

Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

Class News

Class R This week, Reception have been learning about habitats. We started our week by reading 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled' and discussed where the story is set (woodland) and what other animals we would find in that habitat. We made bird and squirrel feeders for the local animals that live in the woodland around our playground by threading cheerios onto a pipe cleaner; we counted how many cheerios we used and discussed the size of our pipe cleaners, ordering them from longest to shortest. We also discussed which animals live where and why. We wondered if a lion would survive in a polar habitat? Miss Appleyard had set up a polar habitat in our tuff tray which had a range of animals but they were stuck in the ice! We had to perform an animal rescue and try to save them!

Class 1 In science we have classified animals based on what they eat. We looked at the teeth of a variety of animals and discussed why some need sharper teeth than others. We used hula hoops to create a venn diagram and sorted animals in to carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In maths we have been using place value charts and part whole models to identify and partition numbers in different ways. In literacy, year 2 have been finding out how to use a thesaurus to help add interest to their writing. In history we found out more about what happened during the Great Fire of London, talked about how we know about the events of 1666 and found out who Samuel Pepys was. Our nativity rehearsals are going well and it is fantastic to see how much work some of the children are putting in at home to learn their lines. Well done Class 1!

Class 2 This week Class 2 have been busy putting their compass skills to the test by completing some orienteering this week in forest school! In history we looked at how life in Britain changed during the Iron Age and in English we have finished our explanation texts of The Stone Age which we can't wait to share! Finally, in DT we have collected all of our questionnaire data to help us decide on ingredients for our soups! We are exciting to trial our recipes soon!

Diary Dates

- 23.11.24 4.15pm Choir singing at Mytholmroyd Lights Switch On together with other local schools – meet 4pm by the stage with a Christmas hat/hairband/tinsel!
- 26.11.24 Class 1 Trip to Temple Newsam
- 28.11.24 Non-uniform – please bring a donation for the chocolate/sweet tombola
- 29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed for INSET
- 2.12.24 Key Stage 2 watching Calder High show.
- *New date* 4.12.24 1-3pm KS2 Cross Country Calderdale Finals at Old Brodlians *only for those who qualify*
- 5.12.24 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 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
- 16.12.24 Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice
- 16.12.24 4.30pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert, choir singing
- 17.12.24 9.00am Shop and Wrap (pupils can buy small items for family and friends)
- 20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

Class 3 Class 3 have had a great week this week.

Everyone has worked really hard and have really impressed us in their assessments. A really great effort everyone - well done! In English we have finished our evacuee letter writing and we are now ready to edit and improve this next week. In PE we enjoyed a first aid session. We all learned the basics of first aid and experienced using bandages to stem bleeds. In history we investigated the reliability of primary and secondary sources. We looked at different sources about women in World War 2 and thought about what information we could infer from each. In DT we used a basic white bread recipe to create our own bread loaves. We then designed our own bread recipe. A super week everyone, well done!

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Awards

Kindness:

Class R: Emily

Class 1: Oscar

Class 2: Seb

Class 3: Elsa

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Nicolo

Class 1: Isabelle

Class 2: Edward

Class 3: Cleo

Well done everyone!

Active News

We had a great morning playtime in the snow on Tuesday building snowmen, making snow angels and throwing snowballs!

Choir enjoyed a wintery walk to Burnley Road School to rehearse for singing at Mytholmroyd Lights Switch On on Saturday. Our Active Leaders, along with some extra Key Stage 2 pupils, Mrs Dean and Miss Devine, had a wonderful morning at Mytholmroyd Community Centre on Monday with Mrs Vile from HX7 Sports.

They learnt some new playtime games and how to lead them with groups of children and came back brimming with enthusiasm!

Winter Weather

We try and get the children out for breaktimes as much as we can and whatever the weather!

It would be really helpful if everyone could have a warm winter coat, a warm hat and some waterproof ski-type gloves in their bags every day. They should all have wellies in school anyway this half term for Forest School. We've had some very cold little hands this week especially with thinner, stretchy gloves getting wet in the ice and snow. We have got lots of wellies in our pre-loved shop for £1 a pair, please enquire with Mrs Pickup if you need any. Please also name everything!

Christmas Fair

The PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December after school. Please see the letter sent home this week for ways you can help with donations, items for the raffle or by offering to help on a stall. We will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 28th November to bring a donation of chocolate or £1 towards the tombola!

Junk Modelling

Reception Class would love your ongoing donations of junk modelling items – small boxes such as tea/tissues/cereal bars, tubes from kitchen roll or tinfoil, packaging, egg boxes, bottle tops, shiny wrappers etc.

In addition, these would also help Class 1 with their DT project this half term!

Children in Need

Thank you for all your support with Children in Need last Friday! The children looked great and we raised £161 too – wow!

The winners of the art competition were judged by School Council, but they found it very difficult!

Class R - 1st: Ted 2nd: Joesphine 3rd: Emily

Class 1- 1st: Faith 2nd: Mary 3rd: Henry

Class 2- 1st: George 2nd:Charlotte 3rd: Olivia

Class 3- 1st:Theia 2nd: Florence 3rd: Otto

Class 3 DT Next Week

Class 3 have been enjoying their new DT topic researching and baking bread! Next week they will be begin baking their own designed recipes. We will provide all the basic bread making ingredients, but they will be bringing home a note of any extra ingredients that they would like to include. Please could you help them shop for these to bring in, please let us know if there are any problems.

Reindeer Run

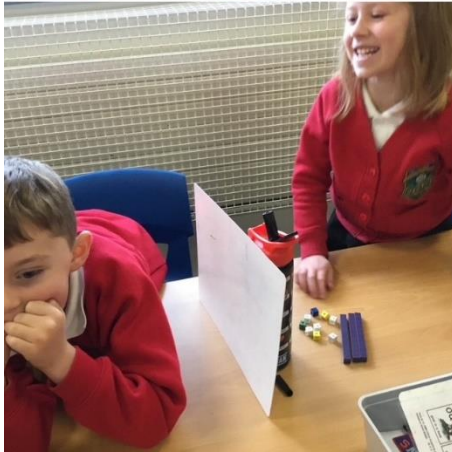
On Monday 16th December we will once again be taking part in the Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice. This is a challenge to run laps together, wearing our Christmas reindeer antlers. Year 6 will be helping their buddies too. Children will be bringing home sponsorship forms and Overgate would be very grateful for any sponsors children are able to collect. Thank you for your support, it is really important to us to continue to support our local hospice who rely on fundraising to be able to continue to support families in need.

Christmas Events

We're just finalising a crib sheet for 'Christmas at Calder Primary' which will hopefully tell you everything you need to know about our upcoming Christmas and end of term events.



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