



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 27th October 2023

Class News

Class R

What a busy week! Reception enjoyed their first trip out. We experienced the Autumn weather, had a scavenger hunt and challenged ourselves with a very high climbing frame before returning to school for a teddy bear picnic. In maths we have continued looking at the composition of 1, 2 and 3. On Thursday we had a Halloween party with lots of party games and dancing. In topic we found out about some of the superheroes who help us and on Friday we had a Superhero afternoon to celebrate our own superpowers and achievements during our first half term at Calder Primary. Well done Reception!

Class 1

This week Class 1 have been working hard in phonics and Y2 have been writing a setting description based on their bedrooms! In maths, Y1 have been learning all about the eight facts of a fact family and Y2 have been adding multiples of 10 to 2-digit numbers – WOW! In topic we discussed why conservation is SO important and completed a caring/uncaring list about things that happen in the world. We finally began our sail boats and children have been very creative, thinking of ways to make their boat sturdy and waterproof! Well done Class 1.

Class 2

Class 2 have had a very busy final week before half term. We have finished our addition and subtraction unit in maths and everyone did great in the assessment. In English, we have finished our story and then we edited and published it. We ensured that we included fronted adverbials, adjectives and conjunctions to up-level our sentences. In science, we planned an experiment that we will complete after half term. It's very exciting because we will be going to the lab to complete it! We also had a great PE session competing in games against Class 3!

Class 3

Class 3 have worked hard in science this week looking at methods of separation. We headed over to the science labs to look at the processes of filtration and distillation. Then we were able to run our own filtration experiment! For topic this week we also had a visit from Slow the Flow who helped us to understand flooding, the problems it can cause and how they use natural flood defences in the local area to try and prevent flooding! In PSHCE we looked at how, as global citizens, we are responsible for making more sustainable choices for our planet and the benefits of those actions.

Diary Dates

- 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
- 17.11.23 Children in Need day – details to follow
- 18.11.23 4.00pm Mytholmroyd Lights Switch on - Choir performing.
- 21.11.23 Class 2 & Class 3 trip to Magna
- 23.11.23 Non-uniform day - £1 or donation for Christmas Fair chocolate tombola please
- 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
- 6.12.23 2pm and 6pm Nativity Show (all pupils involved)
- 7.12.23 AM KS2 Team to Tenpin Bowling Competition
- 19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip
- 20.12.23 Christmas Parties
- 21.12.23 *Thursday* School Closes for Christmas

Reception Trip

Unfortunately, due to staffing problems at Cromwell Bottom combined with poor weather we had to reschedule the Reception trip that was planned for this week. Mrs Pickup will send out a new date and full details as soon as we have it all arranged. However, determined to get outside and have some Autumn fun, Reception (and staff) put their wellies and waterproofs on and headed out in the rain for a morning of Forest School activities. After a busy time, they returned to school a little soggy but full of smiles and enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic in the classroom.

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Isabelle

Class 1: Anya

Class 2: Elizabeth

Class 3: Florence

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Oscar

Class 1: Rexford

Class 2: Noah

Class 3: Tommy

Mental Health Survey

There is still time to complete this over half term and help Amber learn what would be of most use to pupils and families. You have until **Monday 6th November** to submit your responses. Thank you!

[Survey Link](#)

Halloween Disco

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the Halloween Disco, to staff who were able to stay and help and to everyone who bought a ticket and supported the event. We hope all the children enjoyed it 😊

PE Kit

Please can pupils have a full, named PE kit in school that has trainers, shorts and a PE t-shirt. Pupils are also welcome to have jogging bottoms and a hoodie if liked particularly as we approach winter. Spare PE socks are also a good idea! Thank you.

Coats

As the weather is changing and becoming much wetter, please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. Even if it is raining, we like to take pupils outside at break times for some fresh air if at all possible, so they need a coat in school every day.

Forest School News

In our forest school assembly this week, we looked at the story of 'The Very Last Leaf' by Stef Wade. This focused on how we see autumn in the local area and the changes between the seasons. We're all very excited to start Forest School sessions after half term!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November from 3.30pm-6pm.**

These will all be in-person appointments so that you have the opportunity to chat to your child's teacher face to face about how they have settled into the new school year, how they are progressing across the curriculum and ask any questions you may have.

