

# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

### Class News

**Class R** What a busy week! On Monday we read Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris. We talked about the different dragons in the story and the children then painted and described their own dragon - there were some fabulous ideas! We loved our visit to St Michael's Parish Church on Tuesday where we got to see (and touch) many of the things we have been learning about in RE this half term. On Wednesday, we took part in The Big Schools' Birdwatch and were fantastic at identifying the different birds that we saw. In Music we were super detectives - we listened to Cuckoo Polka by Johann Strauss II and identified the cuckoo sounds as well as listening to and identifying our friends' singing voices.

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been map drawing during our geography lessons! We looked at our local area and created a map using a key and symbols! In science we learnt about different parts of the ear and how we support and help people with hearing impairments. Y2 have been fabulous during their English lessons this week, we have been on a toad fact hunt and started our non-chronological report writing. Y1 have been completing some amazing number bonds to 20, practical activities with partners and we even wrote the number sentences on the table! A great week everyone!

**Class 2** Class 2 have created some wonderful sensory poems this week! The poems included personification, metaphors and similes which were all new terms to us! In maths, the Year 3's have been learning about measuring in cm, m and km and the Year 4's have been learning how to calculate perimeter. In science, we investigated conductors and insulators. We had to use our knowledge of circuits to decide whether a material would conduct the electricity. In geography, we researched facts about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. We identified them on a map and recalled their flags, capital cities and patron saints! A great week everyone, well done!

**Class 3.** This week Class 3 have been busy researching a range of contrasting biomes that we find on our planet, ready for our class showcase next week! In maths, Year 6 have been getting to grips with ratio (and did a fantastic job!) while Year 5 have been multiplying multi-digit numbers together. In science, Class 3 have been investigating reflection and what properties make an object a better reflector than others. We then discussed where reflection comes into our daily lives such as mirrors on a car or sometimes on windows. We've also worked hard on completing our formal letters in English and developing our own street dance routines in PE!

### Diary Dates

5.2.24 Children's Mental Health Week  
6.2.24 Class R's trip to Cromwell Bottom  
6.2.24 2.30pm Class 1's Class Showcase  
7.2.24 3.15pm Class 3 Class Showcase  
9.2.24 2.30pm Class R's Class Showcase  
9.2.24 Break up for half term  
19.2.24 Back to school  
22.2.24 Class 3 Mental Health Workshop 'kindness, friendship and social media'  
6.3.24 Class 2 Mental Health Workshop 'self-esteem'  
7.3.24 World Book Day  
13.3.24 2.30pm Class 2's Class Showcase  
15.3.24 9am Golden Book Assembly and End of Term Awards – families welcome  
15.3.23 Red Nose Day – Comic Relief  
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  
16.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – in person  
17.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – online

### Spring Clubs

- **Newspaper Club** -KS2 Wednesdays 12pm
- **Choir** – Years 2-6 Tuesdays 12pm
- **Dodgeball** – KS2, Mondays 3.15-4.15pm (until 18/3/24)
- **Cookery** – Years 1 and 2 Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm from 21/2/24 for 4 weeks – letter coming out next week with more details.
- **Active Leaders at Playtimes** - Wednesdays
- **CHS Band, Choir and Sports Clubs** – continue to be available to Year 6
- **Unfortunately Judo have a member of staff who has left, so this has been postponed until summer**
- **Lego Club:** Reception and Year 1 Wednesdays 3.15-4pm from 21/2/24 for 5 weeks – letter coming out next week with details.

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## Golden Book Awards

### Kindness Awards:

Class R: Rory

Class 1: Riley

Class 2: Theia

Class 3: Jake

### Golden Book Certificates:

Class R: Isabelle

Class 1: Faith

Class 2: Skyla

Class 3: Holly

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Bealey

Class 1: Harley

Class 2: Arabella

Class 3: Eliana

## Children's Mental Health Week

Please see the poster below to show everything we have planned for Children's Mental Health Week. We hope to have some displays up by Friday and parents would be most welcome to come and visit and see what we have been up to from 3pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Parking and Collecting

Unfortunately, we have had a few incidents recently at drop-off and home time – please can we ask that you follow the points below and also pass this on to anyone else who collects your children, for example grandparents or older siblings.

