



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Class News

**Class R** This week we have been thinking about our sense of sight. We carried out a Walking Rainbow Experiment and an Explorify Zoom In, Zoom Out activity. The children took turns to share their ideas and predictions and used some super descriptive vocabulary. We have investigated kaleidoscopes, telescopes, periscopes, magnifying glasses and sunglasses. We also made our own telescopes and some kaleidoscope artwork. In maths we have been sorting and grouping using different rules. Our phonics sounds are coming along well and we have been developing our blending skills with the help of Fred the Frog.

**Class 1** This week we have learnt all about conservation. We discussed how we could protect our natural environment, what renewable resources we could use and protect and made a bird feeder which we will be finishing off next week. In maths Y1 have been doing some super comparing, using the symbols and vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to. Y2 have been estimating numbers on a number line, comparing and ordering numbers and objects. In PE we have been practicing our throwing and catching and even played a game of dodgeball, alongside this we have been looking at medieval ball dancing and acting as minibeasts going to a ball. Great learning Class 1.

**Class 2** Another great week in Class 2, well done everyone! In maths, Year 3 have finished their place value topic and moved onto addition and subtraction. Year 4 are rounding to 10, 100 and 1000, which is a completely new skill for them! We have also been very competitive with our Times Table Rock Stars competitions. In English, we have been performing a Newsround interview based on our class book of 'The Comet'. We have created a script and thought about how to correctly punctuate questions for an interview. In science we looked at the effect of melting and freezing on the atoms in solids, liquids and gases and in P.E. we have continued with our gymnastics and really enjoyed using the springboard and other apparatus.

**Class 3** What a week! Year 6 had a busy start to the week with Bikeability whilst Year 5 did a great job tidying up our forest school site ready for lessons to start there! Class 3 have worked hard in science this week understanding how all atoms can be different sizes and that different types of atoms can link together to form particles. We represented this using hula-hoops and lots of different sized objects from marbles to footballs! We also looked at pilgrimage in RE and reminded ourselves that Hajj is the 5<sup>th</sup> pillar of Islam, which is why it is so important to Muslims to travel to Mecca. In Hockey, we put our skills into mini matches and in English we joined a zoom call with popular author Maz Evans who gave us lots of tips on writing and editing stories!

### Diary Dates

- 2.10.23 3.30pm onwards Curriculum Meetings for Parents (see section below for times)
- 5.10.23 Class 2 Friendships workshop with Amber (Mental Health Schools Team Practitioner)
- 5.10.23 5.30-8pm Calder High Open Evening for Y5/6 W/C
- 9.10.23 – Reception Parent Catch-Up Chats (Please see Miss Moran to sign up to a time)
- 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
- 24.10.23 Slow the Flow visit to Class 3
- 25.10.23 Class 2 Tree Planting with Treeresponsibility
- 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 4.00pm Mytholmroyd Lights Switch on - Choir performing.
- 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
- 7.12.23 AM KS2 Team to Tenpin Bowling Competition
- 7.12.23 2pm and 6pm Nativity Show (all pupils involved)
- 19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip
- 20.12.23 Christmas Parties
- 21.12.23 \*Thursday\* School Closes for Christmas

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## Golden Book Awards

### Kindness Awards:

Class R: Oliver

Class 1: Harley

Class 2: Theia

Class 3: Jonah

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Niamh D-G

Class 1: Mercedes

Class 2: Florence P

Class 3: Dylan

### Golden Book

Class R: John

Class 1: Charlotte

Class 2: Reuben and Jude

Class 3: Jake

## Water Bottles

Please can water bottles contain plain, still water only. Recently we seem to have had an increase in water bottles containing squash, juice and flavoured and fizzy waters. Even if they are fussy about this at home, children do all drink water at school when everyone else is doing so and they are thirsty – honestly!

Other drinks are harmful to teeth, not only due to the sugar or sweetener content but also because they are highly acidic. This includes flavoured water and fizzy water. The NHS recommends that children drink only milk or plain water during the day, and if you choose for your child to have squash, fizzy drinks or flavoured drinks that these are at meal times (out of school) where the production of saliva helps protect the teeth from some of the acidity. They also recommend straws in this case too!

## Active Schools

Reception had a fantastic balance bike training session this week and were soon confidently zooming around! Year 6 completed their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability Awards on the streets of Mytholmroyd and all worked hard to improve their skills!

## Forest School

We have some exciting things planned for Forest School this year and at the forefront of this will be our Forest School Leaders. They are: Reception- Dottie , Class 1 - Jessica and Charlie, Class 2 - Stanley and Ellie , Class 3 – Jake. They will be helping us work towards the Woodland Trusts, Green Tree Schools Award. This award sets out tasks that the Forest School Leaders will be completing and these will then earn us points towards the award. We have already achieved our Bronze certificate and we are working towards our Silver award now!

## Mental Health Schools Team

Thank you to everyone who chatted to Rebecca from the MHST who came along to our coffee morning this morning. She is keen to get ideas of what parents would like to see or have support with, so is putting together a survey which we will send out soon.

## 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 from Mr Guise later today, but please speak to us if you are interested in finding out more!

## Reading Books

A letter went home yesterday outlining our reading schemes and when books should be coming home and returned. Please let Mrs Pickup know if you didn't receive it. Thanks and happy reading!

## Curriculum Sessions

We hope you will be able to join us on Monday after school for a short session to find out more about your child's curriculum this year and how you can support them at home. There will also be some useful handouts and a chance to visit their classroom and meet their teacher and ask any questions you might have! 3.20pm – Reception, Year 2 and Year 5, 3.40pm – Year 4 and Year 6, 4.00pm – Year 1 and Year 3.

## Lost Property

Please ask teachers if you are missing jumpers!

## Macmillan Coffee Morning Thanks

Thank you to our CaPS PTA for hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning this morning after assembly and thanks to everyone who stayed to join them or brought cakes! If you weren't able to attend, but would like to donate, there will be a collection box with Mrs Pickup too.

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