



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Class News

Class R In maths this week we have been exploring, copying, continuing and creating repeating patterns using natural objects, classroom items, voices, movement and dance. In topic we have been thinking about our sense of smell and taste. We used scientific language in a Zoom In, Zoom Out activity looking closely at a dog's nose. After watching a film of a snail looking for food, we used our noses to identify different smells. We also talked about good smells, bad smells and our favourite foods! In our Welly Wednesday session, we made some super potions.

Class 1 This week Class 1 have been learning all about Dianne Fossey and how she helped conservation in Africa! We discussed how she was similar to David Attenborough and talked about what we would like to help with to help the planet. In science we went on an everyday material observational walk and looked at a range of objects in the playground, discussed what materials they were made out of and their properties! The children have been working super hard with their phonics this week. Year 1 continue to learn new sounds and apply these to their writing and Year 2 have written a letter to the Fairy Queen expressing interest in a job with Father Christmas! Wow! Super learning, Class 1 😊

Class 2 Class 2 have had a wonderful week this week! In English, we learned and performed a poetry piece. This really tested our reading fluency and our expression! We then created some wonderful descriptive sentences. These included capital letters, full stops, impressive language choices and joined handwriting! In maths, we have worked hard to solve problems using our addition skills. In PE, we continued practising our invasion skills and played some competitive games of dodgeball. We also enjoyed using the equipment to create some gymnastic sequences. In geography, we used our knowledge of longitude and latitude to split the map into different time zones. We then compared time in the UK to time in different countries.

Class 3 This week we have been busy writing the final drafts of our diary entries as a member of Ernest Shackleton's crew on the day that the voyage set sail. In science we have looked at physical changes and discussed a range of reversible and irreversible changes - there were some great discussions going on in this lesson with children having to justify and give reasons for their choices! Topic was a busy lesson this week as we built on our knowledge of courses of a river last week into features of a river this week! We have learnt about meanders, tributaries, sources and estuaries alongside lots of other things we could see along the way. We labelled the features on a diagram then were challenged to make our own river from salt dough and show the river features on there! Super!

Diary Dates

- 16.10.23 Nasal Flu Spray Immunisations
- 17.10.23 3.30pm Reception Parent Phonics Meeting
- 18.10.23 4pm HX7 Cross Country Years 3-6, Stubbs Field *We'd love to see some more runners giving it a try!*
- 20.10.23 9am Harvest Festival Assembly (families welcome)
- 24.10.23 Reception Trip to Cromwell Bottom
- 24.10.23 Slow the Flow visit to Class 3
- 26.10.23 3.30-5pm PTA Halloween Disco Year 1-6. (Reception will have a class mini disco the same day)-
- 27.10.23 Break Up for Half Term
- 6.11.23 Back to School
- 6.11.23-10.11.23 Calder Primary Open Week for prospective Reception pupils and families
- 14.11.23 and 15.11.23 3.30-6.00pm Parents Evenings (both in-person)
- There will also be opportunity to chat to Mrs Kennedy (phonics/reading), Amber (Mental Health) and Miss Gregory (SENCO).
- 16.11.23 3pm HX7 Cross Country Qualifier Years 3-6, Stubbs Field
- 18.11.23 3.30pm Mytholmroyd Lights Switch on - Choir performing.
- 21.11.23 Class 2 and 3 Trip to Magna
- 24.11.23 INSET DAY – Calder Learning Trust closed.**
- 27.11.23 Reception and Year 6 Measurement checks, Nursing Team.
- 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
- 7.12.23 AM KS2 Team to Tenpin Bowling Competition
- 6.12.23 2pm and 6pm Nativity Show (all pupils involved) *Please note change of date*
- W/C 18th End of Term Reports out
- 19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip
- 20.12.23 Christmas Parties
- 21.12.23 *Thursday* School Closes for Christmas

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Dottie

Class 1: Faith

Class 2: Ellie

Class 3: Renée

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Rory

Class 1: Chloe

Class 2: Lilla

Class 3: Otto

Phonics Meeting

On Tuesday 17th October at 3.30pm we are holding a Phonics Meeting for Reception parents/carers to show you more about how we teach phonics and give you some resources and ideas to support at home. There will be chance to ask questions, explore some of the resources and find out who Fred is! We will also be holding some more sessions later in the year for Reception and Year 1 parents, but if Year 1 parents would like a refresher of set 1 phonics and blending you are of course welcome to join us too!

Mental Health Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed our Mental Health Survey so far for Amber Wrigley, our Mental Health Schools Team practitioner. It is already proving very helpful to see what parents would like to know, see and have support with. You can complete it here, up to Monday 6th November. [Survey Link](#)

Forest School Wellies

From Monday 6th November, please can all pupils in all year groups have a pair of wellies to keep in school. Please name both wellies 😊

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is on Friday 20th October at 9am and families are welcome to join us. Each class will share a story, poem or song and the children will sing some of their harvest time favourites.

If you are able to donate items for the local charity Smartmove, who support vulnerable and homeless people in Calderdale, please bring these from Monday 16th. Dried foods, tins, packets, cleaning products and personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste etc. are all very gratefully received.

Winter Illnesses

There has certainly been a rise in winter illnesses this past 2 weeks in school, including flu, viruses and covid – for both pupils and staff! We are reminding everyone in school about regular hand washing and hygiene with tissues and we have a poster up in our entrance about common illnesses and where to get more advice too. We know it isn't ideal when staff are off ill, but they would rather be well and here 😊
If you need any help with if children should be in school, please contact Mrs Pickup.

