

What's New @ The View!

Castleview Family News

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Our Amazing Craigmillar Castle Tour Guide Launch



Our P7s have been working extremely hard this term, learning their lines, rehearsing and filming for our Junior Tour Guides performances at Craigmillar Castle. They have worked with Miss White, Miss McGrory and professionals from Illuminate UK who have taught them performance skills, including acting skills and how to use their voice in a performance.

This year the tour has been put together in a slightly different way. We have two different performances, one that looks at what life was like at Craigmillar Castle in the 1500s, and a second that focuses on Mary Queen of Scots time at the castle. Half the class play the roles of Sir Simon Preston, Lady Elizabeth Preston, and the members of their household, and the other half act as object handlers, showing and describing artefacts preserved from castle life in the 16th Century.

On Tuesday 11th September the children gave live performances to their parents and carers at the castle, and what incredible performances they gave! We are all so proud of them.

Both tours have been filmed, with funding from Historic Environment Scotland who own and preserve the castle, and are our Junior Tour Guides partners. The films of each tour will be available on our school website, we hope by mid-November.



Castleview Language of Learning



Children's Rights

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a legally-binding international agreement setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

Children's Rights are central to our language of Learning. Education of and ensuring that Children's rights are met is built into our curriculum at Castleview. Links to children's rights are discussed in all learning to reinforce how important these are for children to have and how important it is for them to respect. In each class the children create and sign a charter agreeing to respect four key rights. These rights are:

- 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



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1  DEFINITION OF A CHILD	2  NO DISCRIMINATION	3  BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD	4  MAKING RIGHTS REAL	5  FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP	6  LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT	7  NAME AND NATIONALITY
8  IDENTITY	9  KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER	10  CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES	11  PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPING	12  RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS	13  SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY	14  FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION
15  SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS	16  PROTECTION OF PRIVACY	17  ACCESS TO INFORMATION	18  RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS	19  PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE	20  CHILDREN WITHOUT FAMILIES	21  CHILDREN WHO ARE ADOPTED
22  REFUGEE CHILDREN	23  CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	24  HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT	25  REVIEW OF A CHILD'S PLACEMENT	26  SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP	27  FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME	28  ACCESS TO EDUCATION
29  AIMS OF EDUCATION	30  MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION	31  REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS	32  PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK	33  PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL DRUGS	34  PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL ABUSE	35  PREVENTION OF SALE AND TRAFFICKING
36  PROTECTION FROM EXPLOITATION	37  CHILDREN IN DETENTION	38  PROTECTION IN WAR	39  RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION	40  CHILDREN WHO BREAK THE LAW	41  BEST LAW FOR CHILDREN APPLIES	42  EVERYONE MUST KNOW CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
43-54  HOW THE CONVENTION WORKS						

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What do our new Primary One pupils think of Castleview?



I like playing with toys in the corridor. I like to play in the classroom. I like Ms Vials. I like to do a lunch choice and playing in the big playground. Ellie May



I like playing with Emily. I like playing in the classroom, the corridor and the big playground. I like playing in the mud. I like the fish and chips. Erin



I like going to the trim trail. It is lots of fun. I like throwing and catching the beanbag. I like going in the big playground and seeing my sister and the nursery. Issac



I like playing with Isaac in the Fort. We made the Fort from blocks. I like playing with my brother Max. I like the fish and chips. Finn



It is so important you to come to school. We miss you when you are not here!

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 reach out to support you. We want to help.

