

PEF Interventions

To further support our reading development as a school, some PEF interventions are in place to support.

Library

The creation of our school library is well underway and additional PEF will ensure we can create an environment that will support personal choice in reading texts, as well as an area to enjoying hearing and being part of reading experiences

Book Bags

Planning is underway to create a number of bookbags to support our new pupils and families in the transition from nursery to P1. These bags will be available to support our families in reading and bringing stories to life at home.

We are really excited to be supporting all of our learners in their reading progress this year in school. If you would like to become involved or support us further, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.


Staffing Updates

We have a number of learning assistant vacancies currently in process and recruitment is well underway.

We would like to thank Mrs Stables for her dedication and commitment to the school and wish her well in her studies this year! Good luck!

We currently have a vacancy for a permanent teacher for our Hive classroom and for two additional staff members for this class. Recruitment is again underway for these posts.

We will keep families updated on any vacancies as soon as we can.

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Settling in...

All of our pupils have returned to school well and are eager to learn in school. There is a real buzz in the school and is great to see our pupils so enthusiastic in their learning and working well so we can all 'be the best we can be.'

Our pupils and staff are adapting to our new normal in school. Face masks are still worn by staff at all times and pupil movement throughout the school is still restricted. We are happy to say that our classrooms are increasingly returning to the spaces they were before the pandemic.

Our new P1 pupils have settled in really well to school and our classroom routines. Our teachers are thrilled with their progress so far in settling in.

A reminder that we have a **holiday on Monday 20th September** and school will be closed for all staff and pupils, with everyone returning on Tuesday 21st September.

To support you with any plans you are making for October, school finishes on Friday 15th October and pupils return on Tuesday 26th October.

On behalf of the whole staff team at Mayfield, I would like to thank you for all the support and positive messages we have received since returning in August. These are much appreciated.

L Walker

COVID-19 Update

Please be aware that the guidance surrounding positive cases of COVID-19 and the role of the school has changed since returning to school in August.

A communication with information on this was sent to all families on Monday 13th September.

As a school we now send out the warn and inform letters to families and are not directly involved in discussing contacts and circumstances with families. This is in line with national guidance.

To support the school, can we please ask that if your child as symptoms you do not send them to school, but inform us of planned PCR tests and results. These are required to be kept up to date by all schools.

Our School Improvement Plan

This session our school has the following areas identified to support our school improvement:

- Reading
- Nurturing Approaches (linked to Midlothian Council priority)
- Digital Learning (linked to Midlothian Council priority)

Through our newsletters we hope to keep you updated on our progress linked to these areas and ask for feedback and support from our families on what else we can do as a school.

In this newsletter we aim to provide some information on our improvement linked to reading.

Reading

As a school we aim to improve the levels of attainment and progress for all of our learners in reading.

To do this we have a number of whole school and targeted supports in place. These include:

- 1 hour of reading learning to take place in all classes daily in school
- Read Write Inc to be used to support all learners in developing their phonic and reading skills
- A high level of staff support across the school to ensure Read Write Inc groups are small and receive targeted supports.
- 1:1 supports for targeted pupils to support progress in Read Write Inc daily in school
- A consistent approach to teaching of reading in P4-P7 where reading skills, reading comprehension and personal reading are part of each daily classroom learning experience
- Fresh Start to be used to support targeted learners in P5-P7 with their reading development, led by Miss Stamp, Miss Hackett and Mrs Nelson
- Learning Assistant support in P4-P7 classes during reading sessions to provide additional support