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# Mayfield Primary Newsletter

## October/November 2024

## Welcome!

Welcome back to school for our second term.

There will be lots happening in the coming weeks in school, and particularly in December. We have attached a copy of our provisional 'Countdown to Christmas' overview to support families with planning.

Learners and staff are working hard in school at present, and there has been a real buzz linked to learning.

As a school we really value the support of our families in supporting our learning in school. If you would like to volunteer in school, please contact our school office who will be happy to put you in touch with the relevant staff member!

If you know someone who is skilled at reading stories to children, we would be really keen to hear from you!

As we move towards the festive season there are always lots of opportunities to help with arts and crafts in classes, or indeed helping with our Nativity set and props! We would really welcome any support, so please contact us if you would like to help!

We really look forward to hearing from you!

Mrs Walker and the Mayfield Staff Team.

# Celebrating our Success!

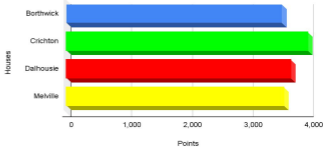
## Our School House Celebration

Our first School House Celebration took place on Wednesday 9th October.

The points were pretty close all term and in a final push Crichton secured the top

spot for this term!

Total House Points 24.25



In a fun-filled day in school our **Crichton** learners had lots of fun on some large inflatables.

The afternoon was a great success with:

**Dalhousie** enjoying an obstacle course in the gym hall using all of our play equipment.

**Melville** enjoying some active games in our dining hall including: table tennis, giant Jenga and Human Hungry Hippos and

**Borthwick** having some fun with some new board game classics including: Connect 4, Hungry Hippos, Ker Plunk and Guess Who!

Our next House Celebration is planned for Wednesday 18th December - we are really looking forward to it!

## P1 Enrolment Information

If your child will become 5 years old between 01 March 2025 and 28 February 2026 you should register them to start primary school in August 2025. You should have received a letter at the beginning of November that explains the arrangements for registering your child and the procedure for making a placing request. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Midlothian Council, using the details below. Registration week opens online at 9am on 18th November 2024 at

[www.midlothian.gov.uk/schoolplace](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/schoolplace).

## Enrolment Events at Mayfield PS

To support families who wish to register their child for Primary 1 at our school, we will be holding some informal drop in sessions for families.

This will allow families to have a tour of our school and see our current Primary 1 learning spaces.

These drop-in take place on:

Wednesday 20th November at 3.30pm

Thursday 21st November at 3.30pm

Friday 22nd November at 9.00 (pop in to our breakfast club from 8.30 if you wish)



**Mayfield Primary School**  
**Primary 1 Enrolment August 2025**

Wednesday 20th November 3.30pm  
Thursday 21st November 3.30pm  
Friday 22nd November 9.00am (come for breakfast from 8.30am)

Come along and visit our school. See our current P1 learning spaces and have a quick tour of our school. Meet members of our Senior Leadership Team.

We look forward to meeting you!

The poster features a globe, a pencil, and various school-related icons like books and a pencil case.

## **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Stewart to our permanent staff team. Miss Stewart has been successful in securing the post of P5J Class Teacher.

The post of Nurture and Attainment Teacher in our school is now currently vacant, with interviews due to take place next week. We will update you as soon as we can linked to the successful candidate.

As you will be aware, Miss MacPhie will be leaving us shortly to take up her new post of Head Teacher at Cuiken Primary School. Further information will follow linked to our senior leadership team moving forwards. We continue to wish Miss MacPhie all the best for her future, and thank her for her dedication and commitment to our school community.

## **Attendance Update**

In every newsletter this session we will continue to update you on our attendance data in school. This is a priority for our school and all schools in Newbattle.

We aim to increase our school attendance by at least 1% this session. Last year this was 91.5%.

## **We are delighted to share that our whole school attendance from August, September and October was 92.27%**

This was slightly below than the Midlothian data school attendance which was 93.98%.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support with attendance in school. This really helps us with our teaching and learning in school.

## **School Improvement Plan and PEF Plan**

We have shared a parent/carer copy of our school improvement and Pupil Equity Fund plan with all families in recent weeks. This was sent to all families via email. We hope that this overview provides you with clear information linked to our focus in school.

A copy of this document is also available on our school website.

If you did not receive this, please contact our school office who will be happy to assist in updating details and forwarding you another copy.

## **Midlothian Council Childcare Survey**

Midlothian Council would like families to complete a short survey linked to out of school hours childcare provision for children aged 4+. Please complete at the link below:

<https://midlothiancouncil.citizenspace.com/education/parental-survey-out-of-school-care>

## **Countdown to Christmas**

Our 'Countdown to Christmas' is attached for families to help you plan and prepare for our events and activities in school this December.

If you have any Christmas Jumpers that your children have outgrown these would be gratefully received in our School Clothing Store. Please hand in to school office or your child's class. Thank you in advance!

## **And Finally...**

### **Severe Weather**

It is the time of year when the weather is changing and we are planning in case of possible severe or wintry weather. I have attached a copy of our guidance for severe weather with this newsletter and it is also available on our school website.

One piece of guidance from Midlothian that has changed since last year, is that all primary aged children will need to be collected by an adult if the school closes suddenly or unexpectedly due to weather.

Information linked to closures will continue to be available on Midlothian Council's social media platforms, and local radio stations. As a school we will try to contact families using GroupCall, but this is dependent on weather conditions and internet access.

### **Winter Weather**

Wherever possible learners will be outside at breaks and lunches. Please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat and suitable footwear for the changing weather.

If you require any support with this, please contact Louise Bland who is more than happy to help.

### **School Colours**

It has been great seeing all of our learners in school colours this session so far, and it has been spoken about by visitors to our school.

We really appreciate your continued support with this, and look forward to it continuing throughout the school year.

