



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024

### Class News

**Class R** We have made the most of the weather this week with lots of outdoor learning. We even got to listen to some stories in the sun read by the Year 2 authors! The Gingerbread has visited Egypt, travelled up the Nile and been on safari in Kenya. We have made some lovely sunset silhouette pictures. In maths we have been adding using first, then and now stories whilst continuing to work on our subitising skills. We have also looked at some pictures of different types of houses The Gingerbread Man has seen on his travels. This prompted us to read The Three Little pigs, write some sentences about the story and build our own houses using straw, sticks and bricks.

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been working hard with topics in maths: Y1 have been recognising equal and unequal groups and then adding them to find the total and Y2 have been recognising and finding quarters! In science we moved on to forces and focused on 'push and pull'. We then went outside and explored lots of different toys and had a go at using the push and pull forces to make them work. In DT we started to create our puppets- we used sewing needles and thread to attach both our templates together ready for our hand puppets- the children thoroughly enjoyed this!

**Class 2** What a great week Class 2 have had! In English, we have planned our setting description and researched some amazing vocabulary to include. We have mapped out which expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions that we want to use in our writing. In maths, we have continued with our money unit. We have added amounts, calculated change and created shopping lists based on a spending limit. In geography, we have learned about the Amazon rainforest and how different life is for the tribes that live there. In science, we started our chemical reactions unit and we investigated mixtures and changes in state of materials. A great week everyone, well done!

**Class 3** This week in maths, Year 6 have been busy looking at co-ordinates and how we can plot, reflect and translate shapes. Year 5 have been revising negative numbers with Mrs Kennedy and applying their knowledge to some tricky word problems! In music, we were learning about the pentatonic scale with Mrs McVey. We also listened to some new pieces of music and drew our interpretations of them. In topic, we chose a tropical rainforest to research and create a non-chronological report about, ready to help us in our lesson next week! We worked hard to think what our readers would like to know from our writing and make sure we had key geographical terms included too!

### Diary Dates

- 13.5.24 Year 6 SATS week
  - 23.5.24 4.30pm Choir performing at 'Calder's Big Night at The Musicals' in Calder Learning Trust theatre
  - 24.5.24 Golden Book Assembly - families welcome
  - 24.5.24 Non-uniform day for summer fair – chocolate donation
  - 24.5.24 School closes for half term
  - 3.6.24 School reopens
  - 4.6.24 Class 2 rearranged trip to York
  - 5.6.24-7.6.24 Class 3 Residential Trip to Robinwood
  - 6.6.24 3.30pm Cross Country for Year 2-6 – our field
  - 10.6.24 Year 3 to Footsteps at Cragg Vale Church
  - 10.6.24 Year 4 'Lights Camera Score' at Victoria Theatre
  - 13.6.24 Calder Learning Trust Awards Evening
  - 14.6.24 3.30pm PTA Summer Fair
  - 24.6.24 1.15-2.45pm Sports Day Afternoon
  - 28.6.24 1.15-2.45 Reserve Date Sports Day Afternoon
  - 1.7.24 Choir performing at Young Voices at Victoria Theatre
  - 5.7.24 Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Day
  - 5.7.24 Years 1-5 Trip to Jodrell Bank
  - 15.7.24 Year 6 Leavers Event (don't tell them!)
  - 16.7.24 Calder Learning Trust Culture Day
  - 19.7.24 School closes for summer – lunchtime
- \*Please see below for transition dates\*

### PTA Summer Fair

PTA had a productive meeting this morning to plan the summer fair, thank you to everyone who came along or offered to help in others ways. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May in return for bringing a donation for the chocolate/sweet tombola. The fair is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm** in Calder Primary and all are welcome to come along! A letter will be coming out shortly from PTA asking for donations of items and help on the day if you're able to -thank you in advance for your support!

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## Transition Dates

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 visit Calder High for transition activities during the day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 5 visit Calder High for transition activities during the day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June PM:** New Reception in school, all children move up to their new class for the afternoon (Year 6 have something to do separately too 😊)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 go up to Calder High for the full school day

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July AM:** New Reception pupils in school

**W/C 15<sup>th</sup> July:** New Reception children home visits and nursery visits

## Awards

Well done to our award winners this week!

### Kindness Awards

Class R: Oscar

Class 1: Eva

Class 2: Elizabeth

Class 3: Lewis

### Stars of the Week

Class R: Mila

Class 1: Henry

Class 2: Teddy

Class 3: Renée

## SATS Week

Next week (week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May) Year 6 will be sitting their SATS tests. These take place in their usual classrooms with Miss Smith, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Lambert and we support the children with feeling prepared and as ready as they can so they can do their best. We also start each day with a power ballad or motivational tune 😊

We would appreciate it if this weekend they can get out in the fresh air to keep active, get plenty of sleep and eat well. They have been learning about foods that are good for the brain this week in assemblies! Please encourage them to have a good breakfast on Monday morning and be at school on time.

Monday: Paper 1: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling  
Paper 2: Spellings

Tuesday: English Reading

Wednesday: Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic  
Maths Paper 2: Reasoning

Thursday: Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

## Summer Season

It's that time of year where we need both rain coats and summer hats available depending on what the weather is doing!

Please can children have a named summer hat/cap in their school bag for sunny days. Please apply sun cream at home, but children can have an extra named sun cream in their bag as well -roll on dispensers are ideal for this.

It is always wise to still have the rain coat every day as well please!

## Calder High PTA Fashion Show

Calder High PTA are hosting a charity fashion show (ladies only), open to parents, families and the local community, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30 p.m. with a licenced bar. Tickets are £5.

Contact Sophie in the PTA on 07956 542646 if you would like to buy tickets.

Calder High PTA would really value your support if you would like to go along to this fun evening!

## Clubs

KS2 Football will have their final session on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

All other Summer 1 clubs have now finished.

You can see some photos on our Facebook page of what the clubs have been getting up to!

## Active News

Everyone has been enjoying the sunny weather again this week. We have had lots of active science outside learning about forces and chemical reactions. The children have been busy developing their rounders skills and our active leaders have been enjoying leading beanbag throwing into hoops at breaktimes – a great way to practice for the upcoming sports day too!

We had some fabulous feedback in our Healthy Schools Assemblies this week about ideas the children had for our next steps for food, active schools and emotional health and wellbeing – lots of new things to plan and try next!



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