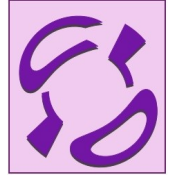


Please remember the lovely Kirsteen from CHAI has appointments every Tuesday morning at Castleview. Please book these through our office. Kirsteen is doing a fantastic job at supporting our families. She has dealt with a variety of issues including; Free School Meals, homelessness, neighbour complaints,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



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Language of Learning



Learning styles

At Castleview we understand that every child and adult learns differently. A learning style refers to the way someone learns. For example, when learning how to build a clock, some children understand the process by following verbal instructions, while others have to physically make a clock themselves. Everyone is different. It is important for us to understand the differences in learning styles, so that we can implement best practice strategies into the curriculum for individuals. This is no easy task with up to 33 learners in a primary school class but we do our best.

Have a look at the learning styles below. Where do you see yourself and your child?

It is very likely that it will be a combination of styles or you might prefer a different style for a different curriculum area. There is no right or wrong answer. Celebrate your learning style!

Learning Styles

VERBAL

Words are your strongpoint!
You prefer to use words both in speech and in writing!

VISUAL

You prefer to use pictures, diagrams, images and spatial understanding to help you learn

MUSICAL / AUDITORY

You prefer using sounds or music or even rhythms to help you learn.

PHYSICAL / KINAESTHETIC

You use your hands, body and sense of touch to help you learn. You might 'act things out'.

WHAT'S YOUR LEARNING STYLE?

LOGICAL / MATHEMATICAL

Learning is easier for you if you use logic, reasoning, systems and sequences.

SOCIAL

You like to learn new things as a part of a group.
Explaining your understanding to a group helps you to learn.

SOLITARY

You like to work alone. You use self-study and prefer your own company when learning.

COMBINATION

Your learning style is a combination of two or more of these styles.

The Great Craigmillar Tapestry

Mrs Newall has been working hard with a group of talented parent/ carers and community partners. They have completed the Castleview panel of The Great Craigmillar Tapestry. It is spectacular to see. We are excited that we will be hosting the Tapestry in the near future. Look out for more information to follow.



Welcome Liberton Primary School

We are delighted that we can put our values into practise as we welcome the Primary Two classes from Liberton Primary School this term. Sadly there was a fire at Liberton and the school is being decanted into Castlebrae, Prestonfield and Castleview. I know you will all make the children and their families welcome. We know how it feels to be decanted and really feel for the Liberton children, families and staff.



Joy Kindness Respect Honesty

A word from our weans



Hello, we are the P4's Read Write Inc group (RWI). Read Write Inc is a literacy group that we have every week with Miss Morrison. During our lessons we learn to read, write and spell lots of new sounds and words. Sometimes it can be tricky but we know it is helping us to be the best that we can be!

'We all think it is fun because it's active, quick paced and we have a frog named Fred who helps us with our work. We also get to play fun games and have cool celebrations to celebrate our successes.



please come to tea club

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.



Well Done Amro!



We were delighted to return from the February break to find out that Amro in P6 has come 3rd in the National Literacy Trust Football Hero Competition for his piece of writing about why the Dutch football player Virgil Van Dijk is his hero. He will win a set of 23 Ultimate Football Heroes books and get his details published in the National literacy trust magazine. We are really proud of you Amro!

P7a win Craigmillar Book

Festival story competition

We are also super proud of P7a for their winning entry to the Craigmillar Book Festival story competition "Our Wildest Adventure". It was an amazing whole class writing experience. The class won some great prizes! Well Done P7a!





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.

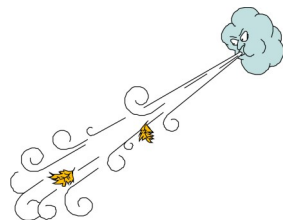
Free Drop in Morning Sessions on offer at Castleview:

- 11th December
- 15th January
- 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 take part in a Scottish Dance at Ceilidh.



A snapshot of some of our learning



We are learning to give commands in Spanish



We are learning to use wind power to make something move



We are learning to use mathematics in our community



We are learning to compare the life of a Roman soldier to ours



We are learning to compare length



We are learning to plan and cater for an important event



Building Resilience – Respect Yourself

This term our Building Resilience tool is called 'Respect Yourself'. The main focus of this unit is on the importance of recognising and valuing ourselves as individuals. People who respect themselves, like themselves. They have a core set of moral values that are not based on what they can or can't do, or in comparing themselves to others. Nobody's perfect - but learning to accept ourselves warts-and-all, identifying our strengths and looking after ourselves and our bodies increases our enjoyment of life and wellbeing.

During this unit, we will encourage children to reflect on the uniqueness of being. We may be different to other people in some ways and similar in other ways but we also have our own special characteristics. We will be encouraging all children to take care of themselves and to treat themselves with respect and compassion.

In this unit we will be learning:

- There is no one quite like me
- Everyone has different strengths
- I treat myself with respect



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Castleview Clothing Rail

Please don't be shy and pop in and take an item or more from our rail. All items are good quality and in good condition, some are actually brand new with labels still on!

There is no cost or shame. Do your bit for the environment, recycle and save money!



Some Rail Feedback

'The winter clothes rail has been a great help to us, my children excitedly asked if they could have a look and bounced off to see what was in offer'

'We picked up a gorgeous jacket and hoodie for each of them, and my daughter found a lovely fleece all of which they are delighted with. They are great quality, cosy and warm'

'We have enjoyed being able to give back and bring in some of the kids outgrown items, some of which look like they've never been worn. The kids were proud to see their clothes hanging there and even more happy to see they had gone to be given a new lease of life in someone else's home'

A Final Note

It's hard to believe it's 2020 already. Time flies!

I am incredibly proud of our hard work to fill the Benmore Bucket and am delighted that next month all our children will go to school camp free of charge.

I would like to thank The Scottish Qualifications Authority who donated a van full of items for our clothing rail. It was so kind and generous.

I am already thinking ahead to next session and our school priorities, Please look out for our annual questionnaire which will be out soon. I love to get your feedback and use it to plan ahead.

I continue to be really proud of our wonderful school family. It is just an honour to work with you and your lovely children everyday. Please continue to remember behaviour is communication. Sometimes it just takes a bit longer to work out what a child is communicating.

Please remember my door is always open if you have any worries or need someone to talk to.

Best wishes

Clare Langley (Headteacher)

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