

What's New @ The View!

Castleview Family News

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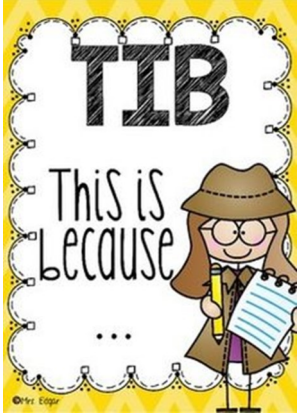
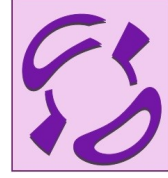
Benmore Residential



Primary 7 had an amazing week at Benmore Outdoor Learning Centre this month, with 59 pupils attending. It was wonderful to see everyone's determination to overcome their fears, their willingness to try new things, and the support that they gave to their classmates when they needed it. Our Primary 7s also showed us that they really know how to have fun. All the teachers agreed that we saw the very best of every one of our Primary 7s and we were so proud of them. More pictures will be available on the school website soon.



Castleview Language of Learning



At Castleview, we are always talking about 'TIB' in relation to our learning. TIB stands for 'This Is Because'.

It is not very motivating if you don't know why you are learning something. Talking about TIB allows the learners to consider the skills they are developing and when and how they might use them in the future.

Ask your child about TIB!

IntoUniversity 

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Young Workforce

This week our Primary Four classes took part in a Careers Workshop with the IntoUniversity group from our local White House. The learners were told about 3 different careers and given the opportunity to take part in activities. They all worked as research scientists, foley artists and museum curators. They also played skills bingo to help them think about think the skills that they require for different jobs.



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Learning Community Cross Country

Our Primary 6 and 7 pupils did us proud on Thursday 23rd March at the Cluster Cross Country event at the Jack Kane Centre. All pupils who took part showed outstanding effort and sportsmanship on the day and were a credit to our school. It was so lovely to have some of our ex-pupils from Castlebrae Community High School helping at the event and presenting the medals! We were lucky enough to bring home 8 out of 12 medals! Our medal winners were:

P6 Girls – 3rd Place Ameeliah Wilson

P6 Boys – 2nd Place Konan Kalic

P7 Girls – 1st Place Rosie Kibble

2nd Place Ava Robertson

3rd Place Abi Zurek

P7 Boys – 1st Place Kieran Redpath

2nd Place Vlad Vlasov

3rd Place Jack Otway

**Well done to everyone
who took part!**



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OUTDOOR LEARNING AT CASTLEVIEW

Spring has sprung and our glorious Craigmillar Castle woodland is beginning to show off its true colours. Lush green has returned to the ground and some hints of spring flowers have emerged. Learners have loved noticing the transformation and have been documenting this in their beautiful nature journals. We have had a big focus on mental wellbeing this term and have focussed on the Five Ways to Wellbeing. One of the elements is to Take Notice. Finding the awe in nature can really help us to regulate and feel calm. The learners have taken on this challenge and have found some pretty awesome signs of Spring.



At the beginning of term, we were treated to some snow. This allowed us to track birds and mammals in our woodland. We discovered squirrel footprints which are incredibly hard to find, as well as deer and fox. We also investigated different types of ice crystals using magnifying glasses.



P3

P3 took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch and made these awesome bird puppets. Identifying our common birds and recognising different calls has been a lot of fun.



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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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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
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A word from our weans



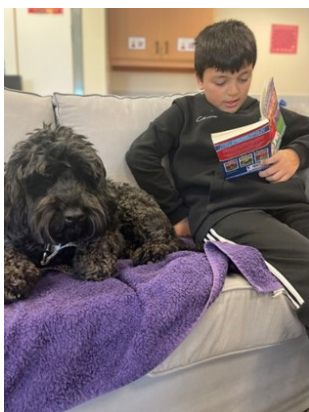
Please Look After The Environment

Leo one of our P3 pupils has created a weekly club. Leo's club follows his passion. Leo is very concerned about Environmental issues. Every week Leo and two of his friends tackle and environmental issue. They have done a variety of things including a litter pick and a recycle bin check. Leo would like to remind everyone to make sure they put their waste in the right bin.



