

Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Class News

Class R Reception have had a super busy week! This week we have been investigating our senses of sound and touch. We started our week by creating different sounds on our muddy Monday adventure: we used twigs, pebbles and leaves to create a range of amazing sounds. Reception went on their first ever school trip on Tuesday to Eureka and had a blast! We explored all the different areas, looking and learning and answering lots of 'how' and 'why' questions. We continued the week by creating amazing patterns in maths and art. We focused on the artist Yayoi Kusama and created our own artwork focusing on patterns and circles. Reception have been working really hard on their number recognition too. Great!

Class 1 In geography this week we have been learning about the animals that live in Kenya. We have found out why animals migrate and learned more about The Big Five. In science our focus was how to keep our body healthy. We carried out an experiment to find out the effect of different exercises on our heart. In RE we learned how Sikhs make good choices and discussed the great work that Sikhs do for their community in the langar. In maths we are continuing to develop our addition skills.

Class 2 Class 2 have been working incredibly hard this week on their individual setting descriptions of The Chokey! There were excellent vocabulary choices and carefully thought out and effective sentence structures. In geography we learnt about Ordnance Survey map symbols and included them in our own maps of Mytholmroyd and in PE we started to learn some partner poses in yoga - it was tricky but we worked hard to get to grips with them! Finally, in science we applied our knowledge of living things to plants and showed that they fulfil all of the criteria.

Class 3 Class 3 have had a great week this week. In English we edited and published our non-chronological reports which have turned out brilliantly. In maths we calculated square and cube numbers. We also multiplied and divided numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. We even looked at numbers into the thousandths! In science we swabbed areas around the classroom to see which bacteria is growing there. We also conducted our yeast growing experiment where we changed one variable and then observed the rate of respiration of the yeast. In geography, we used maps and atlases to identify and locate the countries and capitals of North America. A super week everyone, well done!

Diary Dates

- 16.10.24 4pm KS2 Cross Country, Stubbs Field
- 17.10.24 7.30pm PTA Meeting and Social at Shoulder of Mutton, Mytholmroyd – new time & venue!
- 18.10.24 9.00am Harvest Festival Assembly – families welcome
- 22.10.24 **SEND only** Parent Meetings *Book on Arbor*
- 23.10.24 Class R visit to the Fire Station
- 23.10.24 PTA Halloween Disco
- 25.10.24 Break Up for Half Term
- 4.11.24 Back to School
- 4.11.24 – 8.11.24 Open Week for prospective Reception pupils- please share.
- 5.11.24 Class 3 Trip to Imperial War Museum
- 11.11.24 Remembrance Day
- 11.11.24 Class 2 Trip to Herd Farm Iron Age Village
- 13.11.24 and 14.11.24 3.30-5.30pm Parents' Evenings – in person. We will send a message when this is open to book.
- 14.11.24 3pm KS2 Cross Country at Stubbs Field – including qualifier opportunity for Calderdale
- 19.11.24 Hebden Royd Mayor visiting us
- 22.11.24 PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night
- 26.11.24 Class 1 Trip to Temple Newsam
- 27.11.24 1pm KS2 Cross Country Calderdale Finals at Old Brodlians *only for those who qualify*
- 29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed to pupils/students for INSET
- 6.12.24 9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly – families welcome
- 6.12.24 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair
- 11.12.24 2.15pm and 6.00pm Nativity Concerts
- 12.12.24 School Trip to Pantomime
- 20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

Parent Questionnaire

You should have received a letter by email this morning with the link to our Parent Questionnaire. If you haven't received this, please let us know!

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Awards

Kindness:

Class R: Ted

Class 1: Sybil

Class 2: Eva

Class 3: Ellie

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Barney

Class 1: Easton

Class 2: Liora

Class 3: Charlie

Well done everyone!

Active News

Well done to our Year 5/6 Hockey Team at the HX7 Competition. You have been working hard on your skills this term in PE and had some great possession! Our Active Leaders did a wonderful job of leading our World Mental Health Day active challenges yesterday. There were lots of house points awarded to everyone who took part and we raised £31.50 for Young Minds Mental Health Charity along the way too.

Arbor Logins

If you haven't yet downloaded and logged into the Arbor app, please do! So far, we have sent reminders for Reception phonics meeting, SEND meetings and Mental Health challenges as well as awarding lots of house and values points.

