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Community Newsletter

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Introduction



Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers and Community Friends,
We all hope you had a good Easter break and enjoyed the good weather brought by the spring time season.

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.

School meal updates

School meal prices: There will be no price increase in school meals in August 2015, Primary meals will remain at £1.80 /high school £2.00 for a meal deal.

For P7 transition: All P7 pupils on visits to high schools will receive a free lunch on the day of the visits.



PE kit



Some children have not been bringing in their PE kit. This is just a reminder for your child to bring in their PE kit.

For reasons of Health and Safety, all children are required to wear shorts, a loose top and a change of footwear e.g. Gym shoes for P.E. It is also useful to have a spare pair of socks in the P.E. kit in case pupils come into school with wet feet. Long hair must also be tied back. Children who don't bring in their PE kit will not be able to participate in the lesson.

School News



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

Primary 6 Visit to Beamish

On the 22nd of April primary 6, Miss Burt, Mrs Cassie and David Cunningham (parent helper) travelled to County Durham in England. We were visiting Beamish a living museum. We visited Beamish as part of our mining topic. Our trip was only possible because of the very kind and generous donations from Councillor Peter DeVink, McSense, Mayfield Community Club and David Maxwell.

Beamish is set in the 1820s and early 1900s. When we arrived at Beamish we unpacked our belongings and set up our sleeping area for the night...tents! We did lots of exciting things during our time at Beamish. We took part in a murder mystery activity where we became Junior Detectives who were tasked solving the terrible crime. We interviewed people in the town to gather information and evidence. After a while we successfully solved the murder - we felt very proud!

We ate like kings throughout our whole visit. We had really yummy fish and chips from Davy's Fried Fish Shop. Finlay was even thoughtful enough to bring 'chippy sauce'. Before bed we roasted marshmallows on our campfire and had hot chocolate. Some people were brave enough to go on a 'Onesie Walk' through the woods only using their torches to see!

We did lots of amazing things in Beamish for example; we travelled on old trams, buses and steam trains. We visited, a 1940s farm, a pit village, a colliery, an old school and a 1920s town, Some children were given pieces of coal that are more than 10 million years old!

We had an amazing time and would highly recommend Beamish to everyone. It is a once in a life experience.

We will be talking about our trip at our assembly on Friday 22nd May - please come along. *By Lewis C and Eilidh P6*

Quote from Beamish staff, "Many children visit our museum every year from all sorts of backgrounds i.e independent schools, private organisations and youth groups but the Mayfield pupils have been by far the most polite, helpful, enthusiastic and fun filled by far." Well done primary 6!



Quote from a pupils, "I've had the happiest days of my life here.", "This place is like a different world", "I can't wait to meet the people who paid for us to come here, its amazing!"

Quote from Miss Burt, "I have never been more proud to be a teacher from Mayfield Primary School. The pupils were a credit to the school throughout the whole trip. Well done Primary 6, I am so happy to have shared such a fantastic experience with you."

And many thanks to Miss Burt and Mrs Cassie for organising and attending this event and to Mr Cunningham for also attending and supporting the trip. Well done P6 for showing such great respect for everything this trip has offered. Mrs MacFarlane

Rag Bag

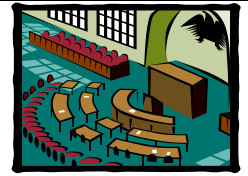
Our next Rag Bag collection will be **Wednesday 26th June**, so get those wardrobes and cupboards cleared out and bag up your unwanted clothes, shoes (paired), handbags, wallets/purses, ties, belts, household linen, towels, etc and drop them off at the main school entrance by 9.00am on this day.



Textiles can also be recycled all year round by using our Rag Bag bin situated at the main entrance.

Reduce Reuse Recycle
Materials donated are Recycled in the UK

Parliament news



The Newsdesk

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

The Newsdesk have been looking at how other schools report their news. We were inspired by what we saw and have planned a visit to 'The Big Wall Mural' during our next parliament session to try out some reporting ideas.

Parent/Carer



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

Getting it right for every child - update

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on detailed guidance that supports parts of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. This Act is a new law that will give children, young people and their families extra support and will encourage everyone to talk about children's wellbeing using the same words. The consultation on the guidance is due to run until 1 May. It is mainly aimed at the people who support your child - including parents' organisations - but individual parents are welcome to get involved if they wish. You can take part in the consultation via this link:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/02/1851>

Parent Council Meetings - Save the Dates

We would welcome new ideas and would be happy to see new faces at these meetings. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings:

Thursday 7th May 14:45

Thursday 4th June 09:00

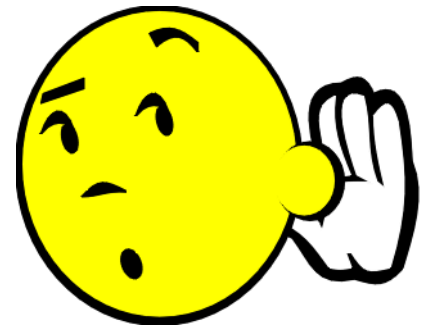
Thursday 25th June 14:45

The Parent Council will be supporting the P7 leavers outing and discussing a new café idea.

