



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Class News

Class R Reception have had a fabulous 2nd week in school. They have settled into the routines superbly and have been learning and playing beautifully together. In maths we have been singing number rhymes and joining in with repeating text in stories. In phonics we have started set 1 sounds and met Fred the Frog. In topic we have been thinking about our body. We read 'Funnybones', found out about our own skeletons and identified animals by their skeletons. We named as many parts of the body we could think of and labelled the outline of one of our friends in class. We talked about how we are similar and different and started creating our own Superhero gallery. Well done, Reception!

Class 1 This week Class 1 have worked super hard. Year 1 have learnt how to sort, count objects, count on from any given number and also recognise numbers to 10. Year 2 have spent the week recapping their knowledge of tens and ones and using place value charts. In topic we learnt what an explorer is and discussed what we would like to explore. Next week we will learn all about the significant explorer, Christopher Columbus. In science we have been learning all about atoms and how they are the smallest thing that makes up EVERYTHING! WOW! Well done, Class 1.

Class 2 What a great first full week we have had back at school! We have really got to grips with the place value of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers this week. We can represent and partition these numbers in different ways. In English, we have been focusing on up-levelling our sentences. We have been using more exciting language, fronted adverbials and reminding ourselves about subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. We had a very exciting science lessons learning about solids, liquids and gases. We watched demonstrations using dry ice and watched the gas be released when it made contact with warm water. In geography, we learned about longitude and latitude and practiced using co-ordinates to find places on a map. Well done everyone for a great week!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a great start to new school year and settled back in brilliantly! Year 6 have been super buddies to our new reception pupils while Year 5 have been getting to know the Class 3 pupils and staff. In English, we have started reading our new class book, 'Shackleton's Journey' and have been researching Ernest Shackleton to be able to write biographies about him. In geography, we recapped the water cycle ready for new learning in the rest of the unit and finally in science we reminded ourselves about the formation of atoms within solids, liquids and gasses. We also looked at the periodic table to see which elements we recognised in preparation for next week's lesson!

Diary Dates

18.9.23 3.15-4.30pm KS2 Basketball Club begins
21.9.23 Calder Learning Trust Governors Meeting
21.9.23 4pm HX7 Cross Country Years 3-6, Stubbs Field
25.9.23 All Year 6 Pupils Bikeability Level 1
26.9.23 Some Year 6 pupils will progress to Bikeability Level 2 today. The rest have some fun activities planned!
27.9.23 Reception balance bike training.
28.9.23 9am Golden Book Assembly- families welcome
28.9.23 Macmillan Coffee Morning following assembly
5.10.23 5.30-8pm Calder High Open Evening for Year 5 and 6
16.10.23 Nasal Flu Spray Immunisations
18.10.23 4pm HX7 Cross Country Years 3-6, Stubbs Field
20.10.23 9am Harvest Festival Assembly
24.10.23 Class 2 Tree Planting with Treesresponsibility
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
16.11.23 3pm HX7 Cross Country Qualifier Years 3-6, Stubbs Field
24.11.23 INSET DAY – Calder Learning Trust closed.
29.11.23 1pm Calderdale Cross Country Finals (for those who qualify) at Old Brodleians Rugby Club.
21.12.23 *Thursday* School Closes for Christmas

You said... Can my child walk to and from school themselves?

We said... We advise that this is most suitable for pupils in Years 5 and 6, but it is a parental decision. If your child will be walking to and/or from school, please inform us in writing (letter or email) for our records. Pupils (and families) are able to go across the Calder Learning Trust site as well if this is helpful.

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Welly Wednesday and Forest School

Reception will be having Welly Wednesday (Forest School) every Wednesday afternoon. We have waterproof suits for them, they just need a pair of named wellies in school please (ideally all the time for playing outside too)

Classes 1-3 this year will have 3 blocks of weekly Forest School (approximately 6 sessions each time) over the year which will mainly be in our Forest School Area across the field but will also utilise our allotments at Redacre. This will begin after October half term. Mrs Holland has been planning the sessions and we can't wait to get started!

Reading Books

We ask that children read their school reading book at least 4 times a week to an adult.

