

What's New @ The View!

Castleview Family News

Empowered Learning

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The Empowered Learning programme gives every school pupil from P6 to S6 in Edinburgh their own digital device as part of the ambitious and inclusive education strategy, Edinburgh Learns for Life.

By providing an iPad on a 1:1 level, we can ensure fair and equal access to digital technology at home or in class whilst improving engagement, attainment and dialogue. An iPad also provides core educational applications that can improve digital literacy skills.

Our Primary Six and Seven classes took delivery of our new iPads this week. Every child now has their own iPad to use in class. Children will be taught how to be safe online, how to research information as part of project work, as well as how to use tools to aid their learning. For children who experience a visual stress disorder, such as dyslexia, the features on the iPad (for example the dictation tool and the immersive reader tool) will be of particular benefit. The ipads provide a tool to create, store and share learning creatively.

Our Primary 7s have already honed their digital art skills using their iPads to create digital images for the Christmas cards they sold at the fair last week. All remaining classes have access to shared devices, and our teachers undertake regular professional development to ensure they have the skills to support the use of iPads in their teaching and learning.



Castleview Language of Learning

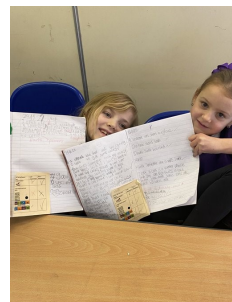


At Castleview everyone is aware of 'Fishy Feedback'. If you are going to improve a skill you need to know how but you also need this to be shared in an encouraging way. It's not just staff who give feedback we train our children in peer and self assessment too.



Fishy Feedback

Friendly - Focus on the positives, be kind
Informative - Make it useful
Specific - Be clear about area to improve
Helpful - Give a suggestion to make it better



Winter Fair

It was lovely to welcome so many families on Friday the 2nd December for our Winter Fair. Thank you to everyone who supported donating toys and coming along on the morning. Together our Friends of Castleview Group raised an amazing £691.62. This money goes directly to making sure there is no cost to the school day at Castleview, including our whole school trip to the Panto.

We are very proud that this was a 'Sugar Free' and Sustainably focussed event. Our P2-P7 year groups were taking part in a 'Grow a Fiver' project. They had designed and made sustainable focussed product. Our classes are looking forward to plan how to spend their earnings!





Cluster Over the Net Event

On 29th November P5 pupils from Castlebrae neighbourhood schools, Castlevue, Niddrie Mill and St Francis came together at Castlebrae Community Campus to take part in the Over the Net PEPAS event. It was a twelve-station event that allowed pupils to experience central net activities including short-tennis, table-tennis, volleyball and badminton working cooperatively and competitively.

The emphasis was on maximum participation from pupils and to enjoy themselves while becoming familiar with the new Castlebrae facilities and the staff who work there. The senior pupils from Castlebrae supported the Primary 5s brilliantly at the stations and as they moved around the new campus. Everyone had a great morning!

Thank you Mrs Martin for making this such a great event.



Joy Kindness Respect Honesty

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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
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A word from our weans



December at Castleview!

We have decorated the school and it looks fantastic. There are 23 Christmas trees in total!

We love the decorations in Castleview. P6A have even made our own decorations which we sold at the Christmas Fair. P2-P7 went to the pantomime to watch Simbad. Our favourite part was when Betty Buttons asked Mr MacQueen to go on stage.

Our Nursery and P1 enjoyed watching 'It's in the Bag' in school.

We loved our Christmas lunch hosted by P7. We are very excited for our Winter parties.

Merry Christmas

Written by Shiloh and Ammar



News from our Happy Campers!

Primary Seven continue to be hosted at Castlebrae Community High School whilst we await our temporary units. The Castlebrae Team have been very welcoming and we are taking advantage of the transition opportunities this experience brings.

The Primary Seven Junior Tour Guides film is almost finished, and should be available on our school website before the start of next term. Look out for it on our JTG tab.

