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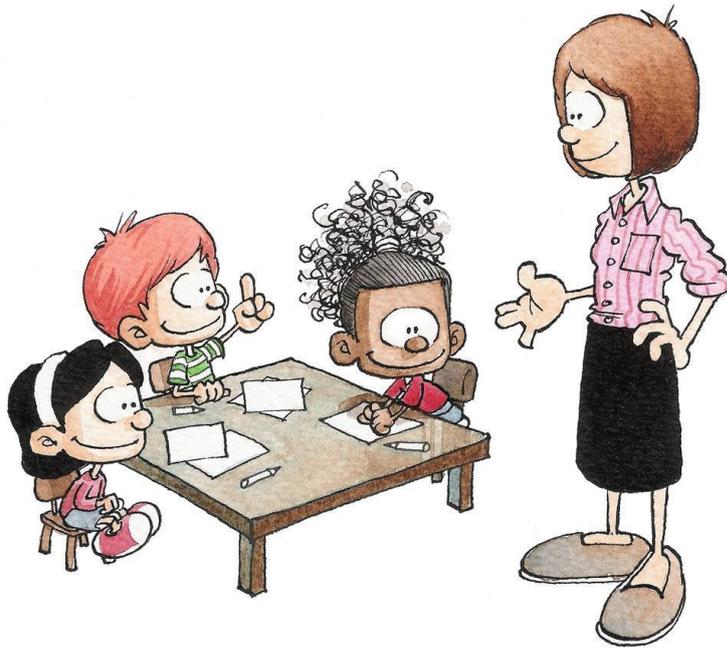


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You have the right to an education

U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 28



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Community Newsletter

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Introduction



Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers and Community Friends,
Welcome to the first newsletter of session 2015 - 16. A very warm welcome to you all from everyone at Mayfield Primary, especially to our new P1s, who are settling into school so well. It's been wonderful to see all pupils back from their summer break, settling into their new classes and getting used to new people and routines.

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.*

Parents/carers at gate/fence

Please can parents/carers avoid speaking to your child(ren) at the school fence area during playtimes. Not all staff know who you are. If you need to relay some information to your child, please call in at the school office, where your message will be passed on.

Dogs

Please may I also remind you that NO DOGS are allowed on the school premises. Some children do feel worried around them. If you do need to bring your dog with you please make sure your dog remains secured to a safe place well away from our school site.



Thank you for your support with both of these issues.

School news



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

Peter Ashton

Everyone at Mayfield Primary School was extremely saddened by the news of Peter Ashton's death during the summer holidays. Peter had been very poorly with cancer. Peter was a pupil at Mayfield Primary School before moving to Newbattle CHS two years ago. He was a cheery and friendly boy, always showing a happy smile and a positive and caring attitude in everything he did, both in and out of school. Peter will be very much missed by all within the Mayfield community and our thoughts are with Peter's family at this time.

Welcome to new staff

With the start of the new school year, we welcome some new colleagues to our school:

Miss Dewar in P2

Miss Fleming in P3

Miss Kidd in P4

Mrs Jardine in P2 and P4

Miss Haggart Specialist teacher of Music

We wish them well in their new posts and hope they enjoy their time at Mayfield PS.

School Day Times have changed

Please note that to accommodate an increase in both school roles (Mayfield PS and St. Luke's PS), we have had to make changes to the break and lunch times. **The start and finish times remain the same.**



P1-P2	Mon-Thursday Friday	Start: 8:50 Break: 10:15-10:30 Lunch: 11:50 - 12:35 Finish: 14:40 Start: 8:50 Break: 10:15-10:30 Lunch: 12:00
P3	Mon -Thursday Friday	Start: 8:50 Break: 10:15-10:30 Lunch: 11:50 - 12:35 Finish: 15:20 Start: 8:50 Break: 10:15-10:30 Lunch: 12:00
P3/4 -P7	Mon-Thursday Friday	Start: 8:50 Break: 10:15-10:30 Lunch: 12:05 - 12:50 Finish: 15:20 Start: 8:50 Break: 10:15-10:30 Lunch: 12:05

Lunch procedures

To try to reduce food waste in our school we are asking children to request their lunch choice during registration from 8:50am 9:00am.

As lunch orders are placed with the kitchen at **9:30am**, any children coming in to school after this time will **ONLY** be offered the soup and sandwich option that day.

Please look at the Midlothian website with your child to decide what they may want each day.

www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/catering/157/school_meals_service.



Rag Bag



Thank you to everyone who brought in old clothes for our recycling scheme. We have received £55.20 towards the school fund. Reluctantly Rag Bag has been forced into the decision to reduce further the items they can accept as part of the Rag-Bag scheme. Thank you for your continued support with this fundraising scheme.

