



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Class News

Class R This week we have been super busy! We have been investigating the senses of smell and taste. In maths we have been learning about subitising and finished our week by learning 1 more and 1 less. We had lots of fun fruit and vegetable printing to celebrate the Harvest Festival and linking to our smell and taste senses. We learnt that our taste buds help us decide if we like or dislike a food or drink, we then talked about our favourite fruit and completed our own fruit bowl. The children have loved being messy - scooping out the pumpkins and sorting the insides into 2 buckets: seeds and pulp. We then can use this in our mud kitchen to make a range of potions and recipes! This activity has been great for their fine motor skills, sorting skills and sensory awareness!

Class 1. This week in maths we have been finding doubles and near doubles. We read 'Albert Doubles the Fun' and then completed a challenge where we had to double a number of items in order to double Albert's fun. In geography we designed our own national parks, learned about the Maasai Mara and held a jumping competition. In PSHE we met Mimi the Martian who wanted help to be a good friend. We took turns to give Mimi advice and then wrote her some friendship pointers. In RE we found out how Buddhists show care in the community and discussed the similarities we noticed with the other religions we have been learning about this half term. Great work Class 1!

Class 2 Class 2 have worked incredibly hard this week, especially in geography getting to grips with new vocabulary: urban and rural. Class 2 used Lego to demonstrate their understanding of the differences between the two areas. In PE we worked on our chest passes and learnt about shoulder passes and the technique for these. In maths we are continuing to work on calculations and focused on subtraction this week. We looked at when we might need to exchange from the next column to borrow some of the value. Well done, Class 2!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a wonderfully busy week this week! In maths we have started our fractions unit and have been busy converting between mixed and improper fractions as well as finding equivalent fractions in their simplest form. In English we have created some poetry based around the mythical creatures that we have looked at. We started creating some poems with rhyming couplets and then we used this as our basis for some blackout poetry. In science we discovered what bacteria we had grown and looked at how we classify living things. In PE, we enjoyed some hockey games and Miss Robinson was very impressed with how much our skills had developed over the unit!

Diary Dates

- 22.10.24 **SEND only** Parent Meetings *Book on Arbor*
- 23.10.24 Class R visit to the Fire Station
- 23.10.24 PTA Halloween Disco
- 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.
- 5.11.24 Class 3 Trip to Imperial War Museum
- 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 – in person. We will send a message when this is open to book.
- 14.11.24 3pm KS2 Cross Country at Stubbs Field – including qualifier opportunity for Calderdale
- 15.11.24 Children in Need
- 19.11.24 Hebden Royd Mayor visiting us
- 22.11.24 PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night
- 26.11.24 Class 1 Trip to Temple Newsam
- 27.11.24 1pm KS2 Cross Country Calderdale Finals at Old Brodlians *only for those who qualify*
- 29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed to pupils/students for INSET
- 6.12.24 9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly – families welcome
- 6.12.24 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair
- 11.12.24 2.15pm and 6.00pm Nativity Concerts
- 12.12.24 School Trip to Pantomime
- 13.12.24 Christmas Lunch
- 20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you if you have completed our Parent Questionnaire already!
If you haven't yet had chance, it will be open until Friday 25th October at 9am.
The link for the survey was sent in a letter by email from Mrs Pickup last week. Thanks!

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Awards

We didn't have our assembly awards today as we were celebrating our Harvest Festival!
However, we would like to say an extra well done to our Reception and Class 1 children who have been completing their half termly phonics assessments with Mrs Kennedy – they were amazing, she was so impressed! Keep up the good work everyone, and thank you parents too for your support with their phonics and reading at home.

Active News

Reception made some beautiful Autumn wands at Muddy Monday Forest School by collecting autumn leaves and other natural treasures.
Class 1 had more active maths lessons in the playground – a great way to learn!
Class 2 were up and out of their chairs, working in teams to read recipes, measure ingredients and bake some delicious looking cakes.
Class 3 enjoyed creating their own yoga routines, based on all their learning from this term.
We have all enjoyed lots of actions with autumn singing and rapping!

Halloween and Half Term Fun

There are still some spaces at the half term activities at Little Village Learners Holiday Club.
Calderdale Libraries have lots of different sessions including some you can drop into (no need to book)
Hebden Bridge Town Council's Pumpkin Festival is coming up this weekend too.
All 3 can be searched for on Facebook for full details!

Halloween Disco

Thanks for all the ticket sales so far! It would be really helpful if you could buy these today (or Monday at the latest) so we know how many children are coming.
PTA will be running some competitions on the night including Best Halloween Costume!

Clubs

Following on from the ideas from pupils for clubs, we have arranged:

- KS2 (Years 3-6) Football Club – 5 weeks beginning Monday 11th November 3.15-4.15pm
- KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Lego Club 6 weeks beginning Monday 4th November 3.15-4.15pm
- Choir (Years 3-6, Year 2 – by arrangement with Miss Appleyard 😊) Wednesdays 12pm starting 16/10/24

Harvest Collection

Thank you for joining us at our Harvest Festival Assembly this morning, we hope you enjoyed it. Unfortunately, the representative from Smartmove was poorly so they are rearranging to come back and speak to the children about their charity and collect the food donations. This does mean though that there is still time to bring any donations in next week if you hadn't had chance yet or forgot and are able to help. Thank you!

