



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

Class News

Class R We have had another exciting week in Reception. The Gingerbread Man ran away from our classroom on Monday. We hunted for him all around school and asked everyone that we saw, but nobody had seen him. On Thursday we finally found out that he had run all the way to London! His postcard told us he had visited all the sights (and luckily, he didn't mention having seen any runaway horses!). In maths we have been working on our knowledge and understanding of numbers to 20. In RE we have been thinking about what makes a good friend.

Class 1 This week Class 1 have been learning all about continents and where Peru is located on the world map. We used atlases to label all the continents, highlighting South America and then sticking Paddington in Peru! In maths, Y1 have been super mathematicians and have completed some amazing measuring and comparing of capacity and volume. Y2 have also completed this and started measuring in millilitres. Class 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Shibden Hall- we recapped prior learning of our last topic 'Historic Halifax' and explored the magnificent, historic hall. We even spotted the family coat of arms that we studied. Of course, we then had to have a play in the park - what a fabulous day!

Class 2 Class 2 have had a very productive week this week! We have written a great informative piece of writing based around how to ensure the safety of the borrowers. Everyone has used headings, sub-headings, bullet points and created paragraphs! I am so impressed everyone - well done! In maths, the Year 3s have been finding unit and non-unit fractions of amounts. The Year 4s have been comparing, ordering and rounding decimals, using their knowledge of tenths and ones. In science, we learned how mirrors reflect light and how they reverse the images. We also discovered what happens when the light reflects off a surface that isn't flat. In music, the Year 3s continued their ukulele sessions - they are getting great at reading the chords! The Year 4s started their music lessons which will focus on music composition. In PE, we continued with our rounders unit and we have even started learning how to get each other out during a game. A great week everyone - well done!

Class 3 This week Class 3 have been busy in English doing some story writing! We have worked hard this week to complete our first drafts, ready to edit and publish next week. In topic we have learned about the different layers of the tropical rainforest and which animals live in each different layer and why. We've enjoyed singing our layers of the rainforest song too! In science we have also started looking at forces! This week we were busy revising all that we knew about forces already and next week we're hoping to plan an investigation into gravitational pull!

Diary Dates

6.5.24 May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
7.5.24 and 8.5.24 Classes 1 and 2- rearranged Parents' Evenings - letters to follow next week.
13.5.24 Year 6 SATS week
23.5.24 4.30pm Choir performing at 'Calder's Big Night at The Musicals' in Calder Learning Trust theatre
24.5.24 Golden Book Assembly - families welcome
24.5.24 School closes for half term
3.6.24 School reopens
4.6.24 Class 2 rearranged trip to York
5.6.24-7.6.24 Class 3 Residential Trip to Robinwood
10.4.24 Year 3 to Footsteps at Cragg Vale Church
10.4.24 Year 4 'Lights Camera Score' at Victoria Theatre
13.4.24 Calder Learning Trust Awards Evening
14.6.24 3.30pm PTA Summer Fair
1.7.24 Choir performing at Young Voices at Victoria Theatre
5.7.24 Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day
5.7.24 Years 1-5 Trip to Jodrell Bank
19.7.24 School closes for summer
More summer dates coming soon!

PTA Quiz Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped organise a great PTA Quiz Night last Friday and to everyone who came along to support! It was lovely to have a social evening again, something we haven't done for a while due to covid. PTA raised a fantastic £752.40 on the night which is to go towards supporting the coach travel for school trips, for which we are so grateful to keep the costs down for families and therefore meaning the children can go on more trips to enhance their learning and experiences!

The next upcoming event is the **Summer Fair on Friday 14th June after school** in Calder Primary. All offers of help however big or small would be really appreciated.

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Active News

Congratulations to our two netball teams on their recent successes in the HX7 Netball Competitions!
Team A: 2nd place in their competition
Team B: 3rd place in their competition (closely behind two joint 1st teams!)
Our thanks to Miss Smith, Mrs Kendall and Mrs Henderson for their support with the teams too!
It was lovely to have some of our former pupils as Calder High Sports Leaders there umpiring as well.
Well done to Florence G who has completed her Level 1 Gymnastics Proficiency Award this week, fantastic!
In school at playtimes this week, our infants have been enjoying developing their skipping and hula hooping skills and our juniors have had some fast-paced basketball games! It has been great to see our scooter and bike rack looking busier now that the weather is improving as well!

Lights, Camera, Score!

This week our Year 4 pupils began a project with Calderdale Music Trust called 'Lights, Camera, Score' where they will be composing a musical score to accompany an animation created by another school. This will run for a few weeks and then there will then be a celebration event at The Victoria Theatre on 10th June. More details to follow!

Punctuality

We have had an increase recently in children being late for school and having to come into the main entrance in the morning. We know sometimes there are circumstances out of everyone's control such as road works, but please try as much as possible to be on time in the morning at 8.45am to come into the playground gates. This helps Mrs Pickup be able to get all her morning jobs done and it also makes for a calmer start to the day with getting to phonics, interventions and assembly on time. Thanks!

Gardening and Cooking

Thanks to our Reception Gardening Club for expertly planting some lovely flowers in our planters around school, and thanks to Harley for volunteering to keep them watered.

This week KS2 Cookery Club made cheesecakes- we hope you all enjoyed them after your tea! Don't forget to bring your Tupperware boxes back for next week!

Awards

Well done to our award winners this week!

Kindness Awards

Class R: John

Class 1: Sebastian

Class 2: Niall

Class 3: Ben

Star of the Week

Class R: Rory

Class 1: Chloe

Class 2: Florence P

Class 3: Willow

Some help please

There are a couple of things which have come up this week in school that we have spoken to the children about but would also appreciate your support from home with as well:

- Please can we ask that children do not bring in items from home such as toys, fidgets and teddies (unless arranged with staff for a specific need). Pupils are able to bring a pencil case with a small amount of stationery if they wish to and a water bottle (containing water) each day.
- If children would like to bring a morning snack, please can this be fruit or vegetables only. Please can they have this in their bag (separate to their lunch boxes) so that they can get it when they get their coat. Children in Class R and Class 1 do get free fruit each day too.
- Sadly, some children in Year 1/2 have not been looking after their toilets and have been blocking the toilets with large amounts of toilet roll, throwing it about on the floor and even writing on the walls. This is not how we treat our school and are sure this is just a blip but would like to nip this in the bud.
- Some pupils have been bringing in items to sell to other children or creating games for others to pay to do. We have explained to pupils that we are not buying and selling items in school, so please don't allow them to bring in items or money. We plan to channel their entrepreneurial spirit at the summer fair instead!

Thank you for your support with this.



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