



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Class News

**Class R** This week we have read 'Here Come the Aliens' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'! We have written descriptions of the aliens and designed new underpants for them. In maths we have continued looking at how to make 10. In RE we found out about Easter: we made Easter cards and wrote our own Easter poems!

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been working super hard on their assessments. They completed maths, reading, SPaG and phonics- super busy! Alongside this, Class 1 have been learning all about Percy Shaw and why he was significant to Halifax. In RE we focused on the Easter story and sequenced the important events and also used the opportunity to complete some lovely pastel artwork linking to the celebration. In maths we have now moved on to looking at length and height and measured objects around our classroom using non-standard units of measurement. The children loved being active during the lesson. A super week, Class 1 😊

**Class 2** Class 2 have had a wonderful week this week! In English we have created some great spring poetry. We ensured that they had rhyming couplets and that they were grouped in verses. In maths, Year 3 have been comparing, adding and subtracting mass whilst Year 4 have been dividing one-digit and two-digit numbers by 10. In science, we measured different sounds using a decibel meter and created a bar chart to show our results. We had an amazing PE lesson on the inflatables at Calder High. We were very competitive in beating our times across the obstacle course. An amazing week everyone, have a lovely Easter holiday!

**Class 3** Class 3 have had a wonderful final week to the term. Everyone has worked hard on their entries for the spring poem competition and are incredibly proud of their final pieces, which has been lovely to see! In PE, we were able to play some matches in netball and had some great feedback to give to each other about tactical play. Topic was a busy lesson discussing how life changed in Britain after The Battle of Hastings and if the changed that occurred made William the Conqueror a good leader or not. In science we began looking at chemical changes by discussing what they are, looking at examples and seeing how we can tell if one has taken place! Well done, Class 3!

### Diary Dates

22.3.24 3.15pm Break up for Easter  
8.4.24 Back to school  
8.4.24 Eggs to hatch arrive!  
10.4.24 KS2 Netball Competition (Team 1)  
16.4.24 Class 2 Trip to York  
16.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – in person  
17.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – online  
17.4.24 KS2 Netball Competition (Team 2)  
19.4.24 6pm PTA Fundraising Family Event Night  
24.4.24 Class 1 Trip to Shibden Hall  
6.5.24 May Day Bank Holiday - school closed  
13.5.24 Year 6 SATS week  
23.5.24 Choir performing at 'Calder's Big Night at The Musicals'  
17.6.24 3.30pm PTA Summer Fair  
5.6.24-7.6.24 Class 3 Residential Trip to Robinwood

### Easter Competitions

We had some magnificent entries for the decorated eggs and poetry competitions, thank you! It was very difficult for our judges! The winners were:

#### Decorated Eggs

Class R Runner Up: Niamh D-G, Winner: Isobelle  
Class 1 Runner Up: Jessica, Winner: Chloe  
Class 2 Runner Up: Elizabeth, Winner: Ellie  
Class 3 Runner Up: Lewis, Winner: Poppy

#### Easter and Spring Poetry

Class R Runner Up: Rory, Winner: Sam  
Class 1 Runner Up: Jack, Winner: Grayson  
Class 2 Runner Up: George, Winner: Harriet G  
Class 3 Runner Up: Florence G, Winner: Jake

The items will be on display tomorrow and then the children can take them home for Easter!  
Our thanks to our CaPS PTA who generously provided the prizes for the competitions and the eggs for the hunt!

### Active News

Well done to Ronnie and Niamh D-G who brought their swimming certificates in to show us this week in assembly.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the House Active Challenge over February and March – a special well done to Mrs Henderson who won the prize for the most distance covered by a member of staff! The winning house for the most distance travelled in total was Wainhouse! Earning them an extra 100 house points!

### Newspaper Club

Look out for our Newspaper Club's Easter edition coming home this week, featuring an Easter holiday art competition for the children!

### Summer 1 Clubs

There is a letter coming home this week with the clubs for the first half of the summer term and an online form to sign up for these. There will be no clubs on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April due to Parents' Evening.

### Reading and learning over the holidays

We would like all the children to continue their regular reading over the holidays, both their school reading book and other books, magazines or comics for pleasure.

In addition, it can be a great time to apply some learning to fun and practical tasks for example:

- Weighing, measuring and following a recipe when baking or cooking
- Writing and sending some letters or postcards to friends or relatives (it is so exciting to receive replies in the post!)
- Hunting for minibeasts outside and finding out about them in information books or online
- Visiting a place of local historical importance or to find out about local history, for example Shibden Hall, Stoodley Pike, Bankfield Museum or The Piece Hall.
- Keeping maths learning fresh using White Rose 1 minute maths app, TT Rockstars or Prodigy.
- Getting out and exploring the local area by foot, bike, scooter or even roller skates!
- Taking part in the art competition.

### 21 Things Active Challenge

We had a great time today taking part in our Active Challenges for Down's Syndrome Awareness Day. Our Active Leaders led challenges including 21 times around the trim trail, 21 laps of the court and 21 star jumps! Well done to everyone who took part! Our Active Leaders have been adding up house points for everyone who joined in.

### Year 6 SATS

We are sending home some SATS revision guides for over Easter which are specifically designed to help Year 6 revise the key concepts that they will be assessed on- as the SATS cover the programme of study for all of Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)- and some homework tasks. It would be really beneficial if you can support your child to complete these over the Easter break, in a way that is convenient to your family circumstances. Little and often is often a good way to break it up, make it manageable and keep it fresh in their minds! There is a useful SATS guide for parents [here](#) including a link to the DfE information for parents as well as top tips for how to support your child through these statutory assessments.

We hope the children also enjoy their Easter break, time with their family and time spent doing what they love to do (hopefully the weather will be kind to us!).

### PTA Upcoming Events .

Thank you to everyone who joined the PTA meeting last week.

There are 2 upcoming dates for your diaries:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 6pm: Coach Fundraising Family Night

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm: Summer Fair

Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!

### Easter Egg Hunt

Wellies or boots are going to be essential tomorrow (for children and adults) to hunt for our Easter Eggs at Readacre. So far, the weather looks dry in the morning, but the recent rain has made it muddy underfoot. Waterproof trousers and coats are also recommended!

PTA will be providing refreshments both before afterwards for parents whilst you have a look at the competition entries!





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**World Down's Syndrome Day**  
**'21 Things' Active Challenge**

  
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Join our Active Leaders: Angelina and Elizabeth  
at junior morning play for: 21 times across the climbing wall and 21 Star Jumps

Join our Active Leaders: Harley and Poppy E.  
at infant lunch play for: 21 laps around the playground cones and 21 times around the trix trail

Join our Active Leaders: Noah and Tommy  
at junior lunch play for: 21 burpees and 21 times around the playground cones



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