



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

Class News

Class R This week in maths, we have been continuing to become more familiar with numbers beyond 10 and the stable order of numbers to 20 and beyond by playing lots of counting and matching games. We read Jack and the Beanstalk and planted our own runner bean seeds to find out how long it really takes to grow a beanstalk. The Gingerbread Man has been sending us more postcards. He has visited Norway, Denmark, France, Germany and Italy - we found out about the animals you might see in Norway, read The Little Mermaid by Hans Christian Andersen, created our own versions of Monet's Bridge Over a Pond of Water Lilies, found out how to say 'hello', 'my name is', 'goodbye', 'please' and 'thank you' in German, painted like Michelangelo and wrote about Italian food! We have also been working very hard on our letter formation with some fantastic results!

Class 1 This week Class 1 have been super busy. In maths, Y1 have started their multiplication unit- counting in 2, 5 and 10! Wow! Y2 have started their fraction unit, looking at equal / unequal parts and recognising half! Y2 have also been working really hard with their story writing, retelling 'The Fox and the Star' and adding their own little twist at the end! In science, we have been learning all about mixtures, so it was only right to get the children to be super scientists and create a mixture themselves. We looked at mixtures that can be separated and mixtures that are irreversible because their atoms have changed and combined- creating a new product. Alongside this, we have been practising cricket skills which included over arm throws and how to hold the bat correctly. The children have had an amazing week of learning 😊

Class 2 What a great week Class 2 have had this week! In maths, Year 3 and 4 have both started their money unit. They have been converting between pounds and pence and using the decimal point accurately. In English, we have all created our own Borrower houses, ready to describe them next week. We compared The Borrowers to Honey I shrunk the Kids and created a smaller version of ourselves as if we had been shrunk. In science, we investigated shadows. We learned how to create shadows and change their size depending on their distance from the light source. We also investigated opaque, translucent and transparent materials. In geography, we have compared what life would be like in a South American country with what life is like for us in the UK. A wonderful week everyone, well done!

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
10.5.24 8.45am PTA Meeting
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
6.6.24 3.30pm Cross Country for Year 2-6 – our field
10.6.24 Year 3 to Footsteps at Cragg Vale Church
10.6.24 Year 4 'Lights Camera Score' at Victoria Theatre
13.6.24 Calder Learning Trust Awards Evening
14.6.24 3.30pm PTA Summer Fair
1.7.24 Choir performing at Young Voices at Victoria Theatre
4.7.24 Year 6 -7 Parent/Student Information Evening
5.7.24 Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Day
5.7.24 Years 1-5 Trip to Jodrell Bank
15.7.24 Year 6 Leavers Event (don't tell them!)
19.7.24 School closes for summer
More summer dates coming soon!

Class 3 This week Class 3 have started cricket in PE! We went over some of the rules and practised some bowling, striking and fielding skills. We're looking forwards to getting out onto the field more to play some full matches in the next few weeks. In topic we have been researching tropical rainforests including their eco-systems, climates, locations and sizes. Year 6 have worked hard in Maths this week, getting to grips with reading and interpreting pie charts! Finally, in science this week we conducted investigations into gravitational pull. We thought carefully about our control, independent and dependent variables and how to record our results - we even linked this to maths to find the mean of our results! What a busy week!

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Active News

We have had some sunshine this week which has been lovely for everyone to get out in!

Reception have been loving their mud kitchen and car ramps this week, Class 1 have been active scientists outside, Class 2 have loved the newly mown field for playing rounders and Class 3 have had a great science lesson learning about forces whilst bouncing balls of different sizes!

Our Active Leaders and School Councillors have been tasked with gathering ideas for some summer term games and activities and new equipment we might need for these!

Awards

Well done to our award winners this week!

Kindness Awards

Class R: Bealey

Class 1: Emma

Class 2: Lilla

Class 3: Elliot

Stars of the Week

Class R: Easton

Class 1: Jack

Class 2: Amelia

Class 3: Holly

Mytholmroyd Cricket Training

Training at Mytholmroyd Cricket Club begins tonight, Friday 3rd May, at 5.30pm with a fun session for everyone to get back into it. Subsequent weeks will then be spilt into sessions for younger and older children (details to be announced soon)

Everyone aged Year 2 onwards is welcome to go along and give it a go! £2 per session and parents welcome to stay, particularly with the younger children.

PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting next Friday 10th May at 8.50am in school. PTA would really welcome anyone who is able to stay and be involved however you can. If you are unable to stay but would like to offer some help or ideas for the upcoming Summer Fair, please get in touch with Edward's mum or Poppy and Ellie's mum, or with school and we will pass it on! They are also open to different meeting times or evenings at different locations if people would like to suggest them!

We have heard recently that many schools no longer have a PTA, and it makes us even more grateful for our fabulous parents and families who organise events and support opportunities in school- thank you!

Update on our Chicks

This week we heard that the 2023 chicks, that went to live with a friend of Sybil in Class 1, are doing well and one of the cockerels is now a dad!

Cleo in Class 2 has been keeping us updated about our 2024 gang and has promised us some photos soon. Lovely!

Summer Season

It's that time of year where we need both rain coats and summer hats available depending on what the weather is doing!

Please can children have a named summer hat/cap in their school bag for sunny days. Please apply sun cream at home, but children can have an extra named sun cream in their bag as well -roll on dispensers are ideal for this.

It is always wise to still have the rain coat every day as well please!

Clubs

Due to Monday 6th being a Bank Holiday Monday and school being closed, there will be no SATS boosters and KS2 Football will have their final session on Monday 13th May.

All other after-school clubs have their final session next week:

Wednesday 8th May for Cookery and Gardening and Friday 10th May for KS1 Football.

Thanks for all the great feedback from the clubs, we're glad the children are enjoying them!

Lunchtime choir will continue to run and we will have some updates on the next round of clubs soon.



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