

Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

Class News

Class R

Reception have had a super first week back at school. We started our new topic by reading *What the Ladybird Heard*. The children then drew and labelled their favourite animal from the story. We have found out all about ladybirds and created ladybird artwork. We have enjoyed exploring the new vet role play area and helping to cure the sick and injured animals. In maths we have been learning about circles and triangles. We listened to stories about the shapes, went on shape hunts and created pictures using circles and triangles too!

Class 1

This week Class 1 have started their new history topic- Majestic Monarchs. We learned who King James I was and why he was significant then discussed laws we would create if we were King or Queen for the day! Alongside this, we have started our Nativity 'Baarmy Bethlehem' - children have been given their lines and started learning the fabulous songs. They sound superb! In maths, Y1 have been trying hard with subtraction and Y2 have been completing some tricky addition sums, adding two 2-digit numbers together which cross 10. A fabulous week!

Class 2

What a great week Class 2 have had! In English we have learned all about the difference Isatou Ceesay made in Gambia. She helped solve the plastic bag crisis that the country was having. We have collated all our information and next we will be creating our own non-fiction writing about her life. In maths, the Year 3's have started their multiplication unit and the Year 4's have started their area topic. They've all been great using their multiplication skills and practicing on Times Table Rock Stars. In history, we have begun our unit on Ancient Egypt. We have discussed timelines and chronology and looked at different artefacts. We used our prediction skills to guess what we thought the artefacts were used for. Well done everyone!

Class 3

It's been a great first week back for Class 3! We've worked hard in English on writing a setting description linked to our class book, 'Shackleton's Journey' and thought really carefully about choosing the best vocabulary for our writing. We've also started our new history topic based upon the Anglo-Saxons! This week we looked at where the Anglo-Saxons came from, why they came and why they stayed in Britain. In science, we have started our unit on electricity by learning the electrical symbols for the components we will need to make and test electrical circuits. We have also started art with Ms Kendell and map skills in forest school! What a busy week!

Diary Dates

- 13.11.23 Wear your odd socks for Odd Socks Day!
- 14.11.23 and 15.11.23 3.30-6.00pm Parents Evenings
- 16.11.23 3pm HX7 Cross Country Qualifier Years 3-6, Stubbs Field -all welcome to take part!
- 17.11.23 Children in Need Day
- 18.11.23 Mytholmroyd Lights Switch on - Choir performing.
- 21.11.23 Class 2 & Class 3 trip to Magna
- 23.11.23 Non-uniform day - £1 or donation for Christmas Fair chocolate tombola please
- 24.11.23 INSET DAY – Calder Learning Trust closed.**
- 29.11.23 1pm Calderdale Cross Country Finals (for those who qualify) at Old Brodleians Rugby Club.
- 1.12.23 9am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly (families welcome)
- 1.12.23 After-School PTA Christmas Fair
- 6.12.23 2pm and 6pm Nativity Show (all pupils involved)
- 7.12.23 AM KS2 Team to Tenpin Bowling Competition
- 19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip
- 20.12.23 Christmas Parties
- 21.12.23 *Thursday* School Closes for Christmas

Parents' Evenings

If you have not yet organised a Parents' Evening appointment for next week, please do so using our online booking system calder.schoolcloud.co.uk All appointments will be in person and last for 10 minutes – we appreciate your help in keeping to time for everyone! If after this appointment you would like a further follow-up appointment with your child's class teacher, we will happily arrange this at another time.

If your child has SEN or you have any queries about this, **Miss Gregory** will be available to chat to from **3.30pm-4.30pm both days** on a drop-in rather than appointment basis. **Amber Wrigley** our MHST will also be available on **Tuesday** should any of you wish to talk to her about the work she is doing in school to support mental health or to arrange an appointment to talk to her in more detail about any concerns you may have. If you have any problems organising an appointment, please speak to Mrs Pickup.

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Bealey

Class 1: Eva

Class 2: Lilla

Class 3: Edie

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Harriet

Class 1: Rex B

Class 2: Stanley

Class 3: Jobey

Light Up The Valley

On **Saturday 18th November at 3:30pm** our choir will be performing at 'Light up the Valley' in Mytholmroyd. We have been practising 4 wonderful Christmas songs with the children from Burnley Road and Scout Road schools. Please can children arrive at **Mytholmroyd Community Centre carpark for 3:20pm** on Saturday so we are ready to perform. Lyrics will be provided by Miss Appleyard. Please can children wear their school uniform and something Christmassy (tinsel in their hair, Santa hat etc). Thank you from a very excited Miss Appleyard!