As the building work starts on our new temporary classrooms, Primary Seven are waiting with bated breath to see what they will be like. We are hoping for completion by the February holidays, but the build is very dependent on weather, and the current frosty weather is not what we need. Fingers crossed for a slightly warmer Christmas!

Meanwhile, we are about to raise the excitement levels even further as we start to talk about the Primary Seven Benmore Camp, which takes place 13-17 March 2023. We will be inviting our Primary Seven parents to come to a presentation about Benmore, and will be doing some fundraising to contribute to our school 'No cost to the school day' commitment. We ensure that the Benmore experience is free for all children. More information on Benmore to follow for Primary Seven Parents and Carers in the new year.



Fun Family Fridays!

Our Friday mornings start with Brew @ the View – a weekly drop in from 8.30 – 9.00am for you to pop into The Den and meet other families over a cuppa!



Then from 9.30 – 10.45am we have Family Learning sessions. Our Primary 1 block was such a big hit that we've now started a block for Primary 2! The block lasts for 6 weeks.

We have been covering activities and ideas from the classroom and to do at home on Literacy/Phonics, Reading, Maths and Health and Wellbeing.

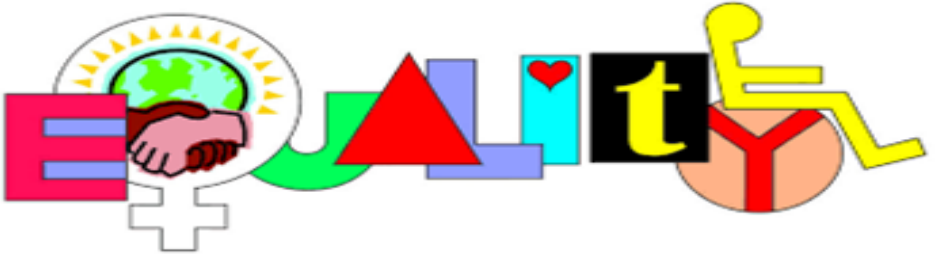
The Primary 2 block will continue after Christmas and Primary 3 parents/carers keep an eye out for a block starting early 2023!



Our Friday morning then comes to an end with our ever popular Tea Club! Please feel free to pop along for a cuppa and to do fun activities with your child/ren. It's every Friday 11.30 – 12.40pm in the Rainbow Wing.



Celebrating and Promoting



Our Primary Two and Primary Three classes have worked hard and put on a brilliant Winter Performance this week called 'A Winter's Dance'. The show shared their learning about various festivals including the festival of Diwali celebrated by followers of the Hindu and Sikh faiths, the Jewish celebration Hanukkah, the Mexican festival 'The Day of the Dead' and the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus. The performance was uplifting, full of music and dance.



On the 18th November 2022 our whole school got to work promoting the BBC Children in Need appeal. We planned a school family walk in the community but the weather got in the way of this. Instead we enjoyed Arts and Crafts.

Children in Need helps to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.

Primary Five are enjoying their weekly session with Marina learning British Sign Language. Sign Language is a visual means of communicating using gestures, facial expressions and body language. Sign Language is mainly used by people who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.



We are learning to edit and up-level our writing .



A snapshot of some of our learning



We are learning to identify the features of Celtic Forts.



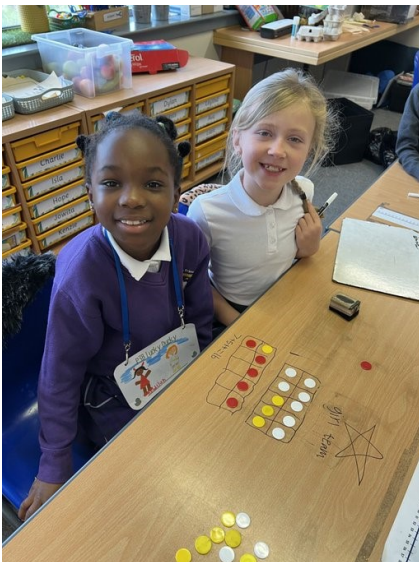
We are learning to use mindfulness to relax and feel calm.



