



Melrose Primary School

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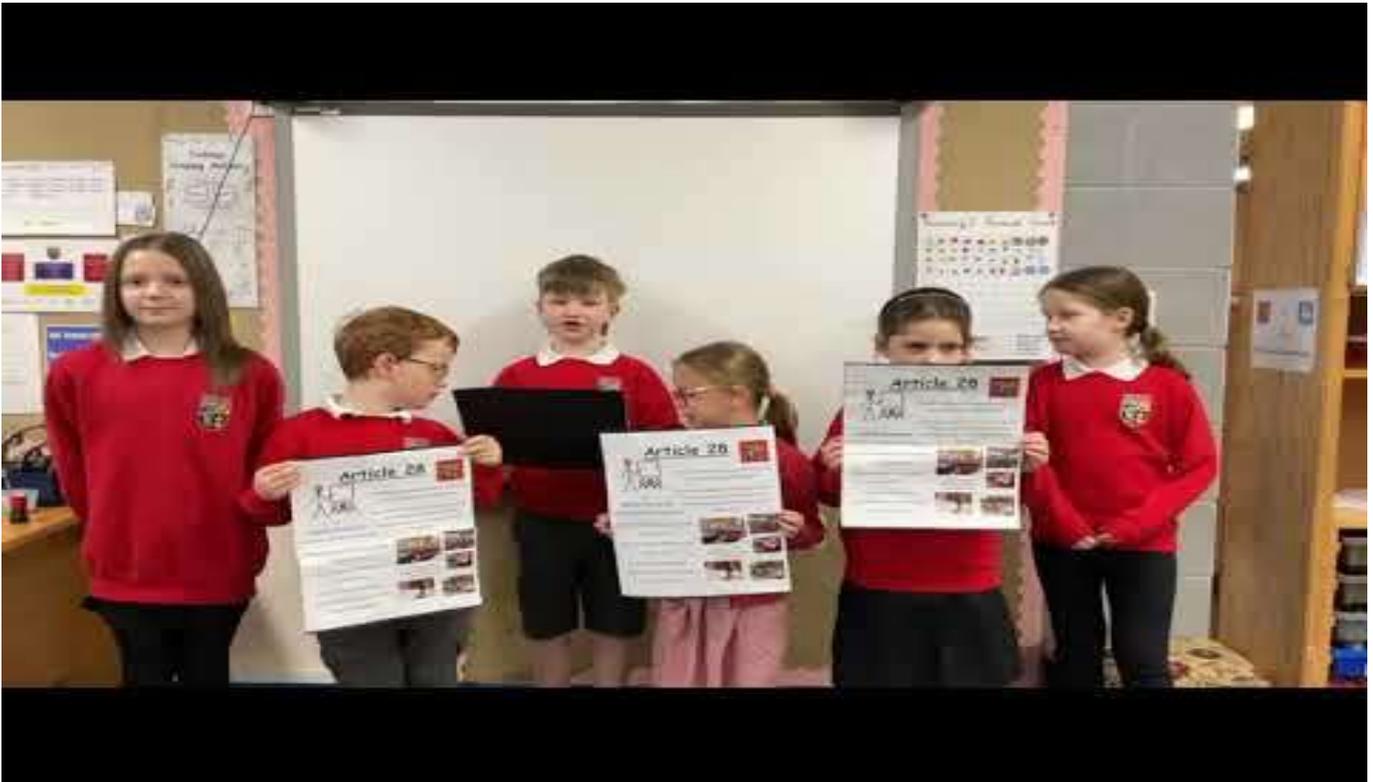
UNCRC – Article of the Fortnight

Our Rights Respecting Reps have launched an exciting new *Article of the Fortnight* initiative across the school, from ELC to P7. The children have been working hard to create and share informative videos to help everyone learn more about children’s rights.

Our most recent focus is **Article 28 – The Right to Education**, which reminds us that every child has the right to go to school and to learn.

Below is a link to their video.

[Library Movie](#)



Rotary Quiz

Our P7 pupils recently took part in the annual Rotary Quiz held at Newtown Primary School. The teams worked extremely hard across eight challenging rounds, showing fantastic teamwork and knowledge.

Well done to St Mary’s and St Boswells, who progressed to the final. The scores were very close across all participating schools, and we are very proud of how well our pupils represented the school.



Rotary Competition

As part of our recent Achievement Assembly, members of the Rotary team visited the school to present certificates and prizes for the Christmas Poster Competition. We are very proud of all the children who took part and the fantastic creativity they showed.

5-7years age group **Runner-up:** Yimo Yang **Winner:** Chloe Flemming

8-9 years age group **Runner-up:** Charlotte Allan **Winner:** Fern Egan

10-11 years age group **Runner-up:** Cadha Smyth **Winner:** Nadia Krata

Well done to all of our talented artists, demonstrating creativity.

Sportshall Athletics

Melrose competed in the Sportshall Athletics competition at the beginning of February and achieved an impressive 3rd place overall! It was fantastic to see such determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship from all our pupils. Well done to everyone involved!





Talent Show

We're excited to announce that this year's Talent Show will take place on Friday 27th March! Auditions will be held in class during the week of 9th March. More information will follow soon—get ready to showcase your talents!