Christmas Fair

Our amazing PTA are busy planning the Christmas Fair that will be held after school on Friday 1st December. They have lots of plans that we will share with you over the next couple of weeks, one of which is a non-uniform day on **Thursday 23rd November** in order to gather donations of sweets and chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola. Alternatively, you can donate £1 to contribute towards purchases made for the Tombola and other Christmas Fair stalls 😊

Unnamed Uniform

We have various pieces of unnamed (and unclaimed!) uniform and PE kit in school. Please clearly name all items your child brings into school and if you are missing anything in particular, let us know and we will check our Lost Property, thanks!

Children In Need

On Friday 17th November we are supporting Children In Need! School Council would like to support the cause by fundraising with a bun sale, non-uniform day and an active challenge. Donations can be made on our charity [ParentPay](#) (suggested donation £2 for non-uniform and Bearpees) however the 50p for the bun sale will need to be sent with your child on the day in cash please. School Council are also kindly asking for any donations of biscuits, cakes or buns to be able to sell on the day. The children would also like us to take part in the Joe Wicks 'Bearpees' active challenge for Children in Need. As a school we're aiming to collectively reach 1,000 Bearpees! We're sure it will be a 'spot-tacular' couple of days!

Active News

Reception have been active in their maths this week with shape hunts and hiding Fred frog in different places and using positional language to describe where he is. Class 1 have also been getting active in maths, moving themselves up and down a number line. Class 2 got moving in English by acting out verbs and adverbs for their friends to guess. Class 3 enjoyed getting active in their Boxercise class and Forest School session. We'd also like to say well done to Oliver in Reception who achieved his Stanley 4 swimming certificate this week – amazing!

Construction Club

This week in construction club we have planned our task for next week. Each group has decided how they are going to protect their egg from it being dropped from a height and then having weight added to it. I have asked them to bring any specific materials that they might need from home and they have all created a small list. **Please could these be brought in before next Thursday** so they can try and protect their egg! Thank you, Mrs Holland

Forest School News

Everyone has begun their Forest School sessions this week! Reception have enjoyed a very active and autumnal Wellie Wednesday. Class 1 have been investigating deciduous and evergreen trees, Class 2 have been investigating nature and the different sights around school and Class 3 have started their fieldwork aspect. We will be working hard over the next few weeks to tidy up, trim and plant in our Forest School area. If anyone has any pots or gardening equipment that they no longer need then we would very much appreciate them.

Head Lice

A polite request to please check your child for head lice and treat them if necessary. We have had some issues in school recently and this will help us ensure they are eradicated!

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A message from Mrs Lambert

Hello everyone! I just wanted to send a message to say thank you for all the well wishes and to let you know that I am doing well. After a few weeks of recovery (and not one to sit still for too long!) I have now been able to start getting back to doing some work from home; you might have noticed some letters from me this week for Children in Need and Odd Socks Day (I can't wait to see the photos from these two events!) and I don't think we've ever had so many posts on our school social media before 😊

It will be a little while longer until I will be able to be back in school, and I am so thankful to the Calder Primary team for all their extra work in school in the meantime!

I loved seeing all the Healthy Body Healthy Mind challenge photos, sharing these with everyone and awarding the house points.

I was sad to miss Open Week this week, but thanks to Mrs Kennedy we have had a successful week of visits from prospective Reception parents! If you know of anyone else who would like to visit but didn't get chance this week, please tell them to get in touch and they are still welcome to make an appointment to visit us.

I hope to see everyone again very soon!

Mrs Lambert

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Half Term Challenge

Well done to all those who took part in the Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Half Term Challenge and thank you for sharing your lovely pictures. We loved seeing all of the huge smiles! House points have been awarded to all those who took part and shared their experiences with us too!



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Light up the Valley

FREE EVENTS

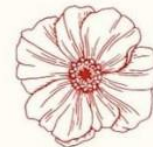


Christmas Lights Switch On / Santa / Festive Market
Live Entertainment / Food & Drink / Children's Rides*

<p>18th Nov 2023 Mytholmroyd</p> <p>12 noon – 7pm Mytholmroyd Community Centre Car Park</p>	<p>23rd Nov 2023 Hebden Bridge</p> <p>3pm – 8pm Town Centre inc St George's Square & Town Hall</p>
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

An opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms.



HEBDEN BRIDGE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Service of Remembrance St. James' Church Mytholm - 9:30am
Act of Remembrance at Memorial Gardens - 10:30am

MYTHOLMROYD SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Gather at Mytholmroyd Community Centre - 1:45pm
Remembrance Parade to Memorial Gardens - 2:00pm
Act of Remembrance at Memorial Gardens - 2:15pm
Service & refreshments at St Michael's Church - 2:45pm

Organised by Hebden Royd Town Council
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Calderdale Music

1 Nov · 🌐

We're opening up another evening of drum lessons at The Old Courthouse on Mondays, starting from 20th November 2023

Register here: <https://ukcalderdale.speedadmin.dk/registration#/course/251>



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