We are learning to make rangoli patterns and about Diwali.



We are learning to count in tens.



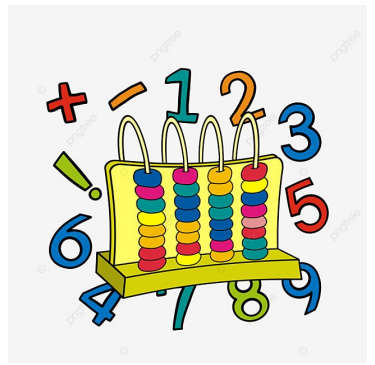
We are learning to write and read music.



We are learning to add three numbers together using 10 frames.

Numeracy

All Teach All Learn



On Tuesday 22nd November we welcomed in parents and carers for our P2-P7 Numeracy All Teach All Learn. The main focus for this event was to show parents and carers our Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract approach to teaching Numeracy from Early (P1) to the end of Second Level (P7). We were blown away by the turn out for this event as we had 96 families join us to hear about the of importance of using concrete materials, strategy building and pupil participation. We also hoped you enjoyed being part of the lessons in our classrooms too. Thank you so much for the valuable feedback as always as this is crucial for our drive towards continuous improvement.

98% of parents and carers said they enjoyed the Numeracy session.
98% of parents and carers said they learned something about their child's Numeracy learning.

“The teaching staff passion for helping our children learn maths in a fun and confident way is amazing they really are changing the way kids learn maths and taking away the worry of not understanding. It was amazing to see my child working out maths problems in ways I've never seen.”

“Very interesting and informative. You could see passion about Maths and Numeracy from the teachers. Thank you.”

It's nice to see that Children can all learn with different strategies so it's easier for them to understand.”

“It was very good to let the parents see how the kids are getting on. Was a really interesting session.”

“This was super fun and I enjoyed joining in the maths lesson.”

“My son loves these sessions as he enjoys showing me how he learns. They seem well thought out and organised. Thank you.”



SCHOOL NURSE PARENT DROP-IN

POP ALONG TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
8.30- 9.30

SCHOOL NURSING (NHSLOTHIAN.SCOT)

Family Support

getting it right
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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

3-10 year old behaviour Edinburgh Winter 2023

Does your child hit and shout a lot?

Does your child argue with you all the time?

Is it hard for your child to make friends?



We have free courses for parents and carers of 3-4 year olds that can help you.



Incredible Years Courses for parents with children aged 3-5 years

Gate 55

55 Sighthill Road EH1 4PB
Starts Friday 24th February 9.30am - 11.30am

Royston Wardieburn Community Centre

11 Pilton Drive North EH5 1NF
Starts Wednesday 22nd February 9.30am - 11.30am

North East Edinburgh (venue to be confirmed)

Starts Tuesday 21st February 9.30am - 11.30am

Online Group

Start Monday 16th January 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Incredible Years Autism Course Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre

5 Moredunvale Place Eh17 7LB
Referral only please speak to your Health Visitor, GP or nursery/school to discuss this further
Starts Monday 9th January 9.30am - 11.30am

Since PoPP has been implemented in Edinburgh we have had a huge success delivering over 100 groups in various locations across Edinburgh.

During the Covid 19 pandemic all our courses were delivered online. We are very much looking forward to seeing you face to face again but will continue to deliver some courses online to offer parents a choice of how they would like to access support. To apply for a place visit <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parentingcoursesform>

Triple P Courses for parents with children aged 6-10 years



Castleview Primary School

2d Greendykes Road, Edinburgh EH16 4DP
Starts Wednesday 18th January – 15th March
9.30am – 11.30am

Carrickvale Community Centre

Saughton Mains Street EH11 3HH
Starts Thursday 26th January – 23rd March
9.30am – 11.30am

City centre Evening group

(Venue and dates to be confirmed)

All courses are listed on www.joininedinburgh.org



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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.



Our P5-P7 Girls football team do it again easily beating Niddriemill at a friendly. Speak to Ms Taylor if you would like join the team.