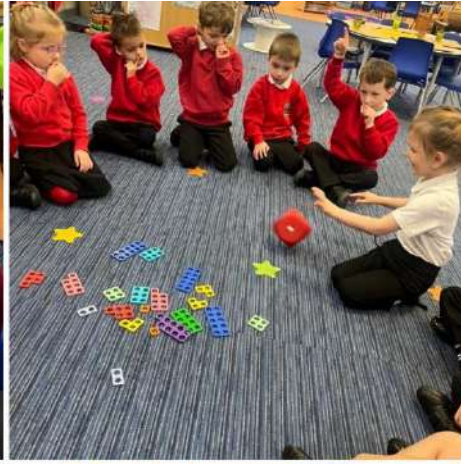
We would be very grateful for donations of:

- Tinned foods such as beans, soup, custard
- Dried foods such as rice, pasta
- Packets and long-life foods

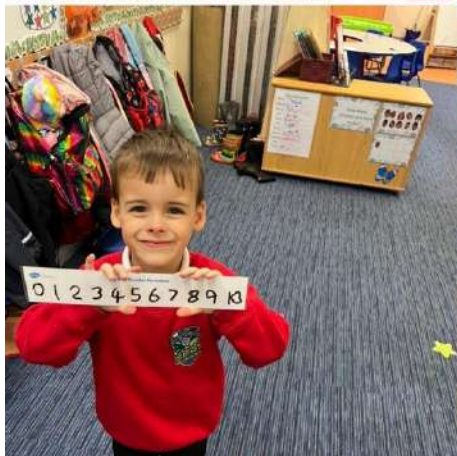
<https://happydaysuk.org/smartmove/>

Pupil Premium Funding

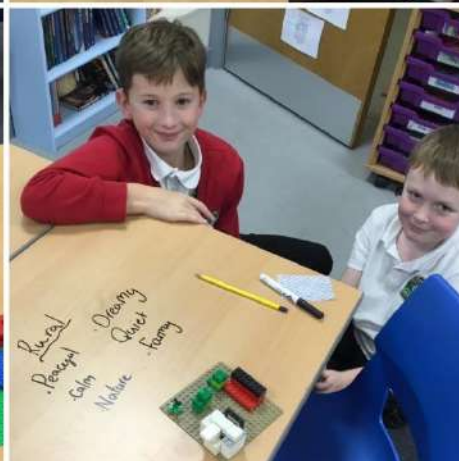
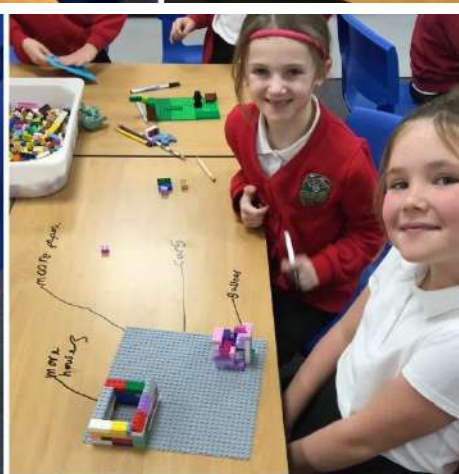
Did you know – if you have an older child at The Calder Learning Trust who is eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding, this doesn't automatically mean a younger sibling receives this. If you have an older child who receives this support, please apply for your younger child too.
You can do this [here](#) or pop into the office and ask Mrs Pickup to help you complete this.
If you're unsure if you might be eligible, the criteria and application form can be found at the link above too – it is always worth checking!



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CALDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN SCHOOL DISCO

23rd Oct 3:15pm-4:30pm
Fancy dress welcome!

£4 per child - includes drink & snack
(advance purchase from reception)
Pick up 4:30pm Calder Primary



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Local Clubs

- Judo Excellence – Hebden Bridge
www.judoexcellence.co.uk - free trial available
- Girls and Boys Football: Hebden Bridge Saints
www.hbsaints.com
KiXX Football Coaching for ages 3-8 at Mytholmroyd Community Centre
www.kixx.org.uk
- Performing Arts: Mytholmroyd St Michael's Amateurs.
Find them on Facebook to get involved in future productions (KS2 upwards).
- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts – find local contact details at: www.scouts.org.uk/groups
- Rainbows, Brownies and Guides – find local contact details at: www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/finding-your-nearest-unit/
- Mytholmroyd Community Centre – a range of clubs including Calder Valley Fell Running, Karate, Kixx Football and Mytholmroyd Girls' Cricket. Gym classes for adults.
www.mycc.org.uk/Sports-and-Clubs.html
- Calderdale Music Trust – music lessons, bands, choirs, groups and more! At their centre in Halifax but also some groups are in Hebden Bridge too:
www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/

Got a club or activity group that you'd like us to include? Please email primary@calderlearningtrust.com and we can add it to the list!