What Rag Bag Can Collect:	What Rag Bag Can No Longer Accept:-
Wearable Clothing - All fashions - All ages. Paired Shoes Handbags	Workwear; Uniforms; Wet or Soiled Clothes Curtains; Towels; Duvets or Covers Pillows or Cases; Blankets; Cushions

Parliament news



Parliament groups will be starting soon, with all children taking part in supporting school development. Watch this space for monthly updates in forthcoming newsletters!

Rights Respecting Schools

UNCRC Article 1 and 2: All children have rights.

In classes and assemblies, we have been focussing on respect. Some people may already have heard of the 3Rs. Here is a modern version, which your child should know:

1. Respect yourself
2. Respect others (including property)
3. Take responsibility for your actions.



Mayfield Primary School expects everyone to be nice and respectful and we'd be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.



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School Growth Plan (SGP)



UNCRC Article 12: Children should be listened to and be able to say what they like about things.

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

School Growth Plan 2014 - 2015

Last session one of our areas of growth was the development of the school grounds, funded by a successful bid to Big Lottery. Our intentions were for changes to be implemented during the summer holidays. However, it was not possible for works to be carried out. Revised timescales for this work is the October break. In the meantime, children still have access to the loose materials introduced last session for den building and other creative and exploratory play and plans are afoot for more outdoor events later this term.

School Growth Plan 2015 - 2016

Our school growth (how we improve our school for pupils) is central to the work we do. Our three main areas that we want to work on this session are:

1. Play *UNCRC Article 31: Children should be allowed to play.*
2. Numeracy *UNCRC Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.*
3. Learning *UNCRC Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.*

More information on our plans, and how well we are doing will be shared in later newsletters.



Parent/Carer



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

Parking

Message from our schools travel coordinator: Can all parents/carers please refrain from parking on the footway in Stone Place as Council roads inspectors have highlighted damage to the footway exacerbated by this. It was noted to be particularly bad outside nos. 30/32. I have also asked the Traffic Warden to pay this area some attention. Thank you for your cooperation.



Reminder that our school gates are closed for the safety of the children during the following times:

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 9:15am and 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Friday 8:30am - 9:15am and 11:30am - 12:45pm

Please note that gates will not be opened during these times unless in the event of an emergency!



Forms

From time to time we will send home forms with your children for parent/carers to complete, please note that these may occasionally have short deadlines. We do endeavour to put information out in a timely fashion but sometimes this is out with our control. We would appreciate if parents/carers can also return forms fully completed as soon as possible as we often have to pay venues and coach companies prior to trips etc occurring.

When sending back money it would be helpful if you can put this into an envelope along with the consent form and mark your child's name, class and the amount given on the front.

Photographs

Individual and Class photographs will be taken in school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform. Unfortunately we are unable to offer photographs with siblings not in school however Coldwell art do offer family sessions in Dalkeith, for more information please call them on 0131 663 1203.



Flu Immunisation Programme- Tuesday 17th November 2015

You will by now have received a consent form for immunising your child in this programme. Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible. If you would like further information on the programme please visit www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/childflu

Puzzle corner



Hub words

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter R.



Write your answers below:

Diary



Date	Time	Activity	Place
September			
Wednesday 2nd	All Day	Individual /Family Photographs	Assembly Hall
Thursday 3rd	11:30 -12:00	P1 Parent/Carers invited to lunch	Dining Hall
	14:45 - 16:30	Parent Council Meeting	Conference Room
Wednesday 9 th	9:30 - 11:30	Royal Visit	Newtongrange Station
<i>Friday 18th</i>		<i>Autumn Holiday</i>	
<i>Monday 21st</i>		<i>Autumn Holiday</i>	
<i>Tuesday 22nd</i>	<i>8:50</i>	<i>All Resume</i>	
Wednesday 30th	9:30-10:30	Magic of Road Safety Show- P1 to P3	Assembly Hall
	30 th Sept-6 th Oct	Fluoride Varnish	
October			
Mon 5th - Fri 9th		Book Fayre	
Monday 5th	9:00 - 14:30	P2a & P2b- Class Trip	National Museum Edinburgh
Wednesday 7th		Parent Consultation	17:00 - 19:45
Thursday 8th		Parent Consultation	16:00 - 18:00
November			
Tuesday 17th	all day	Nasal Flu Vaccinations- Whole school	Conference Room

Weekly Clubs/Events

Monday			
Starts 31-08-15	3:30-4:30	Girls Football	Gym/MUGA
Tuesday			
From 01-09-15	10:45- 11:45	Brass & Woodwind instruction.	P7 Classroom