- Wherever possible, please walk, scoot or cycle onto site for drop-off and collection.
- Please only drive onto site from the Appleyard Road entrance.
- Please park in the car park or the drop off lanes and behind.
- If you have driven to the drop off lanes or behind, please then exit at the Brier Hey Lane end, rather than swinging the car around to leave from Appleyard Road again.
- If the drop off lane area is full, please drive through, out of Brier Hey Lane and park elsewhere.
- Please **do not park next to the playground** or on the bend, this makes it very difficult for buses that arrive late or for trips/fixtures and there have been accidents as a result of this in the past.
- The bus lane next to school is for after-school club collection by The Ark.
- Please do not swear on our school site or grounds.
- Please do not allow dogs to foul on our grass areas and please keep dogs off the playgrounds. Please have them on leads.
- Please make sure staff can see you if you collecting – ideally wait on the playground but if you have a dog, please wait by the gate so they can see you.

Many thanks for your cooperation and assistance with this. If you have any problems or concerns, please do get in touch.

## Mental Health Session Feedback

If you attended the Mental Health Session for parents last week with Amber, she would be very grateful if you could complete this short feedback survey [here](#)

## Number Day

Everyone looks amazing today for Number Day - thank you! We've got calculators, dominoes, Number Blocks, football and hockey kits and more! Thanks to Miss Appleyard for organising the day.

If you are able to donate £1 to our collection for the NSPCC on ParentPay, we would be most grateful.

## Reception visit to St Michael's Church

Reception had a lovely time at St Michael's church on Tuesday exploring and handling the artefacts they had been learning about in RE. Our thanks to Geraldine Wrathall for taking the children around the church and telling them all about it. She said they were super ambassadors for our school too!

## Safeguarding Notice - WhatsApp

We have received a concerning notice from our Calderdale Safeguarding Officer that there are WhatsApp groups circulating with inconspicuous names such as 'All Year 7's in the world' that when opened contain inappropriate and pornographic content. The age guidance for WhatsApp is 13 however many pupils younger than this use this. It is advised that parents regularly check phones, supervise access, set boundaries and discuss these with them.



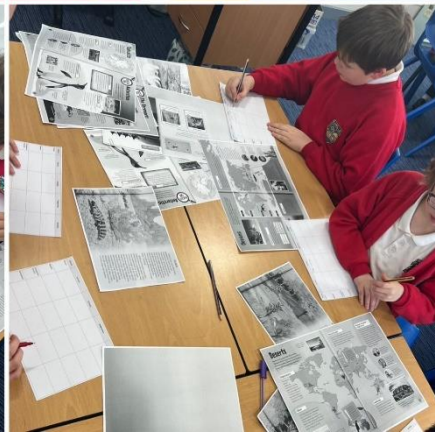
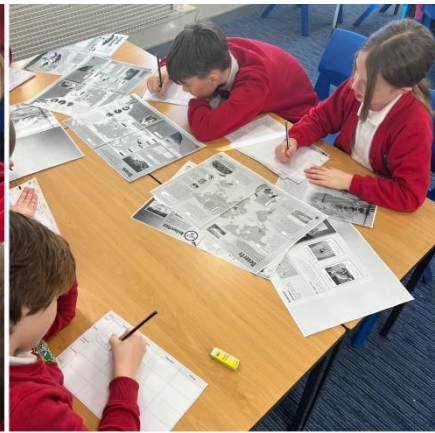
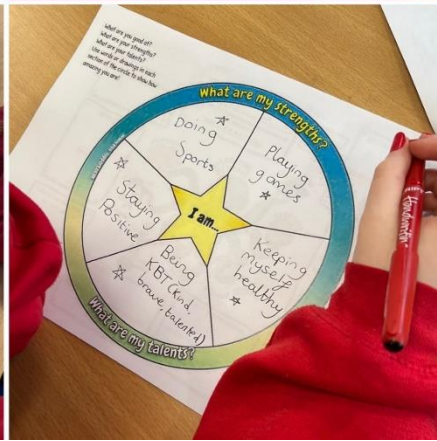
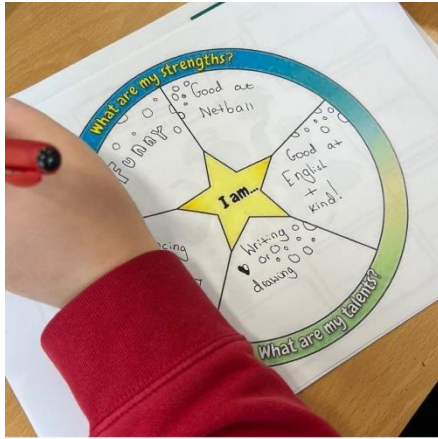
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Day	What's On
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'My Voice Matters' megaphones</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proud poetry</li><li>• Letters of gratitude</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wellbeing walks</li><li>• Active lunch time challenges</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calder High Mental Health Ambassadors coming to work with us</li><li>• Assembly with Amber</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sharing our work from the week.</li><li>• Sharing our ideas of top tips for pupils, adults and families!</li></ul>
Throughout the week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assemblies – children who have used their voices to help change the world!</li><li>• Learning a positive song with BSL</li><li>• Opportunities to talk about mental health and share activities that promote mindfulness</li></ul>



