



*Learning, growing, caring, sharing*



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The people who look after you should not hurt you

U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 19



Scotland's Commissioner  
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# Community Newsletter

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# Introduction



Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers and Community Friends,



Welcome to our first community newsletter of 2016. I do hope your Christmas holidays were safe, festive and fun. Please read on to see what the coming term has in store for our children and our families at Mayfield. We look forward to seeing you in school soon.

# Health and safety



*UNCRC Article 19: Children should be safe from harm.*

*UNCRC Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health.*

## JRSO

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We have a lot of dates coming up in our diary re road safety and travel and will keep everyone informed on what's coming up and when.

Can we also remind anyone dropping children off at the school gates that the gates should not be blocked by cars at anytime. This prevents access to the school gates and can be dangerous for children crossing at the start and end of the school day.

## School gates

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Please make sure you are aware of opening and closing times of our school gates. Anyone locked in the campus will have to remain within the campus until the gates are reopened unless in extreme emergencies. The gates are locked to ensure the safety of all youngsters within the campus, as well as that of adults.

## Children in at break times

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Please send a note into school should you wish your child to stay in at break times because of ill health.

## **Snowball policy**

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Mrs MacFarlane asked all the classes to consider the following three questions:

What activities can you do in the snow?

How can we play responsibly in the snow?

What consequences should be in place if you don't show respect?

The pupils thought of some fantastic answers to these questions, and these answers will be incorporated into our snowball policy which is currently work in progress. Thank you to pupils and teachers for their input.

## **Pupil behaviour**

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At the start of this new term, all pupils were reminded of our school expectations (see below) and why these were important. Please spend some time sharing these with your child - we want everyone to do the right thing and be ready to learn!

## **Whole school expectation**

Mayfield Primary School expects everyone to be **nice and respectful**.

### **The 3 Rs**

- Respect yourself
- Respect others
- Show Responsibility for your actions.

### **Values**

Our values are:

Learning, growing, caring, sharing

### **Rules**

We have agreed school rules which are followed by pupils which support our expectations, values and rights. These are:

- Follow instructions first time.
- Keep hands, feet, objects and unkind words to yourself.
- Keep to the correct noise level.
- Walk inside school.

## **Review of Children's Hospital Services in Lothian: Message from NHS Lothian**

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Following the problems with keeping St John's children's ward open overnight during the summer; NHS Lothian has invited the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) to conduct a review of children's hospital services at St John's and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children to identify a sustainable way forward.

The Review team is visiting the area during January and February and wants to hear from users and key stakeholders. There are a number of ways for people to share their views and experiences, including:

- An online survey
- A series of focus groups with members of the public and key stakeholders on 10-11 February (people can sign up for these at the end of the survey, or by making direct contact with the team, details below)
- Direct contact via post or email (details below)

The team are keen to hear views from as many people as possible. Follow us @mideduteam @mideps3



# School news



*UNCRC Article 28: Children should be able to go to school.*

## **School Uniform**

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A good majority of pupils are adhering to our school uniform policy. However, a smaller minority aren't. Please see our policy below, which has been extracted from our school handbook:

School clothing has the benefit of preventing domestic squabbles about suitable clothes for school and saves parents/carers from having to cope with the expense of having to change their children's clothes according to the most recent fashion whim.



School uniform consists of navy sweatshirt and polo shirt in either white or navy and grey or black trousers/skirts. Footwear should be sensible and black in colour.

**Designer wear, denim, sportswear (including trainers), or football colours should not be worn.**

We request that jewellery is not worn in school. Midlothian Council does not compensate for jewellery or clothing lost or damaged in school.

For safety reasons, looped/dangle earrings must not be worn in school, and all jewellery must be removed during PE lessons. Teachers cannot take responsibility for looking after these items during lessons and no compensation will be made if they go missing. Please help us by insisting that your child adheres to our policy.

NB. We do understand if you have difficulties with your child wearing school uniform eg your washing machine breaking down. Please do let us know if these things happen.

We have changed our uniform supplier to Border Embroideries Ltd. We intend to place a bulk order through school between May/June 2016; all other orders can be done on-line, with free delivery to school or the option to pay to have these delivered to your home address. Please have a look at [www.beschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.beschoolwear.co.uk) and look up Mayfield Primary School. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries regarding ordering uniform.

## **Dinner money**

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School meals cost £1.80 per day for pupils in P4 - 7, not in receipt of free school meals. Children are requested to bring the money for the week on Monday mornings in an envelope labelled with your child's name, amount of money and number of meals required.

## **Lost Property**

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Please continue to clearly label all items belonging to your child. Also, please remember to check our Lost Property rail for any items your child may have lost. Thank you for your support in this.

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## Scottish week w/b 25<sup>th</sup> January and Scottish assembly Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am

All classes had lots of fun learning about different aspects of Scottish life and culture last week, culminating with a whole school Scottish assembly. Well done to everyone who participated - there was excellent feedback from those who attended.

We had to miss P4's contribution at the assembly because of their swimming lesson.

