

# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024

### Class News

**Class R** In maths this week we have been taking away. We played lots of different games and the children have done a super job. In topic The Gingerbread Man has visited India, China, Australia, Brazil and the USA. We found the countries on the map and talked about how he might have travelled from country to country. We also tried some Bhangra dancing, said hello and goodbye in Mandarin and tried some Samba dancing. On Friday we got to spend time with our buddies, which we loved!

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been super busy! In maths, Y2 have been continuing their amazing work on fractions, finding halves, quarters, and thirds! Y1 have been making equal groups and sharing amounts. In science we have been learning about forces- we explored and investigated how a force can change a solid. We squeezed, bent, squished, twisted, and stretched a range of different objects to see which ones changed shape! In DT the children have worked super hard with their puppets. Throughout the term we planned, designed, practised techniques, made a range of puppets and then finally made our own hand puppets. This afternoon we will be finishing them off and planning/rehearsing our own puppet show.

**Class 2** Class 2 have had a great week this week. In English we have written and edited our setting descriptions. We included fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, rhetorical questions and even similes and metaphors! In maths we have begun our time unit. We are working on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and converting time from analogue clocks to digital clocks. In PE we have competed in some very competitive games of rounders and we now know the rules of how to get each other out and how to score the game. In science we investigated physical and chemical changes. We used different chemicals and observed how they reacted with each other. In geography we have created a poster showing how indigenous live in the Amazon Rainforest. A super week everyone, well done!

**Class 3** This week Year 5 have been busy developing their angles skills by using protractors to measure and draw angles. They have also worked in groups to design an advertising campaign for a brand-new chocolate bar. They have looked at examples of persuasive writing and what type of vocabulary they would need to use for their target audience. They have even blind taste tested some chocolate too! In science we have looked at how an object in motion can have multiple forces acting upon it at one time and in topic we used our tropical rainforest writing to help us compare to other biomes! Finally, in PE we tried a mini-match in cricket and worked on our vault skills in gymnastics! What a busy week!

### Diary Dates

- 22.5.24 Class 2 going to performance by Calder High Band
- 23.5.24 3.15pm Class 3 Residential Information Meeting
- 23.5.24 4.30pm Choir performing at 'Calder's Big Night at The Musicals' in Calder Learning Trust theatre
- 24.5.24 Golden Book Assembly - families welcome
- 24.5.24 Non-uniform day for summer fair – chocolate donation
- 24.5.24 School closes for half term
- 3.6.24 School reopens
- 4.6.24 Class 2 rearranged trip to York
- 5.6.24-7.6.24 Class 3 Residential Trip to Robinwood
- 6.6.24 3.30pm Cross Country for Year 2-6 – our field
- 10.6.24 Year 3 to Footsteps at Cragg Vale Church
- 10.6.24 Year 4 'Lights Camera Score' at Victoria Theatre
- 10.6.24 Year 6 to Calder High transition activities
- 13.6.24 Calder Learning Trust Awards Evening
- 13.6.24 Year 5 to Calder High transition activities
- 14.6.24 PM All Classes transition afternoon
- 14.6.24 3.30pm PTA Summer Fair
- 24.6.24 1.15-2.45pm Sports Day Afternoon
- 28.6.24 1.15-2.45 Reserve Date Sports Day Afternoon
- 1.7.24 Choir performing at Voices Together at Victoria Theatre
- 4.7.24 Year 6-Year 7 Welcome Evening
- 5.7.24 Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Day
- 5.7.24 Years 1-5 Trip to Jodrell Bank
- 11.7.24 2.30pm Class 2 ukulele performance to families
- 12.7.24 AM All classes transition morning
- 15.7.24 Year 6 Leavers Event (don't tell them!)
- 16.7.24 Calder Learning Trust Culture Day
- 18.7.24 9am Leavers and End of Term Assembly - families welcome
- 19.7.24 School closes for summer – lunchtime

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### Transition Dates

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 visit Calder High for transition activities during the day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 5 visit Calder High for transition activities during the day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June PM:** New Reception in school, all children move up to their new class for the afternoon (Year 6 have something to do separately too 😊)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 go up to Calder High for the full school day

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July AM:** New Reception pupils in school

**W/C 15<sup>th</sup> July:** New Reception children home visits and nursery visits

### Awards

Well done to our award winners this week!

#### Kindness Awards

Class R: Niamh L-N

Class 1: Harley

Class 2: Luna

Class 3: Florence G

#### Stars of the Week

Class R: Oliver

Class 1: Noah B

Class 2: Pippa-May

Class 3: Otto

### SATS Week

Well done to our fabulous Year 6 pupils for working hard and trying their best in their SATS tests this week – we are very proud of them all!

Results will be shared, along with Teacher Assessment judgements, in July.

### Break a leg!

Well done to Angelina, Poppy and Maggie who as well as their SATS this week, have also been performing in St Michael's production of Joseph! We can't wait to come and see you in action and know lots of pupils and staff are planning to go along this weekend too!

### New Computer System

We are sure you will be pleased to hear that The Calder Learning Trust will be having a new management information system from September called Arbor. This will replace our current providers (Class Charts, SIMS, Parent Cloud, Parent Pay, PS Connect for emails and more!) and be one simple system with an app for parents where you can receive messages and alerts, complete forms and upload information. We know many parents have difficulties with some of our current systems and hope this will be a much easier and simpler system for everyone to use. More information to follow on this!

### Residential Information Meeting

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.15pm there will be the opportunity to find out more about the upcoming Class 3 Residential trip and ask any questions you might have. We don't anticipate the meeting being any longer than 15-20mins. Thanks!