Dress Down Day

On Friday 27 February, we held a Dress Down Day to raise money for our classrooms. This year, we are putting the power into the hands of our learners. In line with Article 12 (Respect for the Views of the Child), pupils will work alongside their teachers to decide which new resources will best enhance their learning.

This initiative also supports Article 28 (Right to Education), ensuring that our school environment is enriched with the tools our learners need to reach their full potential.

We are delighted to share that we raised a total of £240, which works out at approximately £18 per class. Thank you very much for your generous contributions.

If you would still like to contribute, you can do so via ParentPay.

Crucial Crew

Our P7 pupils recently took part in the Crucial Crew event in the Scottish Borders, learning about different forms of safety. The interactive sessions helped pupils understand how to stay safe in a variety of situations, from road safety to online awareness, in a fun and engaging way.



Sewing Machines

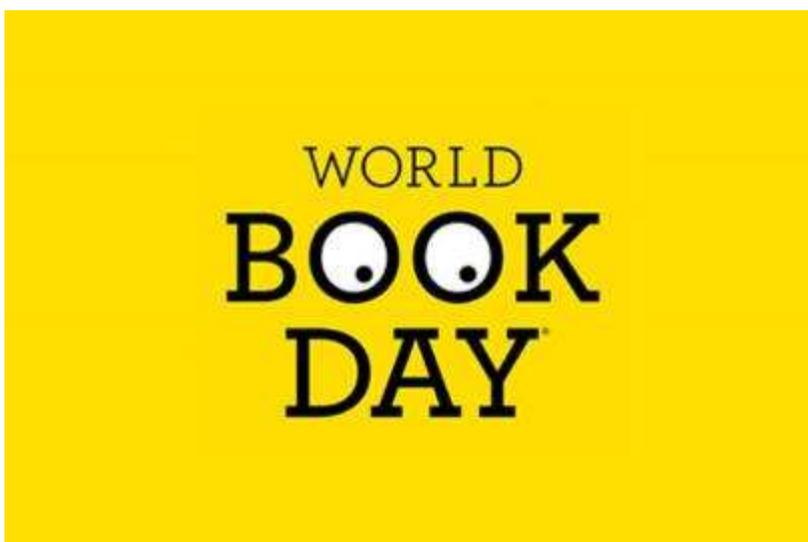
We have a thriving Sewing Club led by our P7 pupils and Mrs Ann Lyal. The club is thoroughly enjoying developing their skills and creativity.

To help support the group, we are looking for one or two additional sewing machines. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to donate a machine, we would be extremely grateful.

Please get in touch if you are able to help.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day, every class will be making extra time for reading. Pupils are welcome to bring a favourite book from home, along with a cushion or blanket to get comfy. This is entirely optional, as we have plenty of reading materials available in school for everyone to enjoy.



<https://youtu.be/kUN6pq9ZLwc>



World Thinking Day

For World Thinking Day, we invited all children who attend clubs such as Rainbows, Beavers, Scouts, and Guides to come to school dressed in their uniforms. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils proudly representing their groups and celebrating this special day together!



Playground - The Peace Place



The Peace Place is a special area of the playground for pupils who would like a quieter space to relax and unwind. Pupils using this area are asked to respect the calm environment—there should be no running or shouting, so everyone can enjoy some peaceful time.

Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Saturday 21st March

We will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Friday 20 March. We invite children to choose some socks that are going to get noticed! They might be mismatched socks or your boldest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy. The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks, you can tell them, “I’m wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome”.

A Fresh Look for the New Term

We are delighted to share that the school has undergone some fantastic improvements over the holiday, many thanks to SBC. The main building has been completely refloored—giving it a "brand new" feel—and the Annexe classrooms have received a professional deep clean. These brighter, refreshed spaces are ready to provide an even better environment for our students' learning. A big thank you to a group of parents and SBC for organising the deep clean of the Annexe building. We also extend our thanks to all staff who supported the work, helping to transform the classrooms into fresh, welcoming spaces for our pupils.

New Indoor Shoe Policy To help us maintain these high standards and keep our classrooms clean, we are asking all children to wear **indoor shoes** while inside the school buildings.

- **Footwear:** Please ensure your child has a pair of plimsolls or trainers (suitable for indoor PE) to keep in school.
- **The Routine:** Children will leave their outdoor shoes in a designated area near their classroom and change into their indoor shoes upon arrival and after break times.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school looking its best!





Allergies

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. We have several pupils and staff, in school, who are severely allergic to nuts. It is imperative these products are not brought to or consumed on school premises, including in the playground.

Dogs in the Playground

Reminder: We do not allow dogs in the playground. Recently, we have noticed an increase in dogs, particularly at the end of the day. Please ensure this message is passed on to anyone who collects your children. We appreciate your support in keeping our playground safe for all pupils.

Diary Dates

Friday 27 March 2026 Talent Show

Friday 3 – 17 April 2026 – Easter holiday, school and ELC closed

Monday 20 April 2026 - School and ELC open

Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 May 2026– May Day holiday and in-service, school and ELC closed

Tuesday 19 May 2026- P5 Countryside Day

Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 & Monday 25 May – Parent / Carer Consultations

Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 June 2026 P7 visits to Earlston High School

Wednesday 10 June 2026 Sports day

Wednesday 17 June 2026 alternative Sports day

Friday 3 July – Friday 14 August – summer holiday school and ELC closed

Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 August – first day for staff school and ELC closed

Wednesday 19 August – first day of school for school and ELC