Reading with Ozzy!

Our first block of 'Reading with Ozzy' sessions are now finished and they were a great success! Ozzy absolutely loves coming into Castleview as he gets the best cuddles from the boys and girls. He loves cuddling up and having a story read to him. It has been lovely seeing the progress pupils have made in their reading throughout the sessions. He is really looking forward to coming in after the holidays and working with more of our pupils!



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Fun Family Fridays!

- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Family Learning Sessions** 9.30—10.45 - Join Mrs Newall for a targeted year group approach.
- ◆ **Tea Club**— A friendly cup of tea followed by an activity session with your child.

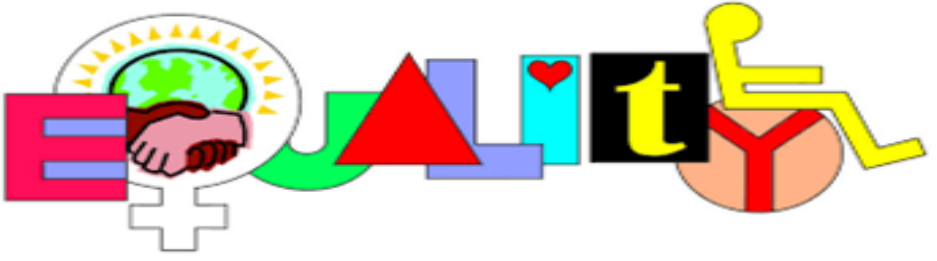
P3 Family Learning has been a huge success! We have had lots of families join us for some or all of the weeks. We have found out about what the children are learning in class in Numeracy and Maths, Spelling and Health and Wellbeing. The highlight each week is when the parent and child get the opportunity to try out various fun activities each week. Look out for the next round of Family Learning sessions!



Tea Club has been busy as ever! We've had great fun making healthy pancakes, fruit kebabs and lots of crafting! Everyone is always welcome to pop in to our Rainbow Wing at 11.30am every Friday to have some family fun and get to meet/play with other families. A hot cuppa is always provided by Rich (Mr Butler) and Lauren (Mrs Newall)



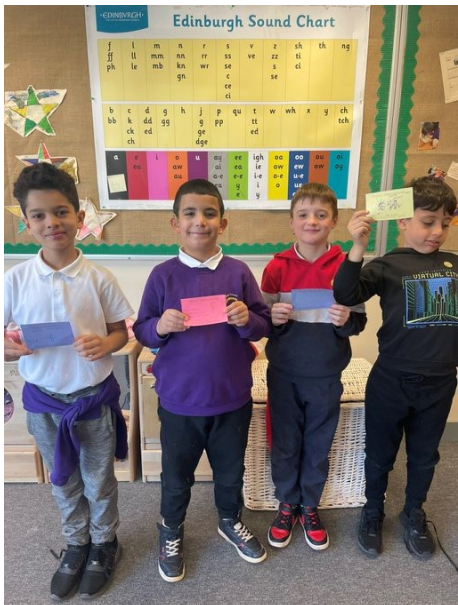
Celebrating and Promoting



Our children have been learning about Ramadan as many of our families begin fasting for Ramadan. We have provided a prayer room as many of our children and staff wished to pray during this time. We wish all our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak. Those who were fasting were also given a separate space at lunchtime.

On Friday 21st April, we will be preparing to celebrate Eid al-Fitr —The Festival of Breaking the Fast—with class parties. The official date for Eid will be determined by the first sighting of the crescent moon.

On International Women’s Day at Castleview we thought about women who inspire us. The Den crew made lovely notes to thank the women who inspire them.



Our families asked us to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We made this campaign the focus of a Friday walk.