### Musical Experiences

Due to some wonderful music experiences at the moment including Voices Together and Lights, Camera, Score (which are involving quite a bit of rehearsal and also commitment to filming/recording) and clashes with these dates, we haven't been able to take part in Key Steps Gymnastics Competitions this year 😞 But we hope to get back to it next year!

### Active News

Last week in assembly, the children fed back ideas for new equipment they would like and ideas for our next steps with Healthy Schools. They had some great, insightful ideas around Physical, Emotional Wellbeing and Food.

We have had a big equipment order arrive this week with lots of new athletics and playtime equipment for our Active Leaders to start thinking about what they could organise with it.

In addition, following pupils' suggestions, we have put up some new posters alerting the children that we have a supplies box of spare period products and hygiene items including deodorant and toothbrushes/toothpaste. If they need anything, they are welcome to come and use it, or ask any member of staff for the 'red box'.

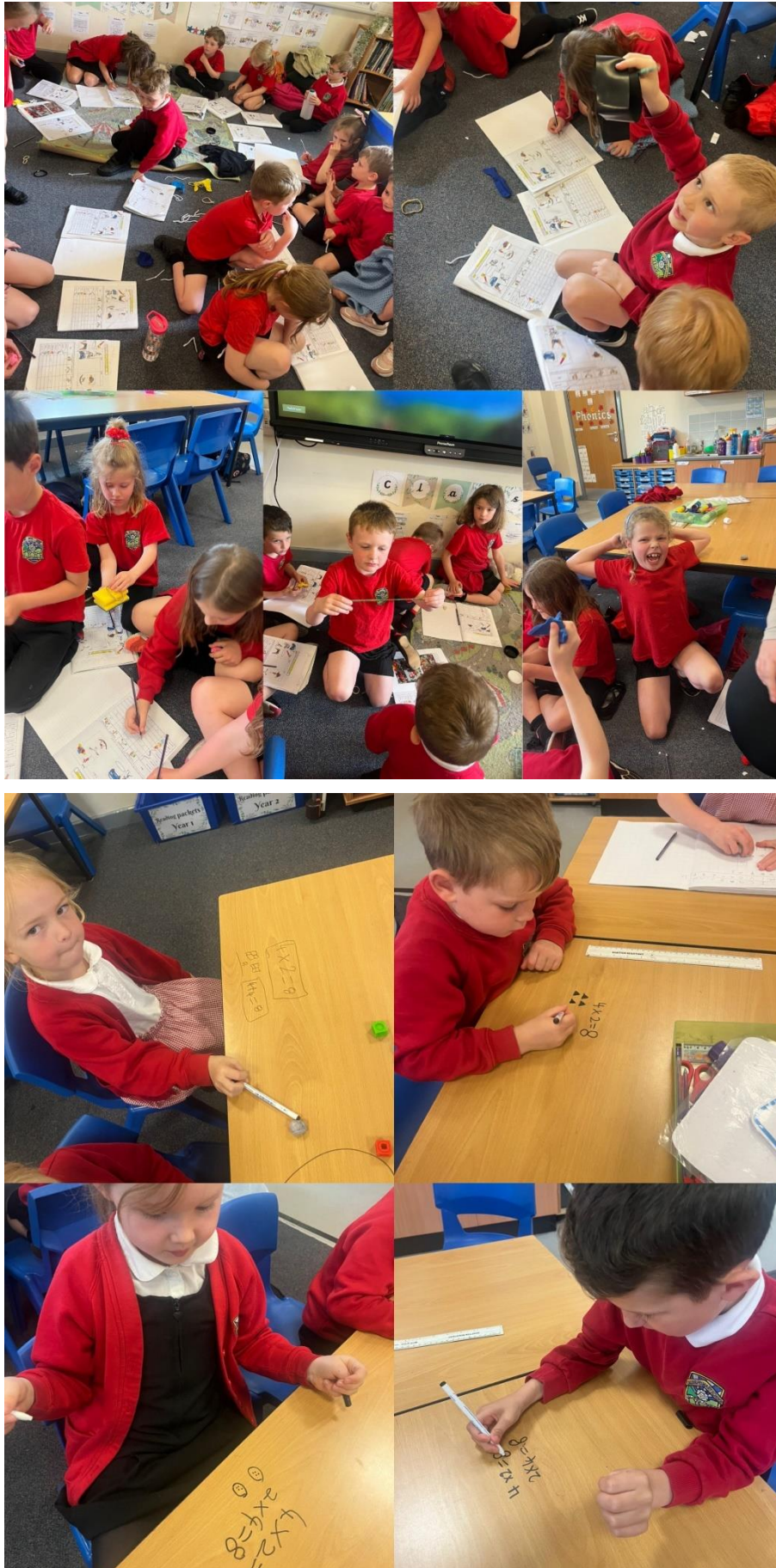
### Summer Drama

Please see below for a poster for a theatre summer school opportunity for children aged 6-11 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall with Zara Howard, drama and dance teacher (and mum to Reuben 😊)



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## HOLIDAY SCHOOL

Boost confidence, learn new skills  
and have fun through dance and  
drama sessions.

Monday 22nd July and  
Tuesday 23rd July 9:30 - 3:30pm

@Hebden Bridge Townhall

Ages 6-11

£25 per day (sibling and second date discounts available).

Contact Zara on [zara@limehouse.tv](mailto:zara@limehouse.tv)  
or call 07860 455502 for more details and to book your place!

Run by qualified teachers with DBS.

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