

# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

### Class News

**Class R** We have had another super week in Reception. In maths we have been matching, sorting and comparing. We took turns to match up socks on the washing line and used compare bears to talk about what was similar and different about the bears before going on a bear hunt around the classroom. In topic we have been finding out about how to look after our bodies. We talked about why sleep is important and played sleeping lions. We found out why we need to brush our teeth and had a go at brushing some teeth models. We talked about washing our hands and carried out an experiment using bread and our hands. We also found out how exercise affects our body. Well done, Reception!

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been learning all about Christopher Columbus and why his discoveries were significant! We put the events in his life in chronological order and in DT we started designing and planning our very own sailing boats. In PE we have been focusing on throwing and catching and also the Ugly Bug Ball Dance: we danced around the room as different mini beasts using different parts of our body. In maths Year 2 have been working super hard with their place value unit, looking at 10s on a number line and jumps of 10 from any given number whilst Year 1 have been comparing and matching objects. They have completed tasks in our provision area which included number tracks, patterns and matching the numeral to the word. Super learning!

**Class 2** What a busy week we have had in Class 2! In maths we have continued looking at the place value of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. We have estimated using number lines and also compared using our greater than, less than and equals to symbols. In English we have identified features of a diary and then planned our own diary entry for next week. We have focused on our language choices and found exciting synonyms for words. In P.E we are working on our invasion and gymnastic skills. We practised attacking and defending games as well as refining our gymnastic rolls. In science, we learned about how the atoms behave in solids, liquids and gases. Well done everyone for trying so hard this week!

**Class 3** Class 3 have been working incredibly hard in English this week with their biographies of Ernest Shackleton! The final pieces look fantastic and have set us up nicely to have a good understanding as we read through our class book. In topic we used atlases to locate a variety of rivers within the UK and in PE we worked on developing our HIIT routines within our fitness unit and our passing skills in hockey - hockey sticks are tricky! In PSHCE we started our new unit on community by thinking about what a community is and which ones we're part of. We also had a great time in DT with Mrs Hill making fruit kebabs!

### Diary Dates

25.9.23 All Year 6 Pupils- Bikeability Level 1  
26.9.23 Some Year 6 pupils will progress to Bikeability Level 2 today. The rest have some fun activities planned!  
27.9.23 Reception balance bike training.  
29.9.23 9am Friday Golden Book Assembly (families welcome)  
29.9.23 Macmillan Coffee Morning following assembly  
29.9.23 CaPS PTA AGM after Coffee Morning!  
2.10.23 3.30pm Curriculum Meetings for Parents (letter to follow)  
5.10.23 5.30-8pm Calder High Open Evening for Y5/6  
W/C 9.10.23 – Reception Parent Catch-Up Chats  
11.10.23 4pm Year 5/6 Team to Unihoc Competition  
16.10.23 Nasal Flu Spray Immunisations  
17.10.23 3.30pm Reception Parent Phonics Meeting  
18.10.23 4pm HX7 Cross Country Years 3-6, Stubbs Field  
20.10.23 9am Harvest Festival Assembly (families welcome)  
24.10.23 Reception Trip to Cromwell Bottom  
25.10.23 Class 2 Tree Planting with Treesponsibility  
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 Mytholmroyd Lights Switch on  
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  
19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip  
21.12.23 \*Thursday\* School Closes for Christmas

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## Golden Book Awards

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

### Kindness Awards:

Class R: Mila  
Class 1: Sybil  
Class 2: Stanley  
Class 3: Jay

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Samuel-Jak  
Class 1: Edward  
Class 2: George A-M  
Class 3: Maggie

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### Kindness Awards:

Class R: Easton  
Class 1: Olivia  
Class 2: Luna  
Class 3: Eliana

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Hugo  
Class 1: Riley  
Class 2: Effie-Rose  
Class 3: Thomas

## School Council

Classes 1, 2 and 3 each talked about the roles and responsibilities of School Councillors and voted for representatives for each year group. This morning we announced the election results in assembly and presented our 2023/2024 Councillors with their badges. Congratulations to:

**Year 1: Sybil**

**Year 2: Charlotte**

**Year 3: Liora and Reuben**

**Year 4: Florence P and Harriet G**

**Year 5: Charlie TP and Dylan**

**Year 6: Thomas and Jobey**

## Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor for our Calder Learning Trust Governing Body. A letter with more information is coming out next week, but please speak to us if you are interested in finding out more!