P4 Celebrate Scotland Event

P4 enjoyed learning all about Scotland this term. They engaged in learning about Scottish history, memorised famous Scottish poems and even learnt some traditional Scottish country dances in PE. P4 brought all of this wonderful learning together in a fantastic 'Celebrate Scotland' event which





**Primary One LOVE Forest Fridays!
Learning in and about the woodland.
Learning for Sustainability.**



We are learning to tell the time.



A snapshot of some of our learning



We are learning to be confident and creative after being inspired by Picasso.



We are learning to compare our lives to the lives of those in the past.

We are learning to take part in a Scottish Ceilidh



We are learning to use the hob carefully when cooking.

We are learning to share with our friends



We are learning to conquer our fears

RSHP



All Teach All Learn

On Tuesday 28th March we welcomed parents and carers into school for our P2-P7 RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood) All Teach All Learn. The main focus for this event was to show parents and carers the national RSHP resource in action. Parents and Carers gathered in the hall and Mrs Rhode gave a presentation about the resource, the importance of the teaching and learning, and the content of the topics involved.

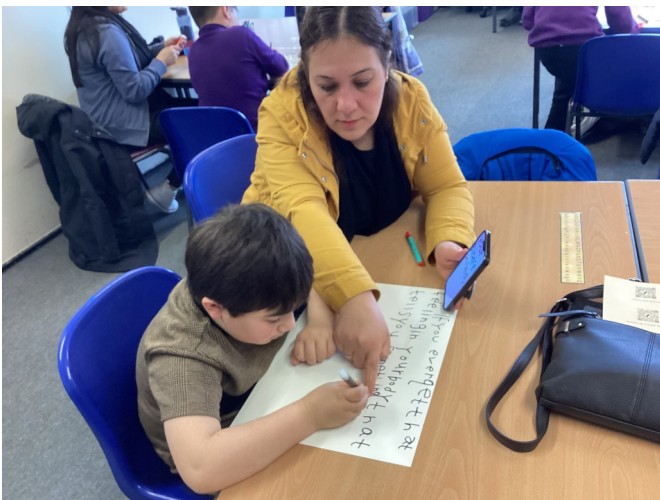
100% of those who attended said they found the session useful.

What did you learn from the session?

- More detail on the plan.
- The progressive approach to the curriculum and the topics covered.
- The way they learn was cool and assimilating.
- How more child friendly it was to suit children of primary age.

General comments and feedback:

- Great presentation that provided links for further information for parents.
- Reassuring to know there's an holistic approach to teaching that supports my child's mental, emotional and physical health.
- Very well done to all teaching staff and children.
- It's always a pleasure to go into the classroom.
- I enjoy these sessions, it's great to take part in my child's class activities.





LET'S TALK: WHAT'S ON?

1-2 Craigmillar Castle Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4BX
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MONDAY

12 Weeks

FEEL GOOD MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Ages 12-15: 6 Jun - 22 Aug
Ages 5-11: 19 Sep - 5 Dec
Ages 16-26: 9 Jan - 27 Mar



4-6pm



TUESDAY

DROP IN: Ages 5-11

4-7pm

WEDNESDAY

12 Weeks

FEEL GOOD YOGA WORKSHOPS

Ages 5-11: 25 May - 10 Aug
Ages 16-26: 7 Sep - 23 Nov
Ages 12-15: 11 Jan - 29 Mar



4-6pm



THURSDAY

DROP IN: Ages 12-26

4-7pm

FRIDAY

12 Weeks

FEEL GOOD OUTDOORS WORKSHOPS

Ages 16-26: 8 Jul - 23 Sep
Ages 12-15: 7 Oct - 23 Dec
Ages 5-11: 20 Jan - 7 Apr



1-4pm



To join any groups or to find out more, please contact Zainab on 07360606682, or Amanda on 07492309598 (Mental Health Project Workers)

Patient Primary Sevens!