Our partners Rowanbank are running a fabulous Forest Circus group for P6 and P7 girls. Please speak to Mrs Mack if you are interested.



The Love Music Choir group attend the Usherhall once a week. This term they did a fantastic performance. Please contact Mrs Buckley if you are in P3 or above and would like to join the choir.

Our P7 choir group were invited to sing at the Castlebrae Christmas concert. They were wonderful.



Our talented Primary Three Callie had another great weekend at her dance competition and was awarded three trophy's!

Active Schools at Castleview

Remember all clubs at Castleview are free of charge

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Girls only Football Primary 4-7  3:00 – 4:00 Castleview Astro-turf Gold and Gray Soccer	Girls Basketball Primary 3-4  3:00 – 4:00 Castleview Hall Coach - Mhairi	Boys only Football Primary 5-7  3:00 – 4:00 Castleview Astro-turf Gold and Gray Soccer	Multi-Sport Primary 1 & 2  2:50-3:50 Castleview Hall Gold and Gray Soccer	Basketball Primary 7  Castleview Hall Coach - Roie
Gymnastics Primary 1 & 2  2:50-3:50 Gym Hall Abbi Fairnie	Boys Football Team Training Primary 6&7  3:00 – 4:00 Castleview Astro-turf Paul Archibald	Dance Primary 1 & 2  2:50-3:50 Dining Hall Ms Alana		
	Girls Football Team Training Primary 6&7  3:00 – 4:00 Castleview Astro-turf	Mini-Kickers Primary 1 & 2  2:50-3:50 Castleview Astro-turf		UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Article 15 – Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs. Article 29 – Your right to be the best you can be. Sign up will open in January 2023.

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Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Craigmillar

Throughout the Autumn term, Castleview's P5 classes have been taking part in **Soundmoves**, a weekly music workshop where pupils brought their ideas together to create new music alongside a team from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. The classroom teachers filmed the last session so take a look at the film so you can see and hear more.

In the Spring term, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra will be back in the school, working with P4 classes in **Moving Music** workshops which will see pupils developing musical skills through dance and movement.

Did you know that the Scottish Chamber Orchestra is also running two creative workshop programmes for local adults? Castleview Primary School parents and carers are very welcome to attend these FREE programmes!

Voices is a choir programme for adults. Join Musical Director Moira Morrison at her weekly singing sessions where you will discover all sorts of ways to warm up your voice, learn new songs and even write your own!

Where: Richmond Craigmillar Church 227-229 Niddrie Mains Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 4PA

When: Fridays (commencing 20th January), 14:00-16:00

All are welcome, with no experience necessary!

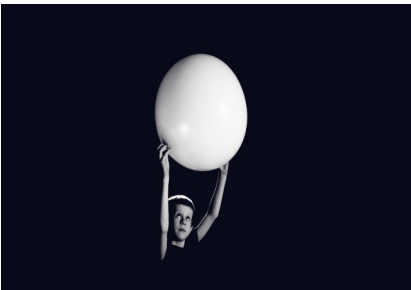
If you are interested in joining us in the New Year you can sign-up at the link below:

Seen and Heard is a music and art programme for adults. Work with the SCO's Composer in Residence, Jay Capperault, SCO musicians and artists at Craigmillar Now to create new music and art pieces inspired by the stories and people of Craigmillar. You don't need any musical or art experience to take part – this programme is all about sharing stories with each other and finding ways to bring these alive through art and music.

Where: Craigmillar Now 58 Newcraighall Rd, Edinburgh, EH15 3HS

When: Thursdays (commencing 12th January), 11:00-13:00 (lunch included)

Contact Rachael Cloughton at Craigmillar Now to sign up for the project





Building Resilience – Be Kind To Others

This term, as part of our Health and Wellbeing, we will be focussing on 'Be Kind to Others' from the Building Resilience programme. Building Resilience teaches us how to manage the ups and downs of life.

The programme teaches us about twelve tools that support our wellbeing. We focus on four tools each school session and repeat the programme every three years. Each term we focus on one wellbeing tool.