Also, please note you only need to book a SEND only Parents' Evening on Arbor if you have received a SEND letter and PLP or SEND Support Plan. Thanks!

Forest School Leaders

Our new Forest School Leaders this year are:

Eilo, Elizabeth H, Emma, Seb, Effie, Amelia and Otto.

They will be helping Mrs Holland with our Forest School assemblies, enthusing everyone about the benefits of Forest School and teaching some key skills and they will be helping with ideas for the year too.

Shoebboxes

We will once again be taking part in the Hebden Bridge Rotary Club Christmas Shoebox Appeal where we ask if you are able to fill a shoebox for a child in need this Christmas time. More information will be coming out just before we break up for half term. Thank you in advance if you are able to support.

Clubs

Following on from the ideas from pupils for clubs, we have arranged:

- KS2 (Years 3-6) Football Club – 5 weeks beginning Monday 11th November 3.15-4.15pm
- KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Lego Club 6 weeks beginning Monday 4th November 3.15-4.15pm
- Choir (Years 3-6) Wednesdays 12pm starting 16/10/24

More to follow as they are confirmed!

Harvest Collection

It is our Harvest Festival Assembly next Friday 18th October at 9am and families are welcome to join us. We will be collecting for SmartMove who are now part of Happy Days.

<https://happydaysuk.org/smartmove/>

We would be very grateful for donations of:

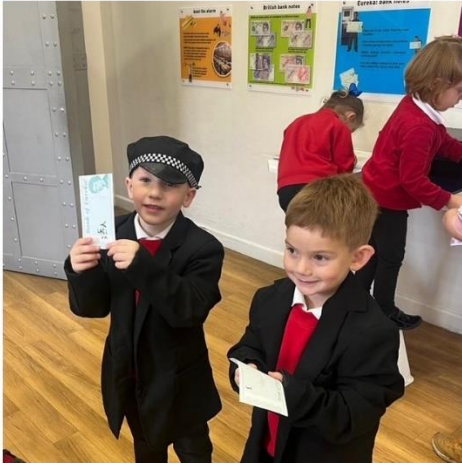
- Tinned foods such as beans, soup, custard
- Dried foods such as rice, pasta
- Packets and long-life foods

They now get cleaning products donated to them from a company, so no longer need donations of these. Items can be brought in from Monday please. A member of the Happy Days team will be hopefully coming along on 18th to collect the items. Thank you so much if you're able to help.

Parking

As you will have seen, we have had to put some cones out on the bend as there was another collision with a bus and a car last week. We know that parking is difficult particularly at home time and that many working parents are coming straight from work to collect, but please park off site and utilise local roads such as Ewood Drive and local parking such as Moderna wherever possible. We want our site to be safe for children – and yourselves and your cars. Of if you're able to walk or cycle, even better! Mrs Lambert has written to Calderdale Council for support with this as part of their safe, active travel campaign and we have been promised that a member of the team will be visiting us to assess this in the coming weeks.

Thank you!



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CALDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN SCHOOL DISCO

23rd Oct 3:15pm-4:30pm
Fancy dress welcome!

£4 per child - includes drink & snack
(advance purchase from reception)
Pick up 4:30pm Calder Primary



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Member Association

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Local Clubs

- Judo Excellence – Hebden Bridge
www.judoexcellence.co.uk - free trial available
- Girls and Boys Football: Hebden Bridge Saints
www.hbsaints.com
KiXX Football Coaching for ages 3-8 at Mytholmroyd Community Centre
www.kixx.org.uk
- Performing Arts: Mytholmroyd St Michael's Amateurs.
Find them on Facebook to get involved in future productions (KS2 upwards).
- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts – find local contact details at: www.scouts.org.uk/groups
- Rainbows, Brownies and Guides – find local contact details at: www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/finding-your-nearest-unit/
- Mytholmroyd Community Centre – a range of clubs including Calder Valley Fell Running, Karate, Kixx Football and Mytholmroyd Girls' Cricket. Gym classes for adults.
www.mycc.org.uk/Sports-and-Clubs.html
- Calderdale Music Trust – music lessons, bands, choirs, groups and more! At their centre in Halifax but also some groups are in Hebden Bridge too:
www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/

Got a club or activity group that you'd like us to include? Please email primary@calderlearningtrust.com and we can add it to the list!