



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

Class News

Class R This week Reception's theme has been 'How to look after ourselves'. We learnt that brushing our teeth, washing, exercise, sleep and a healthy diet are all very important. We completed some exciting challenges such as brushing the dirty teeth, cleaning the dirty babies, sorting foods in the home corner and completing exercise and discussing how it's made us feel. In maths, Reception had to guess the sorting rules and also spot the odd one out- using fabulous vocabulary! Alongside all of this, we have loved being outdoors this week. In the mud kitchen we have been making a wide range of delicacies and we have enjoyed challenging ourselves on the new climbing frame!

Class 1 We have had another busy but fab week in Class 1. In geography, we have been thinking about what it would be like to live in Kenya. We have looked at the similarities and differences between life in Kenya and life in England. In science, we focused on our senses. We went on a walk around the school grounds using our senses. We talked about what we could see, hear, feel and smell. When we got back to the classroom, we used our sense of taste with a well-earned snack! In maths, we have been using the terms greater than, less than and equal to. We have read a story about Gavin the Gator, danced Hollabaloo with Blazer Fresh, compared dots on dice and dominoes and compared the number of letters in each of our names.

Class 2 Class 2 have worked incredibly hard in maths this week learning how to round numbers to 10, 100 and 1000 and learning about Roman numerals too! In science we learnt how all living things are made up of cells and used to bio-viewers to look at some cells up close. We developed our understanding of how settlements can change over time by comparing a map of Myholmsroyd in 1888 to a variety of ordnance survey maps from 1978, 1984, 2006 and 2015. Finally, in RE this week we learnt about the Hindu celebration of Diwali. We enjoyed learning some dance moves that families use in their Diwali parties!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a very busy week this week! In English, we have researched magical beasts that live in the wizarding world and we have begun planning what we are going to include in our non-chronological reports. We also wrote some amazing descriptive sentences, ensuring that we included punctuation, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases! In maths, we have recapped addition and subtraction. We solved two-mark questions and used the inverse to find missing numbers. We all participated in an interactive online session ran by the STEM Hub. We needed to lower the carbon emissions of Megawatt Metropolis and we learnt about new inventions designed to combat global warming!

Diary Dates

- 1.10.24 8.45-9.15am Reception Parents invited to join Reception phonics session
- 3.10.24 Calder High Open Evening for Years 5 and 6
- 8.10.24 Class R trip to Eureka
- 9.10.24 KS2 Team to Unihoc Competition
- 16.10.24 4pm KS2 Cross Country, Stubbs Field
- 18.10.24 9.00am Harvest Festival Assembly – families welcome
- W/C 21.10.24 SEND Parent Meetings
- 23.10.24 PTA Halloween Disco
- 25.10.24 Break Up for Half Term
- 4.11.24 Back to School
- 4.11.24 – 8.11.24 Open Week for prospective Reception pupils- please share.
- 11.11.24 Remembrance Day
- 11.11.24 Class 2 Trip to Herd Farm Iron Age Village
- 13.11.24 and 14.11.24 3.30-5.30pm Parents' Evenings – in person
- 14.11.24 3pm KS2 Cross Country at Stubbs Field – including qualifier opportunity for Calderdale
- 26.11.24 Class 1 Trip to Temple Newsam
- 27.11.24 1pm KS2 Cross Country Calderdale Finals at Old Brodlians *only for those who qualify*
- 29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed to pupils/students for INSET
- 6.12.24 9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly – families welcome
- 11.12.24 2.15pm and 6.00pm Nativity Concerts
- 12.12.24 School Trip to Pantomime
- 20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

PTA Thanks

Thank you to everyone who stayed to meet after assembly today. Did you know that PTA are supporting with the following already this term, **giving an average saving of £32.77 per child!** Wow!
Coach for Class 2 Trip to Herd Farm, Leeds: £575
Coach for Class 1 trip to Temple Newsam, Leeds: £575
Coach for Panto trip to Huddersfield: £850

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Awards

Kindness:

Class R: Nicolo

Class 1: Mercedes

Class 2: Jack

Class 3: Grace

Golden Book Awards:

Class R: Emily

Class 1: Mary

Class 2: Stanley

Class 3: Dylan

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Milo

Class 1: Rex B

Class 2: Jessica

Class 3: Holly

Well done everyone!

Arbor Thanks

Thank you for your patience as we have moved to our new Management Information System (MIS), Arbor. It has taken quite a bit of setting up and we have experienced some teething problems with the transfer from our previous system. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

We hope you have all received the emails to set up your accounts. **Please download the Arbor App and enable 'push notifications' if you are happy to do so.** This will mean you can receive pop-up notifications if there is a message or update on there.

There will be elements of the system which are not relevant to Calder Primary pupils but are used in Calder High School. For example, detentions are used in secondary only and in secondary the staff will add more single 'core values' points on there as the students have their own logins and can see these at home. In Calder Primary, we use sticker charts for pupils to be able to see and track their house points in real life 😊, which are then awarded by our Year 6 house captains each Friday when they're completed. In addition, we will also use Arbor to track completed sticker charts and the weekly Friday Assembly certificates including Numeracy Ninjas! We will keep you updated as we roll out additional new features on Arbor, and please do get in touch if you haven't received the welcome email or have any trouble logging in.

Active Leaders

Our Active Leaders for 2024/2025 will be supporting everyone to be as active in lessons and around school as we can, as well as supporting with active playtimes and events! Some wanted to continue their role from last year, and we have welcomed some new ones too!

Class 1: Rex and Bealey

Class 2: Harley, Jessica and George

Class 3: Jude and Willow

House Captains

Well done to our House Captains for their first official duty this morning of awarding the house certificates.

Hardcastle: Billy and Edie

Shibden: Willow, Ben, Otto and Lewis

Wainhouse: Jake and Holly

Stoodley: Charlie and Dylan

Active News

Well done to Florence who achieved Highly Commended in her Musical Theatre exam. Congratulations to Mila who achieved her Level 2 Gymnastics Award.

Millie, Milo and Dylan brought 3 swimming certificates each to assembly today – brilliant work! We love seeing what everyone is getting up to outside of school to keep active and we love sharing your progress with everyone!

Morning Drop-Offs

- A reminder that breakfast club does not open for pupils until **7.45am**. If you arrive before this time, please wait in the car or outside to allow staff time to set up.
- A reminder that the nearest bus lane to our building can be used for 'drop and go' in the mornings for older children who can jump out and go join breakfast club (if booked in) or their class line independently. This is for parents to decide if this is suitable for their circumstances. No parking for this please!

SEND Parent Letter

We have sent a letter with our SEND Calendar overview to parents of children on the SEND register this week. If you have not received one, but were expecting to, please get in touch. Thanks!

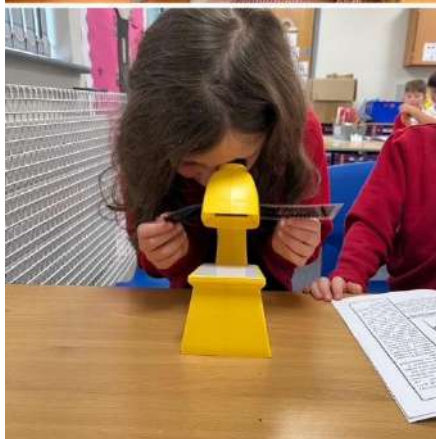
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