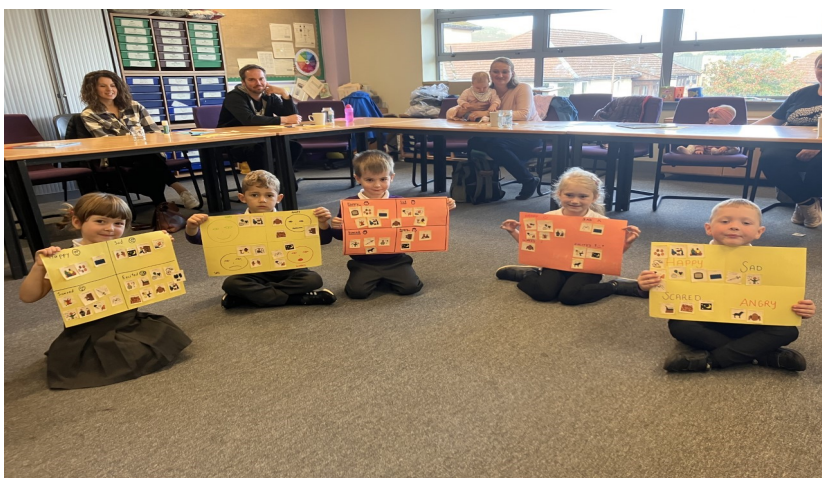
Where attendance falls below 85%, this means that your child has missed at least 27 days at school ie almost half a term. Falling below 85% can trigger action from the Education Welfare Officer.

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.

School Office: 0131 661 6429

Family Learning — Back with a Bang!



Family Learning has really taken off at Castleview this session. Our Tea Club made a long awaited return for a few weeks before Summer but has gone from strength to strength since August. It runs every Friday from 11.30 – 12.40am and all parents/carers are welcome! It takes place in the Rainbow Room and Sunshine Kitchen with arts and crafts activities, snack, group games, stories and so much more.

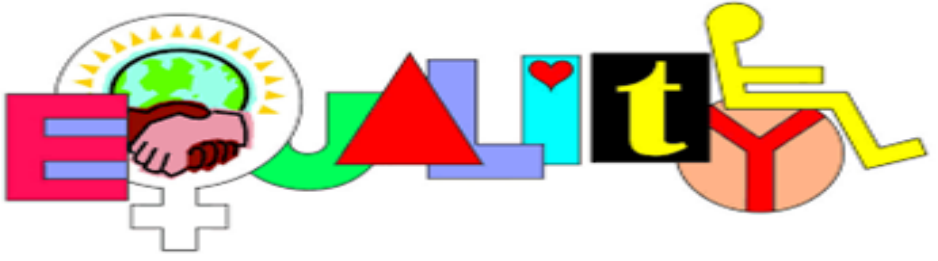
Brew @the View started in August. This is a drop-in weekly session on Fridays from 8.30 – 9.00am in The Den; where you can come into school for a cuppa and get to meet other parents.

We are also well into our Primary 1 Family Learning block . We have looked at the Health and Well Being topic of Feelings, Literacy/Phonics and Reading with your P1 child. These sessions give parents the opportunity to hear background information before their P1 child joins them to complete fun activities based on the theme of the week.

Please join the fun. Speak to Mrs Newall if you would like more information.



Learning, Celebrating and Promoting



We continue to try and ensure Equality is the centre of our school (approach and curriculum) sitting alongside 'Getting It Right For Every Child'.

This week our P5 pupils performed an amazing performance and shared their learning on Diversity. It was a brilliant show taking a trip on Diversity Airlines learning about different cultures across the world and the cultures of the P5 families.

The evening was topped off with an amazing feast as families came together to share food from their culture. Thank you to all those who came along. It was a very powerful evening created and organised by Primary Five.

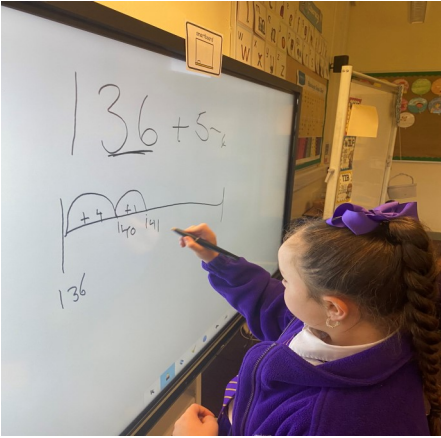


Show Racism the Card

On Friday 14th October our P2-P7 pupils will be doing a 'Red Walk' to support the Show Racism the Red Card campaign. All pupils are invited to wear red but there is no pressure to do so. Parents and Carers are welcome to join the short walk. Please ask the class teacher what time your walk will be heading off.

We are learning to spell our tricky words.

A snapshot of some of our learning



We are learning to look after our environment and why



We are learning to bridge ten using an empty numberline



We are learning to make an electric circuit



We are learning to compare our toys today with those from the past.



