

# Castleview Primary get a visit from the Minister for good behaviour!



Parents, pupils and teachers at Castleview Primary in Edinburgh will today receive a visit from the Minister for Learning, Sciences and Scotland's Languages, Dr Alasdair Allan, following a positive inspection report by Education Scotland in September.

Inspectors who visited the school earlier this year found Castleview Primary are committed to the spirit of the new curriculum and take an active role in bringing it to life, for example through their Craigmillar Castle Tour Guides Programme. Pupils are attired in historic costume and offer tours to local schools of the historical Craigmillar Castle, which is located near the school and where Mary Queen of Scots once stayed.

It is this kind of work that has helped Castleview Primary achieve 2 excellent evaluations out of the quality indicators for: the curriculum and meeting learning needs, and 3 very good evaluations for: improvements in performance, learner's experiences, and improvement through self-evaluation.

Inspectors found the School supports its pupils to develop and learn with real progress across the school in implementing the new curriculum at all stages. Teachers are developing a whole-school approach to helping all children understand their next steps in learning and providing outstanding levels of support. This is creating a good environment for the teachers, children and young people at Castleview Primary,

encouraging them to do their best.

Minister for Learning Sciences and Scotland's Languages, Dr Alasdair Allan MSP, said:\_ "This inspection report shows that the pupils at Castleview Primary are getting invaluable support and this is having a very positive impact on their learning.

"I have been looking forward to visiting the school since they received this good news. I would like to wish them the very best and encourage them to keep up the good work."

Bill Maxwell, Chief Executive of Education Scotland said: "Our inspection has shown that Castleview Primary is ensuring children achieve highly across a broad and challenging curriculum.

"Pupils are developing a wide range of key skills as a result of the school's innovative approaches to curriculum design, capitalising effectively on the flexibility which Curriculum for excellence offers.

"Our report shows the school is on track for realising children's full potential and is playing a strong role in helping close the gap in attainment".

P7 pupils Maryam Zaki and Josh Dailly said: "The school is a fantastic because it has wonderful caring teachers and there are lots of fun activities to do.

"It's amazing because we are an active school, an eco-school and we all look out for each other."

Cllr Paul Godzik, Education Convener for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "I'm delighted that the inspectors found such a high standard of education at the school and praise must go to all the staff for all their hard work in achieving this.

"This reinforces the Council's commitment to ensure every child in Edinburgh has the best start in life."

