

# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Class News

**Class R** In topic we have been thinking about rockets and astronauts. We found out what astronauts do, what they eat, how they sleep and even how they go to the toilet! We have made straw rockets, decorated wooden rocket models and created a huge rocket together that we have enjoyed playing in. We looked at The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh. We talked about what we could see, the colours used and shared our opinions of the piece of art before creating our own version. In maths we have continued our work on 9 and 10 and have done some super work investigating number bonds to 10. One of our Rainbow Challenges this week was to 'cover the outdoor learning area in sounds'. Armed with our chalk and sound mats we have made a good start but may need to add some more tomorrow!

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been working really hard on their learning all about the Mackintosh family, ordering their life events in chronological order and finding out why they are significant. In maths, Y2 have been working so hard on their multiplication and division: they have been learning their 2,5 and 10 times tables -wow! Y1 have been consolidating their place value learning- looking at tens and ones, comparing numbers and finding one less and one more. In science we have been learning about where light comes from and how white light is made and Class 1 have been super scientists this week. Well done! 😊

**Class 2** Class 2 have had a very busy week this week! Thank you to everyone who came to our Class Showcase - we loved sharing our learning with you! In maths, year 3 have started their measure unit and have been reading scales in kg and g. Year 4 have begun their decimals unit and have been counting and identifying tenths. In English, we have worked hard researching and creating some non-fiction writing. In history we have researched what inventions the Ancient Greeks gave us and how they are still relevant inventions today. In DT, we had a great time tie-dying and practising our sewing skills. A super week everyone, well done!

**Class 3** Class 3 have worked incredibly hard this week! We've done some great learning in topic about the end of the Viking reign in Britain and looked at how The Battle of Stamford Bridge and The Battle of Hastings contributed to a new era in the history of our country. We also looked at how Sikhs show commitment to their faith through the 5 K's and what they represent. Within PE, we developed our skills and game knowledge for netball by doing work in and around the shooting circle - Miss Smith is hopeful that we will be able to play some matches on Monday!

### Diary Dates

- 20.3.24 Bring in entries for Easter competitions
- 21.3.24 World Down's Syndrome Day -'21 things' active challenges throughout the day.
- 22.3.24 9am Easter Egg Hunt- families welcome followed by refreshments and Easter competition entries to view.
- 22.3.24 3.15pm Break up for Easter
- 8.4.24 Back to school
- 8.4.24 Eggs to hatch arrive
- 16.4.24 Class 2 Trip to York
- 16.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – in person
- 17.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – online
- 24.4.24 Class 1 Trip to Shibden Hall
- 6.5.24 May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
- 13.5.24 Year 6 SATS week
- 23.5.24 Choir performing at 'Calder's Big Night at The Musicals'
- 5.6.24-7.6.24 Class 3 Residential Trip to Robinwood

### Easter Competitions

Please bring decorated egg entries into school on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** ready for judging. All children will be taking part in the Spring and Easter themed poetry competition in school time.

### Red Nose Day

We have had a fun day dressing in 'red to toe' red and non-uniform today, thank you for all your donations to Comic Relief on ParentPay.

We have held our class joke contests this morning and the class winners were:

Class R: Easton

Class 1: Harley

Class 2: Noah M

Class 3: Edie

School Council held the finals at lunch time and their overall winner was: Easton! Thanks to everyone who entered and did something funny for money!

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## Golden Book Awards

### Kindness Awards:

Class R: Dottie

Class 1: Sebastian

Class 2: George

Class 3: Billy

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Isabelle

Class 1: Poppy E

Class 2: Luna

Class 3: Charlie T-P

### Golden Book Awards:

Class R: Rory

Class 1: Sybil

Class 2: Liora and Amelia

Class 3: Elliot

### Star Award for the Term winners:

Class R: Niamh D-G

Class 1: Milo

Class 2: Effie-Rose

Class 3: Maggie

## Newspaper Club

Next week our Newspaper Club will publish their second edition for everyone to bring home. There is also a competition in there for the children for over the holidays!

## End of Term Assessments and Reports

Due to this term being a short term, we will not be sending home termly assessment reports next week. We wanted to give classes a bit longer for learning and more time for completing and marking assessments. So some classes will be doing some of these before Easter and some the week after. There will then be the opportunity at the upcoming parents' evenings to discuss progress, successes and next steps. Most of the teacher assessments are just part of normal classroom work with teachers and children. Year 6 have been practising their assessments in the format that their SATS tests will be in and we will be sending home some individually targeted homework and revision to support them with their next steps from these and help them feel confident and prepared.

## Active News

On Monday, Sam and Mila brought their swimming certificates in to assembly, and we had a great conversation with lots of other children about their swimming too! This week our Active Leaders have continued to track activity across the school which has included: Super Movers in maths, skipping in PE, Just Dance at wet play times, Go Noodle brain breaks, Forest School and active chronological ordering in history! Thank you to everyone who has supported the Big Walk and Wheel this week too – every journey helps!

## 21 Things Active Challenge

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down's Syndrome Day and the Down's Syndrome Association are challenging everyone to take part in a challenge based on the number 21, as people with Down's Syndrome have an extra copy of chromosome 21. Our Active Leaders have been busy thinking of some active challenges to do on Thursday at break and lunch time and hope everyone joins in to raise awareness and have fun. If anyone would like to join in at home or fundraise for the charity, you can find out more [here](#).

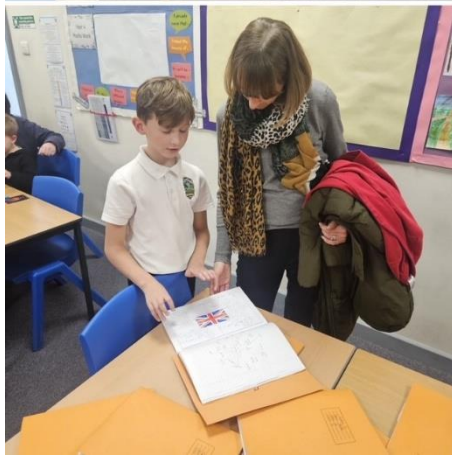
## Birthday Sweets

Bringing in sweets on birthdays has long been a tradition, but it has become more difficult in more recent times. This is due to a few factors including children with allergies and children with religious or personal dietary needs. The cost of providing these for the whole class is also a barrier to some families so not all children are able to do so. It also doesn't fit very well with our Healthy Schools work, as we have been reviewing and reflecting on opportunities for sweet treats in school. Therefore, we would like to request that parents do not send in sweets, cakes etc. when it is a child's birthday. Instead, they will be able to visit Mrs Lambert and choose a little gift from the gift basket. The class will still sing to them and they are still welcome to wear a badge so that everyone wishes them happy birthday on their special day! Thank you for your understanding.



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