We are learning simple food preparation skills when making hummus.



We are learning to use our voice in performance



Ready to register your child for school? Then take this chance to visit your local catchment primary school. All parents, carers and children welcome!

To find out more, please contact your local catchment school.

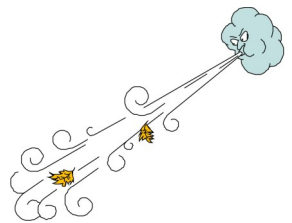
Visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/catchmentmaps

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please dress for the weather

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.



Family Support



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it right
for every child

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LET'S TALK Speech and Language Therapy Drop In

let's talk

Suggestions and activities to support your child's listening and talking



Do you have concerns or questions about your child's talking?
Come and chat about fun ways to help your child.

Where: Castleview Primary

When: First Thursday of the month 8.30-9.30am

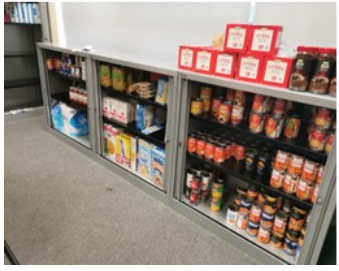
Who: parents or carers of preschool or school aged children

These sessions are for parents/carers of children who attend nursery or school, or their younger siblings. You may or may not have already met a Speech and Language Therapist.

Find us on  www.facebook.com/NHSLothianSLT
www.lets-talk.scot.nhs.uk



Foodbank Friday



Foodbank Friday operates every Friday from 11.30. We continue to build partnerships to help support our community in a sustainable way. We strongly believe a foodbank should not be cheap processed food instead we try to offer fresh food. We also have our clothing rail available every Friday. Come along and link in with our Pupil Support Officer Lia who is also able to signpost you to other supports. Thank you to all our partners who help to make this happen.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022!



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Wider Achievement

It is widely recognised that attainment and achievement reaches far beyond the school gates and school hours. We know that attending clubs and learning new skills has a positive impact on attainment and achievement. Extra Curricular activities help to build resilience and confidence. The importance of this cannot be underestimated.

We are keen to learn about what clubs and interests our Castleview children have. We would like to celebrate and share their success to inspire others. We would also like to build a picture of what clubs are available in our community so we can share with everyone.

Amazing Charlie gets his yellow tag in Tae Kwon Do. Well done Charlie. Your Castleview family are proud of you!



Superstar Callie wins another dance trophy—3rd place in Song and Dance. Go Callie!



Please help us to develop Wider Achievement in the Castleview Community by scanning this QR code and completing the questionnaire.—Thank you





Castleview Football Team



Our pupils have asked and we have listened! After success in some football competitions at the end of last session our pupils have asked if we could have an official Castleview Football Team and train weekly. Ms Taylor and Paul have launched P6/ P7 Castleview football team. They train once a week and are looking for opponents. If you know of any team who fancies a friendly please contact Ms Taylor.

On top of this Roie has launched a P7 basketball team. They also train once a week and are looking for friendly matches. If you know of anyone who would like a friendly please contact the school office.





Building Resilience – Look on the Bright Side

Building Resilience is a compulsory Health and Wellbeing programme for pupils of City of Edinburgh primary schools. It aims to support the development of mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing through learning and teaching in partnership with staff, parents and pupils. It aims to help children function well, both at school and in life. It provides practical strategies and tools to help children and families cope with the ups and downs of life. It promotes partnerships with families and the wider school communities. Finally, it provides skills for life.

This term our Building Resilience Unit has been 'Look on the Bright Side'. This tool links to UNCRC articles 28 (right to an education) and 17 (right to information that is important to your wellbeing) and the healthy wellbeing indicator from SHANARRI. It explores the following:

- The way you think can affect the way you feel.
- There are different ways of looking at the same thing.
- Focussing on what you are grateful for can help.



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Castleview User Friendly Improvement Plan Session August 2022

Health, Wellbeing and Resilience

We will:

- Further develop knowledge and skills in supporting pupil wellbeing
- Review and develop the physical education curriculum
- Focus on pupil wider achievement including tracking and celebrating of wider achievement



Equalities, Equity and Inclusion

We will:

- Develop skills in using various plans to support pupils with additional support needs.
- Develop our resources to support children with additional support needs.
- Continue to embed our strategy on Equalities.
- Work with our children and families in school at sessions like All Teach All Learn and Tea Club.