Clubs

A letter has been sent today with details of clubs on offer from next week.

KS2 Basketball until half term (Y3-6)

KS1 Dodgeball from half term to Christmas (Y1/2)

Calder Learning Trust Band (Y5/6)

Calder Primary Choir (Y2-6)

School Newspaper Club (Y4-6)

Ukulele Club (Y4-6)

KS2 Construction Club (Y3-6)

Active News

The Class 3 unihoc team took part in the HX7 schools tournament this week on our MUGA. They won their mini-league (they didn't concede a single goal!), going on to play in the final that went to extra time and penalties! They came out as valiant 2nd place and Miss Smith said they also showed great teamwork too.

Congratulations to Amelia in Class 2 who successfully auditioned and gained a place to dance at Disneyland Paris in August!

PTA Halloween Disco

Please see the poster below with details of the Y1-6 Halloween Disco. Reception will be having their own disco afternoon on Thursday 26th and can bring a costume to change into after lunch!

PTA Parent/Carer Social and Lottery

PTA Parent Social is on Friday 20th October, 7.30pm meet at The Shoulder of Mutton, Mytholmroyd. All welcome! A reminder that you can support the PTA by playing the [YourSchoolLottery](#) each week – there are prizes big and small to be won as well as a percentage of donations coming back to PTA.

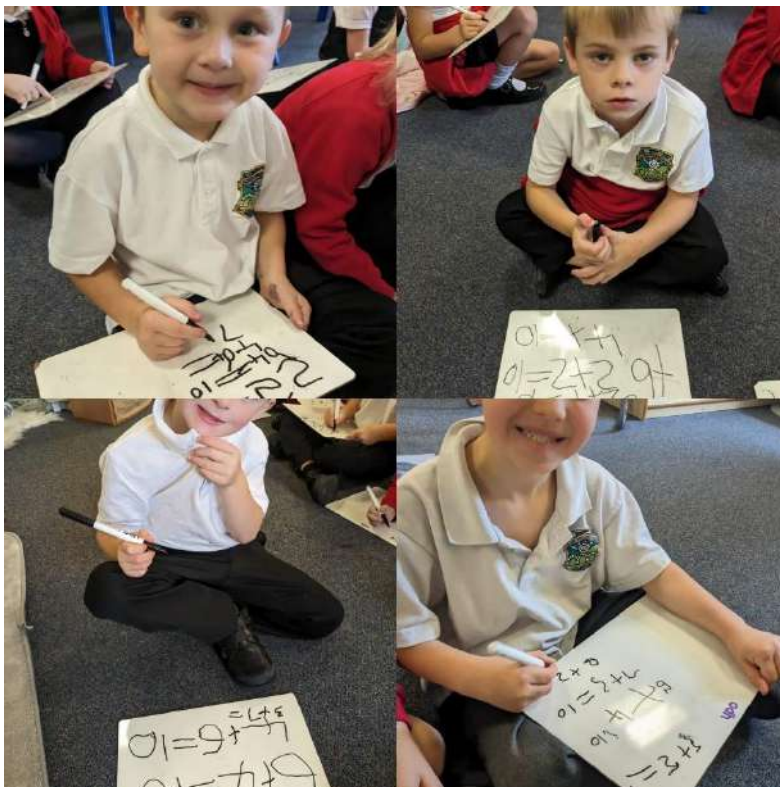
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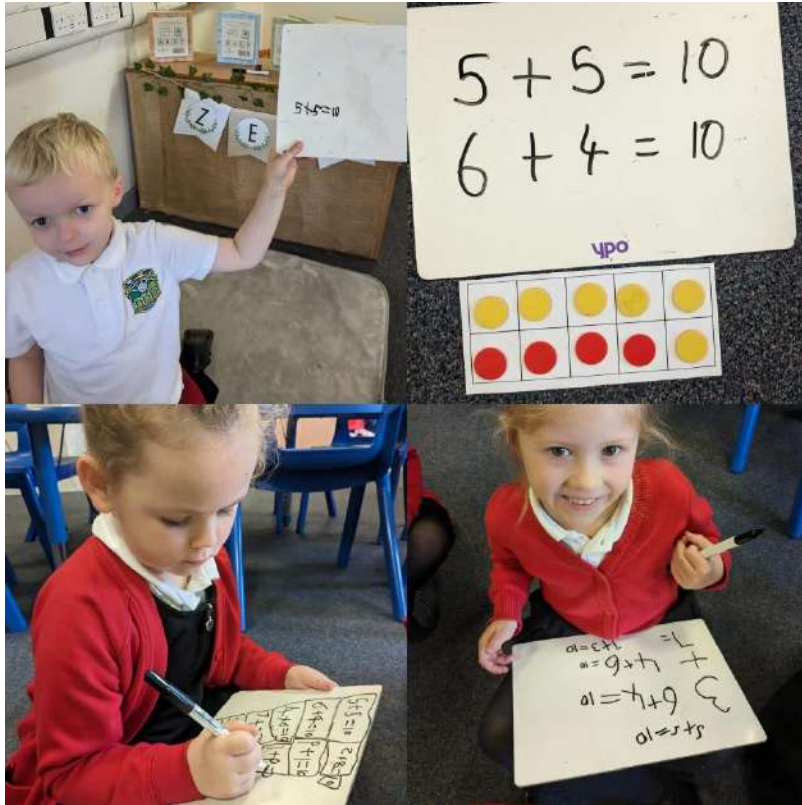
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CALDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 26th October
3:15pm-5pm



£3 per child (buy in advance from
reception). For Years 1-6 only.
Pick up from Calder High Gym 5pm



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