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# JUNIOR Tennis CAMP



**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH &  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH**



- HOLIDAY SPORT CAMPS FOR AGES 6-14  
- HALF DAY & FULL DAY OPTIONS

EARLY DROP OFF FROM 9AM - £5

LATE PICK UP UNTIL 4PM - £5

\*SUBJECT TO NUMBERS

**Early Booking Recommended!**

For more information/to book your place

email us at....

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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM



# Booking Form

**Fees (Reception children upwards)**  
 Full Day - £35.00 (7.30am-6pm, inc breakfast & tea)  
 School Hours - £23.50 (9am - 3.30pm)

Hot lunches available to buy - £2 for 2 courses, or bring a packed lunch.  
 Circle the activity cost if you wish to take part and enclose money with the form.

DATE	ACTIVITY	Extra cost of activity	Hot Lunch £2 per day	SESSION REQUIRED (if all day or School Hours only)
MONDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Chinese New Year – Year of the Dragon</b> Dragon dancing. Making Paper Dragons & Paper Lanterns. Make our own stir fry lunch. 	£2	-	
TUESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Pancake Day</b> Pancake activities involving making pancakes and games.			
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> February	 <b>Valentine's Day</b> Making heart shaped biscuits to take home. Making heart decorations and crafts.			
THURSDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Airtime Trampolining, Halifax</b> Travel by bus. Bring packed lunch/drink in a small rucksack. Please bring your own jump/grip socks if you have them. <i>A disclaimer will need to be completed by parents - requirement of the venue.</i>	£12	-	
FRIDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> February	AM - <b>Bouldering</b> on the climbing wall at the Community Centre. PM - <b>Nerf Day fun</b> - Bring your own gun or use one of ours.  Wear pumps or trainers and comfy clothing.	£5		
MONDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Burnley Rd - School Training Day - A day out at a local park</b> Wrap up in suitable weather clothing and shoes. Bring a packed lunch and drink in a small rucksack.	-	-	

All trip and lunch money **MUST** be paid up-front with the booking form

Child(ren)'s name(s) ..... Age(s) .....

Date ..... Money enclosed ..... Booking taken by .....



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## FEBRUARY HALF TERM

### Supertato

### Potato Stamping

11.00am

Thursday 15th February

Sowerby Bridge Library

Book your place online!



# FEBRUARY HALF TERM

## Family Lego Mosaic Workshop

**Elland Library**  
**Thursday 15th Feb**  
**11.00am – 3.00pm**



**Hebden Bridge Library**  
**Friday 16th Feb**  
**10.30am – 2.30pm**



**Drop in, no need to book**

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