



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025

Class News

Class R This week, Class R have been focused on the text 'The Giant Jam Sandwich'. They have sequenced the story, followed instructions and even endeavoured to write their own. Of course, we then had to follow our own instructions and make a yummy jam sandwich to enjoy! Alongside this, we have been learning about mass and capacity in our maths lessons. Reception have compared objects, discussing whether they are heavy or light and then they have filled different containers with different objects, seeing which container can hold the most. In in our sand area, we have been filling containers using different size spoons and seeing how many scoops it takes to fill! Well done, Reception.

Class 1 In maths, we began the week by adding using a number line. We moved on to adding and subtracting tens and noticed patterns in the number system that help us to do this. We have also been tackling adding 2 two-digit numbers. In geography, we have been thinking about cold weather, how the cold weather can affect our lives and how it might be dangerous for us. We have also continued tracking the daily weather conditions. In science we have been exploring the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive which led to some super ideas and discussions. Well done Class 1!

Class 2 This week we have started looking at food chains in science. We recapped how they are structured and discussed if plants or humans are more important within a food chain. In geography we looked at some features of volcanic eruptions and the effects that an eruption may have to the area around the volcano. We were surprised to see that there are some positives, such as tourists coming to the area which means they will spend money in local shops and cafes. During RE, we continued looking at Jewish celebrations and discussed Shabbat. Finally, in music with Mrs McVey this week, we developed our ukulele skills! Well done Class 2!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a great week this week. In maths we have been multiplying and dividing fractions and applying this new knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving questions. We have also been finding fractions of amounts and we have practiced solving 2-mark questions which include this. In English we have practiced correctly punctuating dialogue and then applied this when creating a conversation between Bradley and his mum. In geography we investigated what products are important into the UK and also what the UK exports to other countries. In science we recapped the circulatory system and then investigated how long our heart rate takes to return back to normal after intense exercise. A super week everyone!

Diary Dates

30.1.25 2.50pm Rearranged KS2 Cross Country League at Stubbs Field
3.2.25 Children's Mental Health Week
7.2.25 Number Day – come in clothing with a digit on, or make your own number/maths themed outfit!
12.2.25 3.20-5.00pm Year 6 Parents SATS Information Meetings
14.2.25 Golden Book Assembly – families welcome
14.2.25 Break Up for Half Term
24.2.25 Back to School
4.3.25 SEND Parents' Evenings
25.3.25 Class 1 Trip to Thackray Museum
1.4.25 and 2.4.25 Class 3 Bikeability
4.4.25 Close for Easter
More Spring dates to follow as they are confirmed!

Clubs Spring 1

Our clubs this half term are:

- **Monday 12.00pm: Choir (Years 2-6)**
- **Monday 3.15pm-4.15pm: EYFS & KS1 Sports Club**
- **Tuesdays 12pm in the library: KS2 Book Club**
- **Wednesday lunchtimes: Active Leaders Outside Games and Challenges**
- **Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm KS2 Drama and Dance**
- **Thursday 12pm: KS2 Indoor Games Club**
- **Thursday 3.15-4.00pm – Year 6 at Hockey Club**

Everyone has made a great start this half term to their new clubs! Zara who is leading our Drama and Dance Club has been really impressed with how everyone has got stuck in! It was great to see Reception at Sports Club this week and hear how Games and Book Clubs went too.

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Awards

Kindness:

Class R: Ted

Class 1: Bealey

Class 2: Lottie

Class 3: Elizabeth

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Kimberly

Class 1: Ronnie

Class 2: Olivia

Class 3: Grace

Well done everyone!

Music Mark

This week we were delighted to be recognised by our local music hub, Calderdale Music, for all the work we do with music across both Calder Primary and Calder High within and beyond the classroom. We were invited by them to apply to be a Music Mark school, and were successful. Music is VERY important to us and is something we have championed for and fought to keep, even when school budgets are challenging.

NCETM

This year, Class R and Class 1 are part of the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics project called 'Mastering Number'. Miss Appleyard, as our primary maths lead, is leading on the project, working closely with Miss Moran. The aim to ensure all our pupils have secure foundations in maths and have fluency, confidence and flexibility with number and a love of solving puzzles and challenges!

Reception and Class 1 – Mornings

Reception have been superstars at lining up this week, thank you for your help with this! They are feeling very proud of being able to put their belongings away independently too.

Class 1 might be overtaken by them though now! So please can we ask that Class 1 are also saying goodbye at the gate and going in independently as well.

Happy Healthy Holidays

There are lots of different flyers coming out for February Half Term events including wrap-around childcare and trips out at Little Village Learners, free events at Bankfield Museum and Calderdale Libraries and the Calderdale Council Happy Healthy Holidays events which include sports, crafts and more – these are free if you are in receipt of Free School Meals or have a small charge if not. We will share them all on our Facebook page as we receive them!

PE Kits

Please can we ask for your help with PE kits! Children are wearing their kit for after school clubs or sports events and then forgetting to bring them back again for their PE lessons (or bringing some items back but not all!). Thank you!

Active News

We were all surprised when Class 3 started racing up and down the corridors this week – it turned out that they were looking at the effects of exercise on their heart rates (as well as having a great time!)

Congratulations to Willow in Class 3 for her recent success in horse riding – she brought some magnificent rosettes to assembly today for a whole host of events, amazing! 1st place for the prettiest pony too 😊

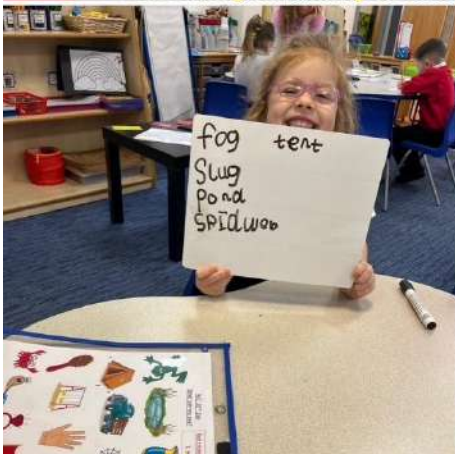
We are sorry that the weather cancelled Cross Country again this week! It has now been rescheduled for Thursday 30th January. 3rd time lucky!

Year 6 SATS Information Meetings

Mrs Holland will be holding some information meetings for parents/carers of Year 6 pupils to find out more about the Year 6 SATS in May. These will be individual meetings so that the information can be personalised, more information will follow on Arbor to book a slot. Revision guides will also be handed out at these meetings as well.



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