Please arrange your appointment via the online booking system using calder.schoolcloud.co.uk and if you have any issues, please speak to Mrs Pickup who can help organise an appointment for you.

If your child has SEN, Miss Gregory will be available to chat to from **3.30pm-4.30pm both days** on a drop-in rather than appointment basis.

Wellies Reminder

Please can all pupils have a pair of named wellies to keep in school after half term for Forest School sessions. Thank you.

Rotary Shoebox & Poppy Appeals

Thank you to those of you who have already filled and dropped off shoeboxes to support the Rotary Christmas appeal. If you have not done this yet and would like to, you have until **Thursday 23rd November** to bring your box in to school.

Also there are still plenty of Poppy Appeal items available at the school office for a suggested donation of £1 per item.

Active News

Reception had a very active week with their trip on Tuesday, lots of dancing and games at their Halloween disco and some Superhero training on Friday. Class 2 have had lots of active brain breaks and Class 3 enjoyed demonstrating how flood defences work during their Slow the Flow workshop as well as a benchball tournament at the start of the week! A big well done to Emma and Sybil who have gained their yellow belts in judo.

Reception & Year 1 Tapestry Accounts

A reminder that parents of Reception and Year 1 pupils can add things to their Tapestry account to show us what they get up to over half term. This could be phonics practise or Fred games, maths activities such as puzzles or weighing ingredients for baking, creative activities or outdoor adventures!

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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Half Term Challenge

Spending time in nature has a wealth of benefits on our mental and physical wellbeing. Your half term challenge is to get out and get active whilst experiencing the natural world!

Could you use all of your senses to become a human weather gauge?

- Use your senses to experience the effects of the weather.
- Listen to the sounds of the weather such as rain pattering and wind rustling leaves.
- Feel the effect of warm sunshine or cooling wind. Maybe you can smell a different smell after rain or find muddy puddles to squelch in.
- Watch the clouds – are there any shapes that look like objects or animals?
- There are lots of different types of clouds and they can mean different things for the weather.

Could you create some wild art?

Go on a nature walk and collect some natural items such as twigs, leaves, conkers and pine cones to create your masterpiece. It could be as small or as large as you like!

Could you try some shinrin-yoku?

Use all of your senses as you head out into the woods for some forest bathing. Touch a tree trunk and feel the rough bark, notice the way the sunlight catches the leaves or pick out the different types of birdsong around you.

Don't forget to share your healthy selfies in nature with us – there are house points up for grabs too! You can use email or social media to share, whichever you would prefer.

A message from Mr Taylor (Head of Calder High) about parking and traffic issues

We have been contacted by the local council to share with you some concerns they have received concerning parents dropping off, sitting with the engine idling and collecting at both Calder Primary and Calder High School. A number of complaints have been raised by residents on both Orchard Walk and Brier Hey Lane in regard to parking and what is referred to in the Road Traffic Act 1988 as 'stationary idling'.

We appreciate the challenges faced by a school positioned tightly in a residential area and that is why it is essential for us all to be good neighbours to our residents. To that effect, please will parents not park and restrict access on Orchard Walk, there is a small drop off further down Midgley Road but this cannot be used for parking.

We would also ask that parents avoid parking on Brier Hey Lane at the start and end of the school day.

Our local community support officers have also asked us to remind parents who drop off and collect from Calder Primary, **not to park on the double yellow lines or restrict access to the bus lanes** including by parking dangerously on Appleyard Road. **Only The Ark OOSC Minibus should be parking in the bus lanes at collection time.** Calder Primary finishes for the day at 3.15pm and we ask that parents do not arrive at school to collect until **3.10pm** to allow the buses to leave safely. And a final reminder that the bus lanes are a designated **one-way road that should only be accessed from Appleyard Road** and not Brier Hey Lane at any time.

We encourage families to park further afield and walk to collect or meet children where possible. This also supports our young people to be more active by walking or scooting too. Little Village Learners also do a walking bus service for their after-school provision which can include a mini-session (to 4pm).

Thank you for your continued support, Mr Taylor

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A promotional poster for LTA Youth Start Red tennis sessions. The background features a tennis court with a large red 'X' graphic. Text is overlaid in white and yellow. Logos for LTA Youth, CVS Tennis, and Queens are in the top corners. A yellow tennis ball is at the bottom.

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