

Calder Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Class News

Class R

In Topic we have started talking about our Super Powers. We have been discussing kindness, sharing, empathy and friendship and thinking of the ways we can show others these Super Powers. In maths we have been finding out about 1, 2 and 3. We have been finding, matching and subitising 1, 2 and 3 in our activities and games. We have also been working hard to prepare for our performance in the Harvest assembly - we hope you liked it!

Class 1

This week Class 1 have been learning all about Greta Thunberg and Waagari Maathai. We discussed how they helped the conservation of our planet and wrote action bubbles based on what Greta did to make a change and a difference. After that we wrote our own earth promise like Waagari- What can we do to help the conservation?

In Maths Year 2 have been completing some super adding, they have added across 10 and been recapping their subtraction skills. Year 1 have also been completing some addition problems using objects to help their understanding. In science we discussed properties, how can we describe what a material is like, is it smooth, rigid, flexible, shiny? Well done Class 1.

Class 2

Class 2 have had a great week this week! In maths, we have focused on using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve problems. We have also been very competitive with our TTRS scores! In English, we have started planning our own story based around our class book 'The Comet'. We drew and described our dream houses to start our story. In geography, we used what we have learned over this unit to research and create a poster about a country. We thought about their location on a map and what time zone they are in. A super week Class 2, well done!

Class 3

Class 3 worked have worked hard in English this week creating speeches as Ernest Shackleton and other members of the Endurance crew. They all worked hard to think about the vocabulary that would be used at the time and how to make their speeches motivational to boost the morale of the ship. In RE, we started looking at places of Christian pilgrimage and in Science we have worked hard to understand dissolving and think about materials that are soluble or insoluble. Class 3 have also enjoyed taking part in all of the new clubs on offer too!

Diary Dates

24.10.23 Reception Trip to Cromwell Bottom

24.10.23 Slow the Flow visit to Class 3

26.10.23 3.30-5pm PTA Halloween Disco Year 1-6. (Reception will have a class mini disco the same day)

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

14.11.23 and 15.11.23 3.30-6.00pm Parents Evenings (both in-person)

16.11.23 3pm HX7 Cross Country Qualifier Years 3-6, Stubbs Field

18.11.23 4.00pm Mytholmroyd Lights Switch on - Choir performing.

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.

1.12.23 9am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly (families welcome)

1.12.23 After-School PTA Christmas Fair

7.12.23 AM KS2 Team to Tenpin Bowling Competition

7.12.23 2pm and 6pm Nativity Show (all pupils involved)

19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip

20.12.23 Christmas Parties

21.12.23 *Thursday* School Closes for Christmas

Rotary Shoebox & Poppy Appeals

We are once again supporting the Rotary Club Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Boxes are available to collect from Mrs Pickup or you can provide your own. Please label it clearly on the lid to assist with the sorting process (girl, boy, infant, teenager etc) and you can decorate the box but please do not wrap it up. We have also just taken delivery of Poppy Appeal merchandise this week and these are also available from Mrs Pickup for a suggested donation of £1 per item. Pupils are welcome to bring money into school or you can visit the office before or after school.

Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: John Class 1: Mary Class 2: Amelia Class 3: Elliot

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Niamh L-N Class 1: Jessica Class 2: Harriet Class 3: Angelina

Mental Health Survey

If you have not yet had the chance to complete the short survey written by Amber our allocated MHST then there is still time to do it. The aim of the survey is for Amber to gather views and ideas from parents and carers about the best ways to support our pupils and families. You have until **Monday 6**th **November** to complete the survey and Amber is very grateful to those of you who have already taken a few minutes to fill it in. Thank you!

Survey Link

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the generous donations you made for our Harvest Festival. All the children in school worked incredibly hard on their performances and we hope you enjoyed the morning. A special thank you to Mrs Holland for leading assembly too!

Forest School

In preparation for our Forest School sessions beginning after half term, pupils have had a special assembly with Mrs Holland this week where our Forest School Leaders were introduced. They are:

Class R: Dottie

Class 1: Jessica and Charlie Class 2: Stanley and Ellie

Class 3: Jake

Pupils learned about the importance of recycling, the positive effect this can have on the environment and ways we can all reduce, reuse and recycle.

Mrs Holland and the leaders also introduced a competition to design a Tree Champion and the winning design will become our Forest School mascot. We can't wait to see all the ideas our pupils come up with!

Thank you

Thank you for the support you have shown school as Mrs Lambert takes some time away to recuperate from her operation. I'm sure you are all wishing her well and a speedy recovery.

In the meantime, I will do my best to keep school running smoothly and please feel free to contact me if you think there is anything I can help you with. I am currently in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but after the half term break I will be in on Thursdays too.

There's lots in the diary for next half term as we hold Parents' Evenings, begin Forest School sessions, attend sports competitions and have all our usual end of term Christmas events so I'm sure it will be a busy but fun time.

Mrs Kennedy

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to Reception parents who were able to come along to our Phonics Information meeting earlier this week. We hope you found it useful. If you were unable to join us, please see Miss Moran for a pack of information and there will be another opportunity to see some of the resources we use in school at our Parents' Evenings in November.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco for children in Year 1 to Year 6 is on **Thursday 26**th **October, 3.15pm-5.00pm**. Tickets are still available to buy from Mrs Pickup at a

cost of £3 per child.

Reception children will have their own disco separately during the school day on Thursday 26th October and are welcome to bring their own clothes or Halloween fancy dress to change into for this.

Reception Parent Catch-Up Chats

If your child is in Reception and you have not yet had a catch-up chat with Miss Moran, please speak to her to arrange a convenient date and time. These meetings are a chance to meet with Miss Moran about how your child has settled into school this half term, ask any questions you might have and get to know our Reception staff a little better.

PTA Parent/Carer Social

Friday 20th October, 7.30pm meet at The Shoulder of Mutton, Mytholmroyd. All welcome!















HALLOWEEN DISCO





