

Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Class News

Class R In maths we have been focussing on time. We read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and mapped out things we do on different days during the week. We read *Peace at Last* and decided whether different activities were done during the day or at night by running to the 'night-side' of the classroom or the 'day-side'. We read *What's the Time Mr Wolf* and set the clocks to o'clock times. We finished with a sand timer race and gave our predictions of which sand timer would be the fastest! In topic we have been finding out about the planets in our solar system. We have looked at some non-fiction books to find some features of the different planet and recorded these in our writing books. We have created lots of planet artwork using different mediums. In RE, we found out about Holi and worked together as a class to make a very colourful piece of art.

Class 1 This week, Class 1 have been learning all about The Piece Hall and it's significance. In maths, Year 1 have been focusing on tens, ones, and partitioning numbers from 20-50, wow! In Year 2 we have been learning about equal groups -sharing and even started the two times table! Year 2 went to the HX7 multi-skills competition and were fantastic!

Class 2 What a busy week Class 2 have had this week! In maths we have continued with our fraction unit. Year 3 have been solving problems using fractions and scales and Year 4 have been converting mixed numbers to improper fractions. In English, we have read more of *Varjak's Paw* and thought about how the main character is feeling throughout the chapters. We have also been learning synonyms for different emotion words. In science, we investigated how instruments make high-pitched and low-pitched sounds. We then created a model of the different sound waves using different sized Slinkys. In PE, we continued our basketball unit and started playing a mini game with shooting and defending. A great week everyone, well done!

Class 3. Class 3 have worked hard this week in all of their lessons - we have been so impressed! In English, children have been writing a dialogue between two characters that could fit into our class book 'Rooftoppers'. They all did an excellent job of thinking how the conversation could move the plot on and give the reader hints to the personalities of the characters. We have been working hard on developing strong passes in netball and looking at how to intercept them as a form of defensive play. Science was wonderful this week to see all the children understand that light is a spectrum of colour. We mixed lights together to prove this and then split a beam of light into a rainbow in our classroom for us to walk through. Finally, we have planted our seeds as part of our new outdoor learning topic!

Diary Dates

- 5.3.24 Class R trip to The Piece Hall
- 6.3.24 Classes 2 and 3 Mental Health Workshop 'self-esteem'
- 7.3.24 World Book Day
- 7.3.24 4pm Year 3/4 Team to Unihoc Competition
- 11.3.24 Big Walk and Wheel Week – come to school by foot, bike or scooter!
- 13.3.24 2.30pm Class 2's Class Showcase
- 15.3.24 9am Golden Book Assembly and End of Term Awards – families welcome
- 15.3.24 Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
- 20.3.24 Bring in entries for Easter competitions (see the letter next week for the details)
- 21.3.24 World Down Syndrome Day - '21 things' active challenges throughout the day.
- 22.3.24 9am Easter Egg Hunt- families welcome followed by refreshments and Easter competition entries to view.
- 22.3.24 3.15pm Break up for Easter
- 8.4.24 Back to school
- 16.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – in person
- 17.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – online

Spring Clubs

- **Newspaper Club** -KS2 Wednesdays 12pm
- **Choir** – Years 2-6 Tuesdays 12pm
- **Dodgeball** – KS2, Mondays 3.15-4.15pm (until 18/3/24)
- **Cookery** – Years 1 and 2 Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm from 21/2/24 for 4 weeks – please see the letter to sign up
- **Active Leaders at Playtimes** - Wednesdays
- **CHS Band, Choir and Sports Clubs** – continue to be available to Year 6
- **Lego Club:** Reception and Year 1 Wednesdays 3.15-4pm from 21/2/24 for 5 weeks - please see the letter to sign up.

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Oscar

Class 1: Pippa-May

Class 2: Lilla

Class 3: Thomas

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Niamh L-N

Class 1: Ronnie

Class 2: Effie-Rose

Class 3: Jay

Active News

Well done to Poppy, Ellie and Renée who took part in their dance show at the theatre in Huddersfield last week and brought the programme and trophies in to show us today – fantastic!