Class	Theme
P1a and P1b	Scottish Inventors
P2a and P2b	Scottish Landmarks / environment
P3, P3/4 and P4	Scottish Music and Dance
P5	Scottish Designers
P6a and P6b	Scottish Language: Burns and the Burns Supper
P7	Scottish Heroes (famous Scots)



## Rag Bag



The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in Scotland. It increases awareness of textile recycling and by increasing recycling rates we can help the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill. The scheme is completely FREE, and our school will be paid for every kg recycled.

Our next Rag-Bag bulk collection will take place Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Please drop bags at main door on this date before 9.00am. *Items can also be recycled throughout the year by popping bags into the recycling bin situated at main entrance of school.*

Items accepted for recycling are: **Wearable Clothing;** **Paired Shoes;** **Handbags;** **Belts**

Further details on Rag-Bag textile recycling scheme can be found at [www.rag-bag.co.uk](http://www.rag-bag.co.uk)

## My Childsart Christmas Cards



Well done Mayfield Primary School, we have raised £60 for school funds.

## Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

We are starting to collect Sainsbury's vouchers, which we then can turn into equipment for school. Please pop them in the box at the main entrance. Thank you for your support.

# Parliament news



## Eco Committee

*UNCRC Article 6: Every child has the right to life.*

As part of the Eco Committee we are working towards Stage 1 green flag award. We enjoy sharing ideas about recycling and litter picking within the school grounds. Scott and Deniz

## The Great Outdoors

*UNCRC Article 6: Every child has the right to life.*

We have been busy making bird feeders for the garden and weeding the paths and grass areas. We also tidied up the tree branches and picked up some of the litter around the school.

## Fundraising and charities

*Article 29 Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.*

The group is working on lots of money making ideas to raise funds for the school. A popular idea was to have a scavenger hunt, information to follow another day. Tayler and Kian

## Rights Respecting Schools

*UNCRC Article 1 and 2: All children have rights.*

Some pupils from the group are working on becoming teachers, preparing lessons to help other children in school learn about wants and needs. We hope to deliver these lessons after the February break.

# Parent/Carer



*UNCRC Article 18: Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child.*

## The Incredible years

The Incredible Years Parent training has been successfully delivered to parent/carers in Midlothian since 2004. The Incredible Years Parent training programme is offered to parents and carers of preschool and primary aged children and is designed to promote positive parenting strategies and to assist parents/carers in managing behaviour. Details of the next courses are as follows:

Venue	Dates and Times	Course Leaders
Family Reachout, Sure Start Centre, Mayfield	Fridays 9.30 -11.30 Commencing 26th February	Tricia Di Duca Jennie Jacobs

## Valentine Disco

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This year's Parent Council Valentine Disco will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 5:45pm -7:15pm**. Tickets will be available from the school office and cost **£3.00** including a free snack bag. Texts will be sent when these are available to purchase.



## Head Lice

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Cases of Head Lice have been reported within school. Can we please kindly remind all Parents/Carers to check their child's hair regularly for lice/eggs and treat appropriately. Further information on the detection and treatment of head lice can be found at [www.healthscotland.com](http://www.healthscotland.com) or your local pharmacy.

# Community events



*UNCRC Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.*

## Love your Library week 1 February 2016 - 6 February 2016

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Love Your Library is a week of special events to celebrate libraries and reading in Midlothian. At Mayfield, the programme is as follows:

- Monday 1 February, 18:30- 20:00 [Burning Hearts workshop](#) - Create wooden hearts using pyrography (Ages 10+)
- Thursday 4 February, 19:00- 21:00 [Booky Bingo!](#) - Bingo with a difference (Adults/Young Adults)
- Friday 5 February, 19:00- 21:00 [Neil Broadfoot](#) - one of Scotland's brightest new crime writing talents (Adults)



## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Thinking Day

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World Association  
of Girl Guides  
and Girl Scouts  
World Thinking Day

For any Brownies, Girl guides, Beavers and Scouts within our community, we hope you enjoy World thinking Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Children at our school in these organisations are welcome to wear their respective uniforms on this day, should they wish.

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# Diary



Date	Time	Activity	Place
<b>February</b>			
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	17:45 - 19:15	Parent Council- Valentine Disco	Assembly Hall
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 &amp; 12:05</b>	<b>All Break - Mid Term</b>	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:50</b>	<b>All Resume</b>	
	13:30 - 14:30	Generation Science - P3	Conference Room
	14:00 - 15:00	Parent Meeting for Seasons for Growth	GP Room
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	14:45 - 16:15	Parent Council Meeting	Conference Room
<b>March</b>			
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	13:00 - 15:20	Boys Football Festival	Poltonhall Rec

## Weekly Clubs/Events

6 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:00-11:30	P6 Skiing	
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12:45-14:15	P1a & P1b Gymnastics	
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	15:30-17:00	Fast Track	
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8:50-11:45	4s of P3/4 & P4 Swimming	Loanhead LC
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan - 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15:00-15:45	After School Gymnastics Club	St Luke's Gym Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	14:45-17:15	FAST	Dining Hall/GP Room