We also want pupils to have a love of reading for pleasure and so they also have a library book of their choice each week and we encourage them to enjoy sharing a variety of stories, poetry, fiction and non-fiction with adults at home. If you ever have any queries about their books or how you can support your child, please speak to their class teacher.

PE Days

Reception: Friday

Class 1: Monday and Wednesday

Class 2: Monday and Tuesday

Class 3 Monday and Friday

We ask that children have a PE bag containing both indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times. This helps ensure it is not forgotten for PE days, clubs or events. Please name everything – including the bag!

Pupils should have:

- A Calder Primary red PE t-shirt
- Black shorts for indoor PE
- Black jogging bottoms and a Calder Primary PE hoodie or plain red or black hoodie for outdoor PE
- Trainers (these are better than pumps for grip)
- Socks for PE if they usually wear tights to school.

Please don't wear earrings to school on PE days wherever possible. If they are new earrings, these need to be covered by micropore tape or plasters from home. Watches can be taken off for PE lessons.

Golden Book Awards

Our Golden Book Assembly was interrupted by our individual school photos today. We are rolling over to Monday and so will have double awards next week. We are saving the trophies and certificates too!

Active Schools

It has been great to see active learning across school this week. This is now so embedded that classes don't always even realise this is what they are doing! Class 1 have been doing Super Movers and practical maths, Class 2 had a very busy science lesson and Class 3 were in the car park surveying cars for their maths statistics unit! Reception have been loving trying out the trim trail at playtimes and Breakfast Club were playing hockey this week!

We'd like to say well done to Nellie who achieved her 5 metres and Octopus 1 Swimming Awards and Harriet G who brought in her gymnastics trophies including her Sportsmanship Award! Fabulous!

Reminders

- Packed lunches should not contain nuts, highly processed meat (e.g. pepperami) or high sugar items such as chocolate coated bars.
- Children need a named water bottle in school EVERY DAY! 😊
- Please can Reception pupils have spare clothes including underwear and socks in their bags in case of emergencies. If your child has come home in some Calder Primary spares, please can you wash them and send them back as we're running out -especially of underwear and socks! Outgrown and clean items for donation also welcome!

Calder Primary School (CaPS) PTA

The first CAPS event will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 29th September at 9.30am** (following Friday Assembly). Cake donations welcomed please 😊 It's a good chance to meet some new parents as well as fundraising.

Did you know you can also support our PTA through YourSchoolLottery- you can sign up to play from £1 a week to be in with a chance of winning prizes and a percentage of ticket sales goes back to the PTA too:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

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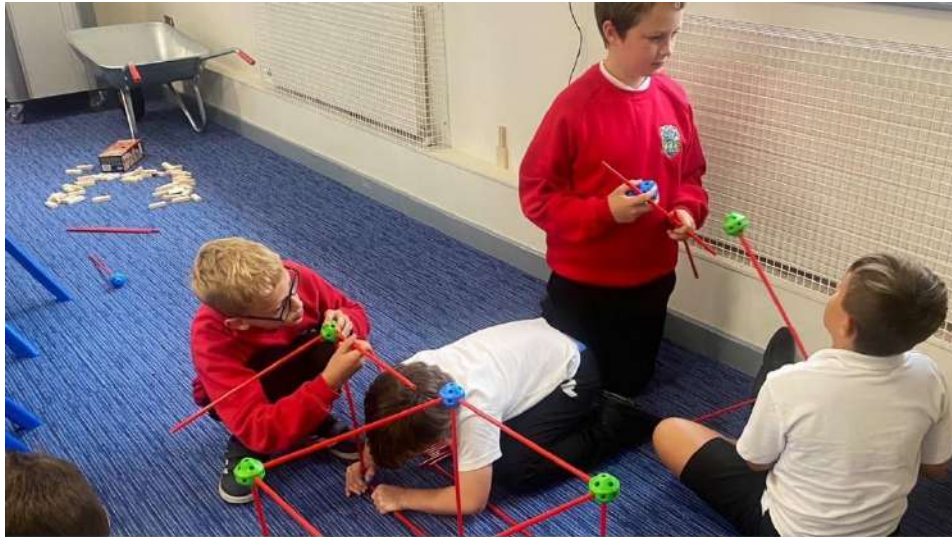
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