'Be Kind to Others' explores the following:

- Kindness makes a difference to ourselves and others
- Being unkind hurts others, and it hurts us too.
- It's important to be kind to yourself.

Primary Four made Kindness flowers and put them in kindness jars.



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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.



A new member of the Castleview Family

Ozzy the Therapet

Miss Florence has been very busy putting her Cockapoo, Ozzy through Therapy Dog Training. In September he passed his assessment and is now a fully qualified Therapet!

There are lots of studies to show the positive effects that therapy animals can have when working with children.

These benefits include:



- ◆ Improvement of literacy and communication skills
- ◆ Develop pupil confidence and engagement in learning
- ◆ Relieves stress and pressure on pupils
- ◆ Improvement in school attendance
- ◆ Health benefits such as serotonin boosting and blood pressure lowering
- ◆ Reduces social isolation and loneliness.
- ◆ Encourages laughter and happiness – our school value of **Joy!**

Ozzy will initially come into school in January and work with small groups of pupils with a focus on increasing pupil confidence and enjoyment in reading. Parents/Carers of pupils who will be involved in this will be contacted after the Christmas Break.

Ozzy is very excited to come in and meet some of the Castleview pupils. There will be a series of lessons that pupils will receive ahead of meeting Ozzy to ensure all pupils know how to act and treat a dog with respect. If you would like to find out more about this project – please contact Miss Florence!

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October Holiday Learning for Castleview Staff



In the October holidays, 12 staff members went to Nice, France, on a language immersion course. The reasoning behind this trip was to try and improve staff members confidence when speaking another language; their competence when navigating linguistic structures and knowledge of content that could be included in language lessons. As it was an immersion course, the whole week was conducted in French, so for those new to the language it was straight in at the deep end!

Staff members took part in language lessons every day. Each lesson taught them new French language and exciting games and songs to bring back to Castleview. They also went on cultural excursions around the area of France they visited to improve their knowledge of French traditions and customs. Perhaps one of their favourite parts of the week was visiting French schools. It was incredibly interesting to observe the similarities and differences between Castleview and the French system. The staff who went on the trip are working hard to create connections with these schools so that pupils can make similar observations too, so watch this space!

Since returning home, all the participants of the trip have led a training activity for teaching staff who didn't attend. They've shared their knowledge with their colleagues and are doing their best to promote a language learning ethos in our school. Although French is our third language at Castleview, all skills learnt on the trip are transferrable to Spanish (and even English) teaching too. As a school, we are so thankful to Erasmus+, the British Council and LFEE (Language for Education Europe) for funding and supporting our staff to organise this incredible opportunity. We sincerely hope our pupils and school community can feel the benefit of the excursion through our learning and teaching.

Also, an incredible thank you and well done to the following staff members for their hard work and dedication during the trip and beyond: Miss McGrory, Miss Chavasse, Mr Williams, Miss Vials, Miss Smith, Ms Lia, Mrs Bruce, Miss Taylor, Mr Filogonio, Miss Maxwell and Roie.

Miss White





A Final Note

I can't believe its December already. Time really does fly when you are having fun. It's been a magical term full of love and laughter at Castlevew.

The news has been tough with the ongoing war in Ukraine and the impact on fuel and the cost of living. We have worked hard to shelter our children from this giving them the full joyful Castlevew experience and no cost to the school day. We have tried hard to ensure our families have the supports they may need. Sometimes that has been simply someone to talk to.

As a community as always you have rallied. I know you have been looking out for each other. Some Parents and Carers have approached me and highlighted supports to signpost other families too. So very kind.

I will be spending the festive break with my family. It will not be perfect but the reality is these things never are. That's is normal and we will do our best to laugh about things that might not go to plan. I will do my best to encourage my children off their screens and to enjoy winter walks with me. We always have a lovely time when we get outside.

I wish all our families are safe and restful break. Look after yourself and each other. Remember its not the 'stuff' that matters it's the time spent with loved ones. That is priceless.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I really appreciate it.

All the best for 2023 when its comes!

Clare Langley (Headteacher)

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