



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

Class News

Class R This week Reception have been super busy! We have been focusing on families so we have completed many activities around this theme such as, who's in my house?, making family trees, labelling our family, creating different families using playdoh and many more. Children have also been busy with their fine motor skills and maths skills- we have sorted pom poms into the correct Colour Monster feelings, followed tracks on the tuff tray with cars using vocabulary such as 'forward, backwards', mark making in glitter and tracing over different shapes. Reception have loved exploring and getting to know our classroom- it has been filled with giggles and lots of imaginative play. Of course, we have enjoyed outside too- the children have been filling many containers full of water and using vocabulary such as 'full, empty, over flowing'. It has been a wonderful week and we are ready for another busy one 😊

Class 1 We have had a wonderful week and a half back in school. In science, we identified and labelled parts of the body before becoming Dr Frankenstein and creating new monster humans! In outdoor PE we are developing our running skills and indoors we are practising our yoga poses. In geography, we have played some globe games to help us identify oceans, seas, continents and countries and have started to find out about Kenya. In maths we are looking at place value. We have made some huge number lines and have been working on recognising the place value of each digit in a two-digit number. Great work Class 1!

Class 2 Class 2 have had a wonderful week! We've started working through our class book 'Matilda' and exploring all of the characters that we're meeting along the way. In science, we headed out to our forest school area to discuss and find both living and non-living things. During geography, we had a fantastic discussion about what a settlement is and how they have changed over time. We then categorised what a settlement needs, would like to have and doesn't need at all. Finally, in PE we began our netball unit by perfecting our chest passes and even managed to fit in some defence drills too! Well done!

Class 3 What a super week we have had in Class 3! In maths we have been learning about the place value of numbers up to 10 million! We have been partitioning, rounding and comparing numbers. In English we have designed our own magical potion based on ingredients found in the Wizarding World and created some instructions of how to make it. In science we learned about the processes of living things using MRS GREEN. We then applied these processes to both plants and animals. In PE we began both our hockey and yoga units. It has been a great week everyone!

Diary Dates

19.9.24 3.45pm Years 3-6 Cross Country on Calder Learning Trust field. All welcome to give it a try!
27.9.24 9.00am Golden Book Assembly followed by PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning and meeting
3.10.24 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
3.10.24 Calder High Open Evening for Years 5 and 6
18.10.24 9.00am Harvest Festival Assembly – families welcome
W/C 21.10.24 SEND Parent Meetings
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.
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 – both in person
26.11.24 Class 1 Trip to Temple Newsam
29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed to pupils/students for INSET
6.12.24 9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly – families welcome
20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

TBC – Class R and Class 3 trips coming soon!
More dates to follow as we confirm them.

We are sorry that the day we sent the letter out for Year 6 Bikeability they cancelled it due to staffing. We have rearranged it but it will now be in April, sorry!

You said... Are we taking part in the Asda Cashpot for Schools event?

We said... Yes! If you choose 'Calder Learning Trust' as your chosen school, we will receive a donation each time you shop with the rewards app- at no extra cost to you. This is only for Calder Primary too (as only primaries are eligible) Thanks in advance!

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Awards 6/9/24 and 13/9/24

Kindness:

Class R: Dolly

Class 1: Henry and Harriet N

Class 2: Reuben and Chloe

Class 3: Amelia and Otto

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Millie

Class 1: Oscar and Oliver

Class 2: Effie and Harley

Class 3: Harriet G

Birthdays

A reminder that we ask parents not to send in sweets or food items for children's birthdays. One less job for you! Classes always sing and wish children happy birthday and they are also welcome to visit Mrs Lambert for a sticker and gift out her prize box!

Buses

We are really sorry for all the disruption caused by late Calder High buses since the start of term. These are caused by the roadworks on Burnley Road but we have also raised it with the bus company as there are 2 buses in particular which have been significantly later than the others. Then we had one break down too! When we're all on time it runs smoothly! But thank you for your patience with this. Here's hoping the roadworks are gone soon too for all our sakes!

Active News

Congratulations to Harriet G who brought in her musical theatre and dance certificates and trophy to show us. Well done to Sam-Jak who brought in his medal from his rugby tournament that his team won last week.

Over summer Skyla, who is in Wainhouse house team, climbed to the top of Wainhouse tower – wow! What a lot of steps!

We have noticed that classes are now so used to building activity into their lessons throughout the day that they don't think of it as a separate task to let us know when they're active – as you can see from the class news section. Amazing!

Donations

Thank you for all your recent generous donations to our library and uniform shop. We are quite full now! We only need donations of PE kit – logo PE t-shirts, PE shorts/joggers and logo PE hoodies for now please!

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our first Family Golden Book Assembly will be **Friday 27th September**. At this our PTA will also be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. If you're able to donate a cake, please get in touch with the PTA or Mrs Pickup.

Please bring along some cash for coffee, tea and cakes (take-aways available too!)

PTA will also be holding a short meeting afterwards and would love some parents/family members to come along. This does not mean you are committed to a job if you do!

We are very lucky to have such a supportive PTA at Calder Primary who help us with funding to enable all our pupils to have some wonderful resources and extra opportunities such as transport to trips and events.

Class Welcome Letters

Our class teachers are currently writing welcome letters for their classes with some key essentials on for children and parents/carers: PE and library days, information on reading books and homework and some key dates. They should be coming out at the beginning of next week.

Little Library

We have a little library book unit on wheels which will be in our main playground on Friday afternoons, and available in our hall throughout the week.

Children are free to take any books they would like and for as long as they'd like! They can swap them for other books they have read and wish to donate back or take them home to keep.

There will be a donations pot on top if you're able to give a small donation if you are able to for any you would like to keep (suggested 50p) to help us replenish our library, but this is not imperative – we just want the books to be read, enjoyed and available to all!



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