## School Games Gold

We are delighted to announce that we have retained [School Games Gold](#) (the highest award) for sport and fitness for another year. Well done everyone!

## No More Uniform Donations, Thanks

We have had a lot of pre-loved uniform donated recently – thank you! We just need to pause on donations to give us chance to sort it all out! Thanks

## Active Schools

Well done to our KS2 Cross Country Runners who competed in the first HX7 League of the season: Maggie, Angelina, Edie and Elizabeth!  
This week Reception have been loving collecting items for their magic wands on Welly Wednesday, Class 1 have loved practical maths work and PE, Class 2 used skipping ropes in the hall for some active maths and Class 3 have begun practising for Unihoc! We'd also like to say well done to Ellie who brought her British Theatre Dance certificates to assembly for Primary Tap, Acro and Primary Classical Ballet – fantastic!

## Sensory Areas

We are developing our quiet, sensory areas in school and would be grateful of any of the following items if anyone is having a clear out:

- Rugs, beanbags, cushions
- Fairy lights, lamps, lava lamps, sensory lights/projectors (we can have these safety tested if older than 12 months)
- Wooden toys
- Pop-its, fidget items/balls etc

We are always grateful for donations of books in good condition for the library and items such as toy cars, jigsaws, toy food etc for Reception/KS1 too.

## Librarians

Congratulations to our newly appointed librarians for this year: Holly and Otto. They will help keep the library in shape and will also be able to help with book choices and recommendations. Children can let them know if they have any ideas for new books, authors or genres!

## Piano

Thanks to the power of Facebook, we were finally reunited with our Cragg Vale Piano this week after 6 years. The children are loving it for music lessons and piano lessons! We do have some piano lesson spaces, please speak to Mrs Pickup if interested.

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### **Mental Health Support Team**

Last week we introduced Amber Wrigley, our Mental Health worker. She wanted to attend our Macmillan coffee morning next week to be able to meet parents but she was already booked up! So she is sending another member of her team, Rebecca Brooksbank along. She would love to meet parents and hear any ideas for support you would like to see this year or workshops etc.

Amber is hoping to come along to our Harvest Festival to meet everyone too.



Rebecca Brooksbank, MHST

### **CaPS PTA**

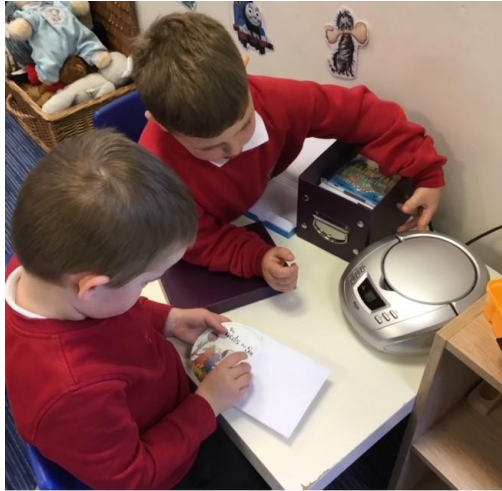
Our PTA are holding a short AGM after their Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and would love parents, carers or grandparents to stay and support it. It is a great chance to get to know other parents/carers and get involved in events such as the Christmas Fair. Help big and small is always gratefully received and as a school we are indebted to the PTA for their help in funding trips and resources for school to enhance the children's learning and environment.

Over summer they funded our new outdoor wooden mud kitchen and shop, which has been a hit with Reception and Class 1!

