



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

Class News

Class R This week in maths we have been matching and sorting objects into groups and thinking about their properties. In phonics we have learnt lots of new sounds: m,a,s,d,t,i. Alongside learning the sound, we have learnt the letter formation and have tried really hard to write it beautifully. Our theme this week was 'our bodies' and our focused text has been 'Funny Bones' so we have completed lots of fun activities linked to that. Reception loved drawing around themselves and labelling their body parts and we sang 'head shoulders knees and toes' On Monday we went on our first Muddy Monday adventure. We explored the grounds and collected natural resources for our 'Journey Jars'.

Class 1 In science we have been thinking about the human life cycle. We loved looking at photos of our friends as babies and toddlers, trying to guess who was in the photo and discussing how we change as we grow up. We considered what the children can do now that they couldn't when they were younger, what the adults in our class can do that the children can't and also what the children can do that the adults can no longer do! In geography we have been finding out about the weather and climate in Kenya. We looked at a range of photographs and sorted them in to hot and cold places by looking for clues in the pictures and explained our reasoning.

Class 2 Class two have worked hard in English this week to complete their character descriptions of Mr Wormwood from Matilda. Mrs Dean and I have been impressed with the vocabulary that Class 2 have chosen to use in their writing! In geography, we discussed the differences between villages, towns and cities and used the atlases to find different settlements in the UK and decide if they were a village, town or city. In maths, we have been using number lines to help us compare and order numbers. Finally, in PSHE we have been discussing families and how each family can be different to our own. Well done on some brilliant work this week, Class 2!

Class 3 What a super week Class 3 have had this week. In English they edited and published their instructions for creating a potion of their own creation. These were really imaginative and some of the language choices were amazing! In maths, we learned about negative numbers. We can compare and order negative numbers and we can use negative number lines to add and subtract. In PE, we competed in our first matches of hockey. We practiced our passing and invasion skills and then applied these to a game. In science, we learned about MRS GREN and the process of living things. We also identified how all living things are made up of cells and then we compared how animal cells are different to plant cells. Everyone has had a very busy week!

Diary Dates

27.9.24 9.00am Golden Book Assembly followed by PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning and meeting
3.10.24 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
3.10.24 Calder High Open Evening for Years 5 and 6
8.10.24 Class R trip to Eureka
18.10.24 9.00am Harvest Festival Assembly – families welcome
W/C 21.10.24 SEND Parent Meetings
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.
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
26.11.24 Class 1 Trip to Temple Newsam
29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed to pupils/students for INSET
6.12.24 9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly – families welcome
20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

Music Lessons

We have two new music teachers from the music trust who have availability for music lessons in piano and violin: Mark Donlon (piano) and Laurie Moss (violin and piano)

They are offering free taster sessions next Friday 27th September for any children who would be interested in either instrument. We have a piano and Laurie can bring violins for anyone to try.

Individual, paired and small group lessons are available.

Additionally, if children are interested in learning any other instruments, please do enquire with the music trust who may be able to provide this in school or at their centre. There is a cost for these additional lessons and instruments are available to loan.

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Awards

Kindness:

Class R: Josephine

Class 1: Dottie

Class 2: Charlotte

Class 3: Eliza

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Eilo

Class 1: Poppy

Class 2: Noah B

Class 3: Ben

Well done everyone!

Mobile Phones

A reminder please that pupils need to turn off and hand in their mobile phone when they arrive to school. Only those children who have a reason to bring one, e.g. walking home independently, should bring one at all. If they are in breakfast club, please can they hand this to Mrs Pickup on arrival for safe keeping. Thanks!

School Councillors

Congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors for 2024/2025, as voted for by their classmates:

Year 1: Mila

Year 2: Henry

Year 3: Grayson and Chloe

Year 4: Noah M and Lottie

Year 5: Amelia and Arabella

Year 6: Jake and Edie

Active News

We had a wonderful turn out at the first HX7 Sports Key Stage 2 Cross Country race of the season! Everyone completed the course, including our new Year 3's and some Year 4's who had not taken part before – amazing!

We are now awaiting the full results list.

The following dates for Cross Country (weather depending) are:

16th October 4pm, Stubbs Field

14th November 3pm, Stubbs Field – including qualifier opportunity for Calderdale

27th November – 1pm, Old Brodlians - Calderdale

Finals *only for those who qualified*

16th January, 3pm, Stubbs Field

Reading volunteers

If anyone knows of anybody who might be interested in coming into school regularly to listen to some children read, for example a grandparent, please get in touch. They would need to be happy to have a DBS check and would only need to commit to up to an hour each week ideally.

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our first Family Golden Book Assembly will be **Friday 27th September**. At this our PTA will also be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. If you're able to donate a cake, please get in touch with the PTA or Mrs Pickup.

Please bring along some cash for coffee, tea and cakes (take-aways available too!)

PTA will also be holding a short meeting afterwards and would love some parents/family members to come along. This does not mean you are committed to a job if you do!

Class Welcome Letters

These were emailed out last week, thank you for the positive feedback on them!

If you didn't receive one for your child, please get in touch with us to check your details.

Jewellery

Pupils are permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings and a watch to school if they would like to. Watches can have Fitbit/step count functionality but should not be able to call or take photos/videos.

All earrings should be removed for PE for safety. We have had a lot of children this week in earrings who cannot remove them for PE lessons.

It is much simpler if they can come to school without their earrings on their PE days, as it also helps them not get lost too. Or if they are removing them themselves at school, please can they bring a named container to put them in.

If your child has had their ears pierced very recently, please can they bring some micropore tape to cover them instead for the first 6 weeks.



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