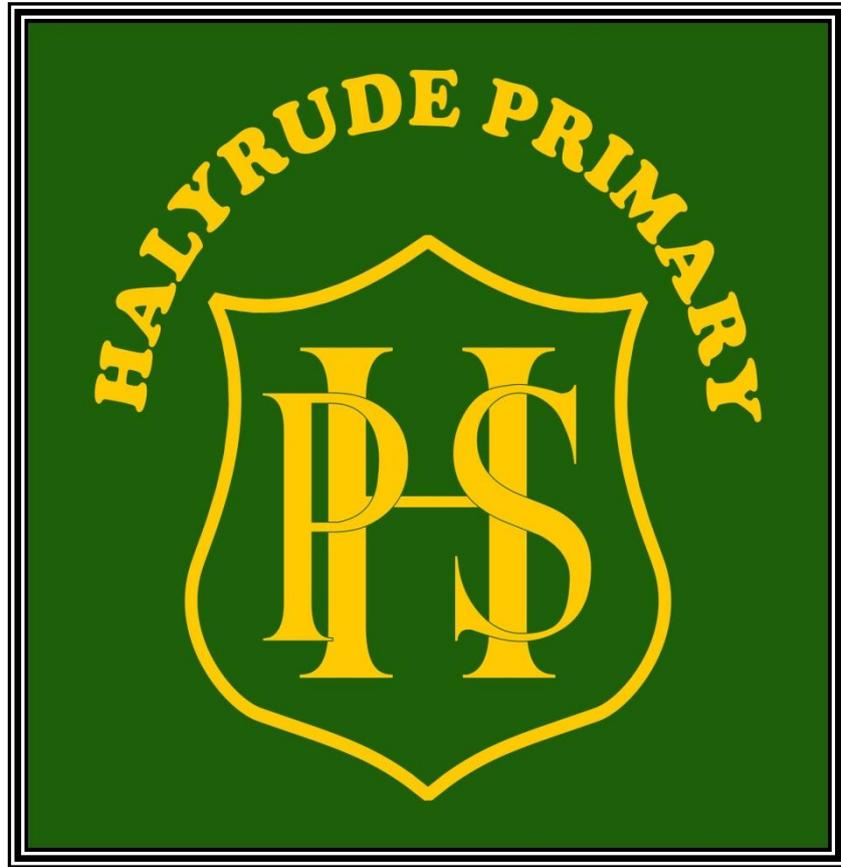


Halyrude Primary School



Curriculum Rationale

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Our School

Halyrude is a Roman Catholic primary school based in the beautiful Scottish Borders town of Peebles. We are a faith school and welcome children of all faiths and none. We are the smallest of three primary schools in Peebles and we currently have four composite classes.



We pride ourselves on our warm and welcoming ethos and we work hard to give our children a nurturing experience where everyone's contribution is recognised and valued. Staff in Halyrude have very positive partnerships with parents, carers, the church and local community and are committed to providing excellent learning experiences for all.

We are very lucky to have such a beautiful learning environment. Our school was refurbished in 2011 and is a warm, spacious and welcoming place to learn. We also have extensive school grounds and plenty of space to play and have fun!

We also share our building with the Tweeddale Support Centre which supports children from Tweeddale schools with additional and complex needs and the children have very strong relationships with each other.

We work closely with our families and have a supportive Parent Council who meet regularly and a social committee who plan events for the school community to enjoy.

The children benefit greatly from clubs run in school by our staff and sporting organisations such as Live Borders. We also take part in all local community and sporting events.



Winners at the County Sports!



First Holy Communion



The Commonwealth Passport



Our outdoor classroom

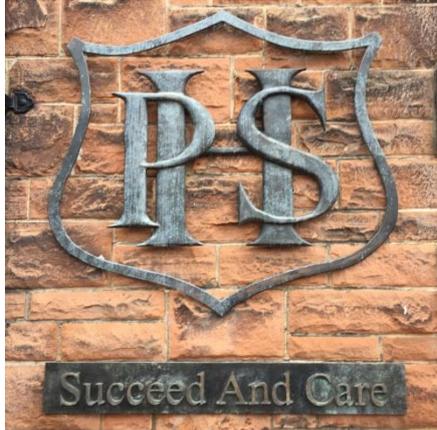


The Three Bridges Race

Our Vision and Values

Vision

Succeed and Care



Values

- Equity
- Perseverance
- Respect

Halyrude Primary School is a Rights Respecting School. This means that we uphold the UNICEF values based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children in school are learning about their rights and each class has contributed to and agreed upon a class charter which is on display in each classroom.



What makes us unique?

The children said.....

We are a
Catholic
school

We are a small
school so we all
know each other

We are a Rights
Respecting
School

We have a big
playground with
an outdoor
classroom and
loose parts play

We have a family
daily mile every
Friday

Our families come into
school and they are
involved in our
learning

Children from
across the school
learn together
during house
activities

We co-operate with
each other

Our art work is on
display to make our
school look lovely

We talk about our
achievements in
assembly and on
social media

We work with people
from across the
community and
welcome visitors into
our school to help us
with our learning

Parents said.....