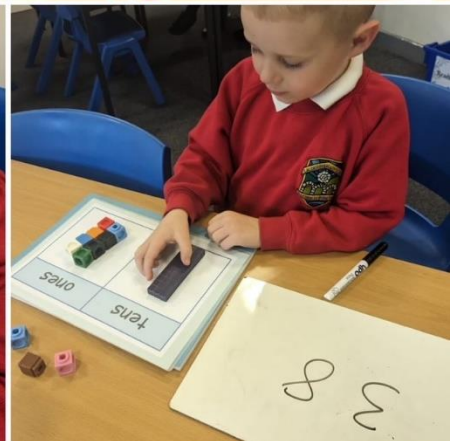
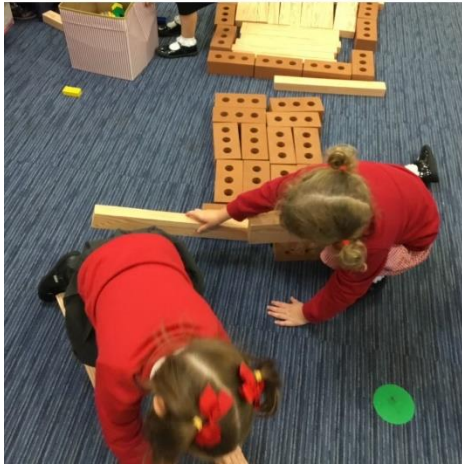
Last year they funded the coach transport for each class to go on trips to help keep the costs accessible for all parents too.



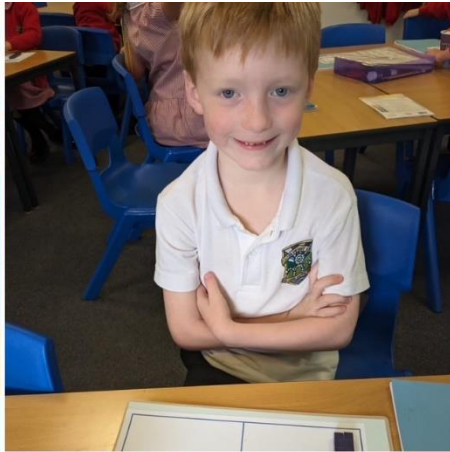
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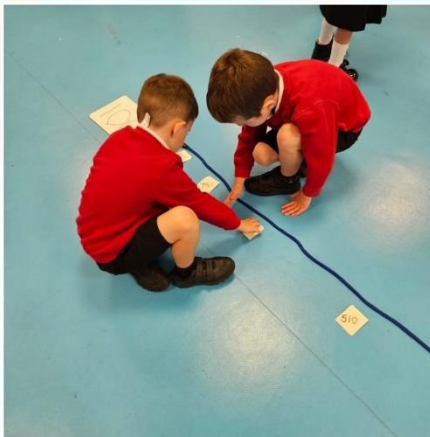
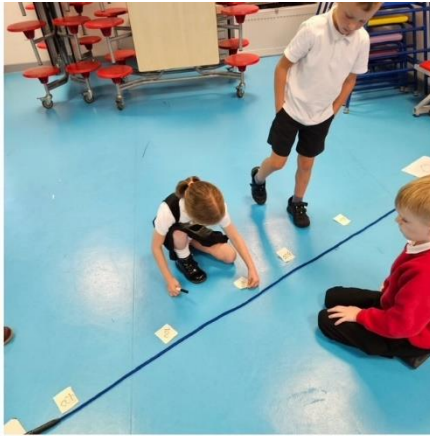
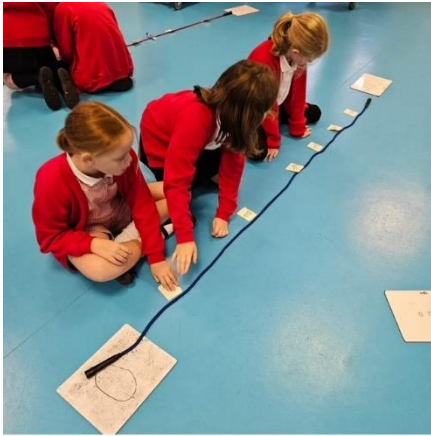
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