Parent/Carer Course - "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen"

A new and exciting course for Parent/Carers is about to begin in Mayfield Primary School. The "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen" course aims to give parent/carers practical and effective methods of communication, resulting in more rewarding and less stressful relationships.

The course will begin on **Tuesday 12th May at 9:15 am** and will be facilitated by Christine Brennan (Learning Support Teacher) and Tricia Di Duca (Home Link Teacher). Leaflets can be obtained from the school office or ring Tricia Di Duca on 07876457649 for further information.



Community events



UNCR 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.



Jodie (P4) attended the launch party for the Mayfield and Easthouses Big Wall Project. Here she is pictured in front of the teacups which her class helped to paint.

Final word from Chris Rutterford the artist *"Hopefully you've spotted the painting on your way to work this morning, looking pretty good I think.*

I thought I'd make sure you have got the final video link for the Big Wall video.

Here it is below, a really uplifting film I think. Hope you enjoy it.

<https://vimeo.com/124739928>

Puzzle corner



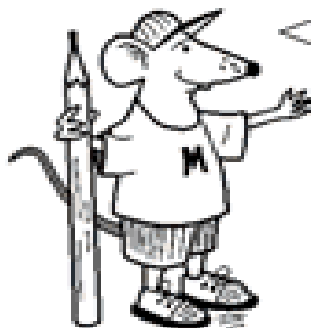
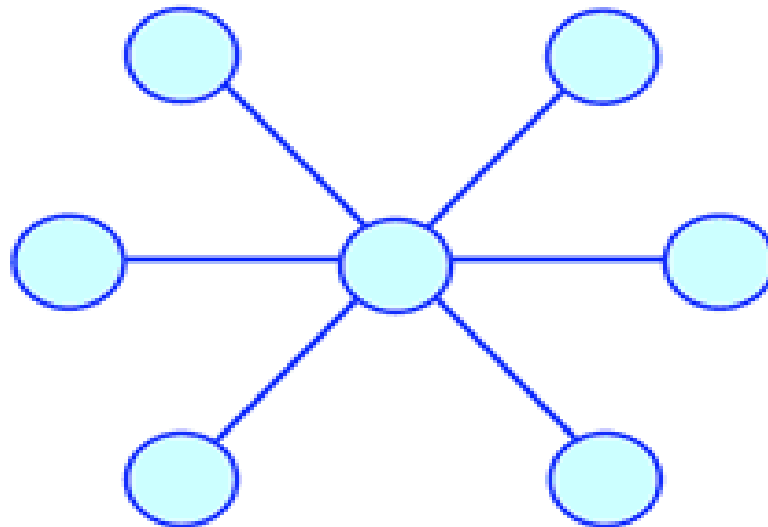
UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

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Puzzle time

Seven up!



Put the numbers

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

in the circles so that each straight line of three numbers adds up to the same total.

Diary



Date	Time	Activity	Place
May			
Monday 4th		HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 5th	8:50	All Resume	
Thursday 7 th	13:00-15:15	Boys' Football Festival	NCHS
	14:45-16:30	Parent Council Meeting	Parents Room
Thursday 14 th	13:00-15:20	Girl's Football Festival	Penicuik
Monday 18th			
	Victoria Day	HOLIDAY- Staff In Service Day	
Tuesday 19th	8:50	Pupils Resume	
	9:00	P7 Cluster Camp	Broomlee Camp West Linton
Thursday 21 st	13:00-15:20	Boys Football Festival	Dalkeith Campus
Friday 22 nd	9:30-10:00	P6 Assembly - Mining / Beamish Parents/Carers welcome	Assembly Hall
	14:00approx	P7 Campers Arrive Home	
June			
Tuesday 9 th		New P1s Parent/Carer Meeting 1	GP Room
Wednesday 10 th	8:40	P7 HS Transition Days	NCHS
Thursday 11 th	8:40	P7 HS Transition Days	NCHS
Tuesday 16 th	13:30	New P1s Parent/Carer Meeting 2	GP Room/classroom
Thursday 18 th	9:30 Infants	Sports Day	Back Field/Gym Hall
	13:30 Uppers		
Wednesday 26 th	9.00	Rag-Bag Collection	Main Entrance
Friday 26 th	9:00-11:00	Mayfield's Got Talent -Final Parents/Carers Welcome	Assembly Hall
July			
Friday 3rd	12:00 Noon	Term Ends	
August			
Wednesday 20th	8:50	All Resume	

Weekly Clubs/Events

Monday			
Starts 13-01-14	3:30-4:30	Girls Football	Gym/MUGA
Tuesday			
25-03-14 to 24-06-14	12:30-12:55	Calligraphy	P7 Classroom
Wednesday			
26-03-14 to 25-06-14	12:30-12:55	Origami	P7 Classroom