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Castleview Primary School Improvement Plan 2022-2023

What are we going to be working on this year?

You Said - You like our soft start from 8.30
We will - Continue soft start from 8.30 to a safe supervised communal area, pupils can enter the classrooms from 8.40.
You Said - You wanted more after school clubs
We will - Increase the number of after school clubs we can offer
You Said - (42%) You didn't know about our Equalities and Diversity work
We will - Strive to share this more widely including anti-bullying
You Said - You wanted both online and in person parent/carer consultations
We will - Offer both online and in person parent/carer consultations
You Said - You want to come into school for events
We will - Happily welcome you in!

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

We will:

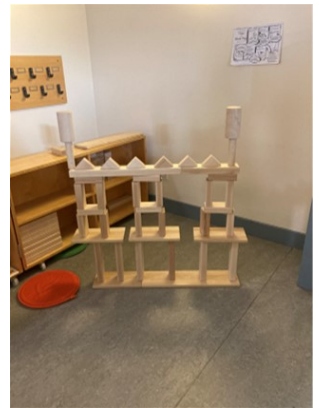
- Continue to develop our curriculum to ensure it is relevant and accounts for Equalities, Sustainability, Outdoor Learning, Digital Technologies, and Developing the Young Workforce
- Continue to develop skills in the teaching and learning of Numeracy
- Complete new Dyslexia training to support our learners
- Develop our approaches to assessment and ensure we are confident with using them
- Support our pupils to run a Junior Leadership Team so their voice is heard in shaping their school and community.



Please come to one of our regular Parent/Carer/Community Meetings - 'Friends of Castleview' or arrange to meet with our Headteacher Clare Langley if you want to find out more about our Improvement Plan.

Block Play All The Way

In August we invested in Block Play for our upper corridor. Block play offers an open-ended, creative and valuable play and learning experiences, Block play offers children freedom - to explore, take apart and put back together any block based creation they can think of. There are a hots of benefits to be gained form this activity. Block Play develops imagination, creativity, self expression, problem solving, self esteem, communication, team work and much more. Our children are already blowing us away with their amazing creations. Enjoy the pictures!



Everyday is a learning day—Our Staff are off to France!



During the October holidays, a group of staff members are heading to Nice in France to take part in a Language Immersion Course. Our school staff were very lucky to be awarded Erasmus+ funding back in 2019 for this and are finally getting around to using it now. It will be a week-long trip where the staff members are immersed in the French language, our school's 3rd language, in order to try and learn as much as they possibly can. Whilst there, they will visit a French school, take part in cultural activities and attend classes every day. We are hoping the staff members will come back with lots of fantastic teaching ideas to use in class and language knowledge to help teach our pupils. We plan to keep you updated with their progress, so keep your eyes peeled. They'll be working hard to share their learning when they return, but for now, bonne chance à Miss White, Miss McGrory, Miss Chavasse, Mr Williams, Miss Vials, Miss Smith, Ms Lia, Mrs Bruce, Miss Maxwell, Miss Taylor et Mr Filogonio!



A Final Note

Where does the time go I can't believe we are at the October holidays already! It's been a brilliant first time with lots of fun and laughter, just how the school should be.

Our new Primary Ones are finding their way and we are all adjusting to the lack of Primary One Playground and no more bubbles. It is lovely that lots of siblings are saying they are enjoying playing together. I hope that's the same at home!

I am finding the news at the moment really tough at times. It is hard to believe we are living through a war, one which is relatively close and we can feel the wider impact in our lives. We can only hope for everyone that it will be over soon.

The fuel and NHS crisis simply frighten me. How will we get through this Winter? I know we will though. This wonderful community will pull together, look after each other and recognise when others are finding things hard. In school we will remember all behaviour is communication and understand stresses at home will be brought into school. We will look after and care for everyone.

I say again. It is a privilege to work with you and your children. I have the best job in the best place. Everyday is different and many bring challenges but together we overcome them. Please remember my door is always open. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Clare (Headteacher)