Congratulations to Seb who brought in the ‘honorary black belt’ from Judo which was awarded to him this week for his continued effort and determination in Judo!

Multi-Skills Stars

On Wednesday, Year 2 took part in the HX7 Multi-Skills Competition at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. They enjoyed a carousel of different sporting challenges to collect points for their teams. In our two self-named teams the ‘Speedy Chickens’ came in 2nd place (only 4 points behind the winners) and ‘Fast Dogs’ came a fantastic 5th too! Super active ambassadors for our school!

CaPS PTA

The next meeting of the CaPS PTA will be after our Golden Book Assembly on **Friday 15th March** and all parents and family members are welcome to join!

On the agenda to discuss are the next events for fundraising and socialising and it would be great to have some new faces join in too.

CaPS have funded all the coach travel for trips this year, for example an upcoming coach for one of our trips this summer is £1600! Their funding has therefore significantly reduced the cost to parents and ensured everyone is able to attend and we are so grateful for this! Of course, this is only possible with fundraising and support, so thank you to everyone who helps with this!

Parent Pay Debts

At the moment we have a number of families who are in debt on ParentPay- some are small amounts and some are becoming quite considerable amounts. These are mainly for lunch or breakfast club payments or could be owed for trips or other costs. Please can we ask that you **all check your ParentPay account and settle any outstanding balance by Friday 8th March**. If you have any trouble accessing your account, or are in financial difficulties and need some support with this, please get in touch with us. We will follow this up with anyone who is still outstanding after 8th March and again offer support. If you are unsure if you qualify for support with breakfast club or free school meals, please get in touch and we can advise or you can search for the Calderdale Council information page on their website for Free School Meals.

World Book Day Red Nose Day and Easter Competitions!

We have sent a letter out today with all the details of these upcoming events!

Pupil Leadership

Our new badges have arrived today and we would like to introduce you to some of our pupil leaders in school:

School Councillors (bringing the pupil voice from their classes to help develop our school): Sybil, Charlotte, Liora, Reuben, Florence P, Harriet, Charlie T-P, Dylan, Jobey and Thomas

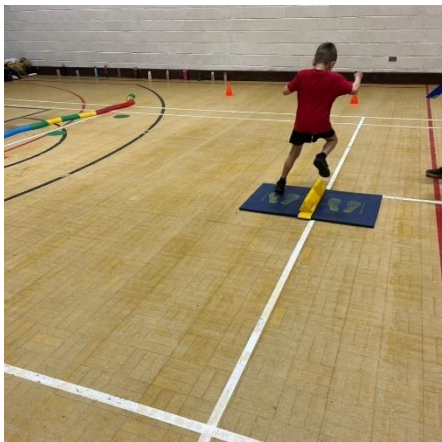
Active Leaders (helping us promote and keep track of active lessons, break times and challenges!): Poppy E, Harley, Noah M, Elizabeth M and Tommy.

Librarians: Otto and Holly

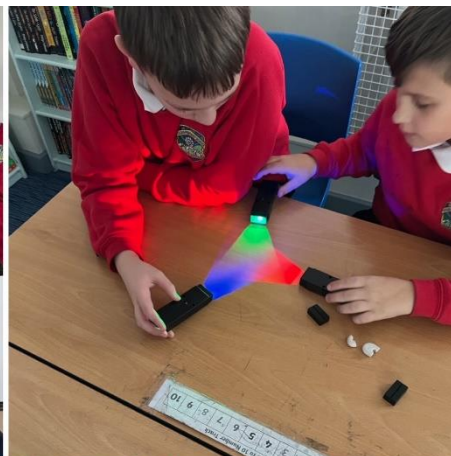
Assistant Librarians: Reuben and Ellie
More to follow next week!



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THE DREAM WORK**



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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE
MYTHOLMROYD CC WOMEN & GIRLS SOFTBALL
CRICKET TEAM?**

- NO cricket experience or kit needed
- ALL fitness levels welcome
- Gain confidence, have fun, surround yourself with awesome women & girls (age 10+)

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