- I think our school has such a positive learning environment for the kids and includes everyone. Every child gets along with each other no matter what class they are in.
- The open door policy and the friendly welcoming staff. Parents, family members and carers are encouraged to join in with the daily mile, potted sports etc. I am always made to feel welcome and encouraged to take an active part in my children's learning.
- Halyrude is one of the most inclusive schools I have seen. Everyone is involved, contributes and is valued.
- The supportive and friendly environment – everyone looks out for one another and helps to make sure that no one is left out. There are a wide range of activities and help from parents.
- It's like having an extended family. It has community spirit that is thoughtful and kind, extending friendship to everyone. It guides the children through their education in a variety of ways that helps them embrace new ideas both in and out of the classroom.
- My son says that having the Tweed Room and having space to play makes the school special and different from other schools for him. The fact that children all know each other is nice as they all seem to integrate.

The Curriculum:

The Four Contexts of Learning

Ethos and Life of the School

We encourage an ethos of care, respect and friendship in line with Catholic values

Close partnerships with local nurseries, the local secondary school and the wider community

A voice for everyone where opinions are valued

Curricular Areas and Subjects

Literacy including French

Numeracy and mathematics

Health and Wellbeing

Social Subjects

Science

Technologies

Expressive Arts

Inter-disciplinary Learning

Developing skills for life and work

Using ICT to access and enhance learning

Encouraging creativity and curiosity through exploring our local, national and international context

The ability to transfer skills across the curriculum

Collaborative learning

Opportunities for Personal Achievement

Sharing at assembly, in class, through social media and learning logs

Sports including netball, athletics, rugby, hockey and cricket

Buddy system

Paired reading

Roles and responsibilities, e.g. house captains and Junior Road Safety Officers

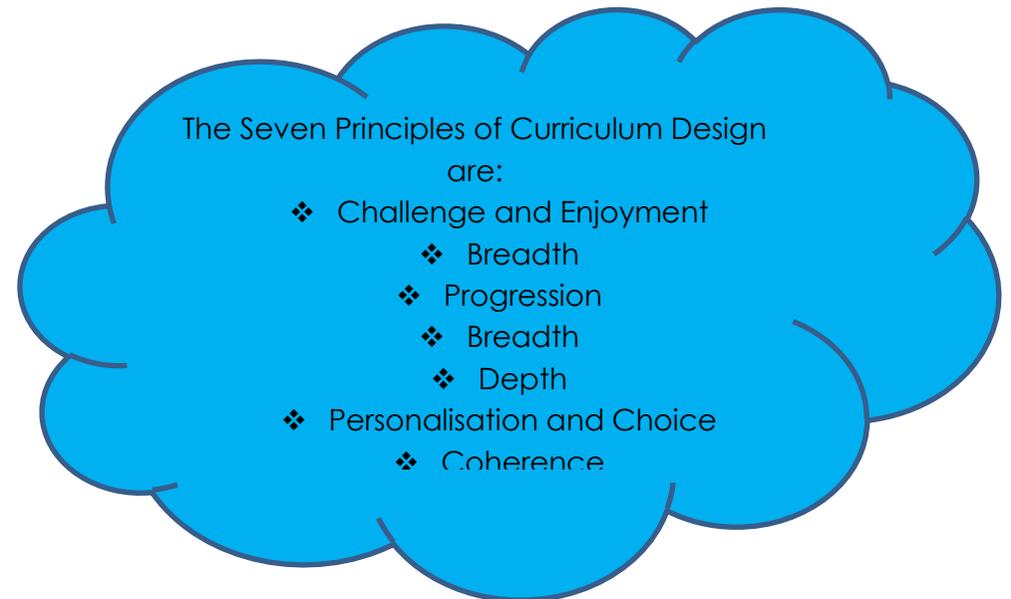
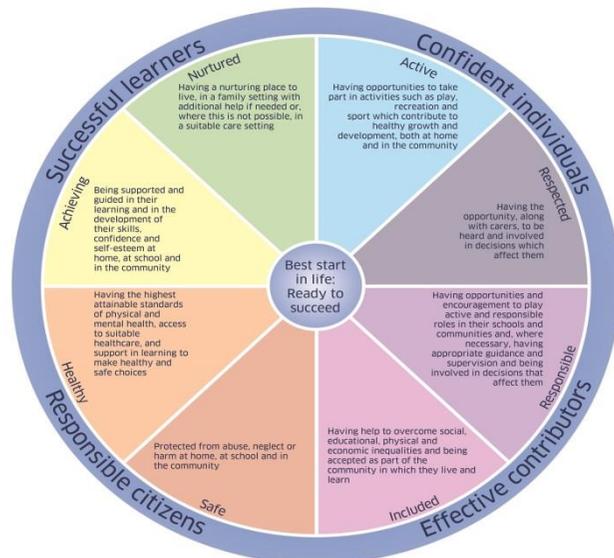
Opportunities to share learning with parents and the community through concerts, open afternoons, family learning and religious celebrations

In Halyrude....

We are a Rights Respecting School with class charters in every classroom.



We follow the principles of GIRFEC.



In Halyrude :

Learning is
challenging and
fun

Learning is
differentiated to
meet the needs of
all learners

Children learn in
school as well as in
the local and wider
community

Children work with
their teachers to set
their own learning
goals which they
review regularly.

High quality
feedback is given
to individuals,
groups and the
whole class

We welcome and
respect everyone in
our school

Promote skills for life
and work

We ensure equity for
all learners so that
poverty or personal
circumstance is not a
barrier to learning