Our Primary 7s return home to Castleview after Easter following the completion of six new classrooms in the old P1 playground. After the summer, two stages will be housed in the new building, along with an inclusion base, "The Nest". Classes will have breaks in the main playground as normal and other activities such as PE and assemblies will be in the main building. Our time at Castlebrae Community Campus has been a wonderful experience but we will be happy to be home for our last few weeks of primary school.



Our competition to name the new building resulted in many great suggestions but the overwhelming consensus was for it to be called "The View 2".

Benmore Bingo

“As part of their fundraiser for Benmore, the Primary 7s ran a very successful bingo night, raising £591.71. They also donated what was left from their Christmas Fair money to raise a grand total of £613.05. The children ran the entire event themselves, with some very confident bingo callers! Alyssa Logan sold her beautiful homemade jewellery to help raise more funds, and there were some very generously donated raffle prizes to be had. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make it such an amazing event.



Our Digital Journey Continues



Our digital journey continues with all P6 and P7 children having 1:1 iPads. Our children lower down the school are now also able to share sets of iPads between classes. The range of activities and independent learning that children are now able to do with their iPads certainly keeps the staff on their digital learning toes. From independent research, to using the dictation tool to help overcome literacy difficulties, and using the immersive reader to find errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation by listening to what has been written as well as reading it over. From using the sketching tool to create digital Christmas cards, and posters to recreating Craigmillar and the Hawkhill woodland on Minecraft on wet days during outdoor learning. The possibilities are still coming to light as both children and staff explore together.

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
for every child

NHS
Lothian

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

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 Castlevale 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



Lots of our P2 boys play for Castlevale. We love their new strips!

Carlos in P6 received an award in the Craigmillar Literacy Trust Short Story Competition,



Da and Oliva go to the Love Music Choir at the Usher Hall every week. It was lovely to attend their concert this month and hear them sing. Speak to the office if you are interested in your child joining this group on a Monday after school.





Building Resilience – Have a Goal

This term, as part of our Health and Wellbeing, we have been focusing on 'Have a Goal' from the Building Resilience programme.

Building Resilience teaches us how to manage the ups and downs of life. 'Have a Goal' explores the following:

- Setting a realistic goal helps to motivate us.
- Learning to overcome setbacks helps us cope with future ones.

It is important to celebrate our successes.



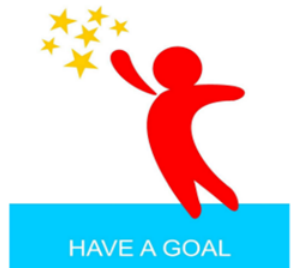
It was great to hear pupils share their 'Building Resilience' learning during our sharing assemblies. Pupils spoke confidently about their own goals and what help they would need to ensure they achieved them. Pupils shared they could have a positive mindset, ask for help, be patient and make an effort.

Please follow Castleview on Twitter for Building Resilience updates.

School Twitter

https://twitter.com/Castleview_PS

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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 Final Note

Somebody asked me last week how long I had been the Headteacher at Castleview. I had to think! I have had the privilege of doing this job for five years. What a lot we have achieved in that time, working together as the Castleview family. For me, what stands out is our relentless focus on, and your kind understanding of, our restorative approach. That is why it works at Castleview. We all understand behaviour is communication and when we are all on that same page we can help and support each other and achieve greatness.

I can't believe how much our school population has grown in five years. So much so that we need our lovely new classrooms. I must say they are fabulous. I can't wait to welcome the P7 pupils back after the holidays.

Times continue to be tough; the war in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis. I know we will all stick together and I know this won't be forever. Please try to hold onto that. Remember we are here to help, signpost and to talk to.

In the holidays, I plan to enjoy time with friends and family and maybe (just maybe) catch up on some overdue housework! There is always something to wash or tidy in my house!

Have a lovely safe Spring break. Look after each other and try to have a rest.

Clare (Headteacher)

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