



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

Class News

Class R This week Reception have been super busy learning all their new phonic sounds. They have even started reading and writing lots of CVC words! In maths we have been comparing capacity and mass: we used balance scales and compared lots of objects using super mathematical language. We then looked at a range of boxes and compared compacity to see which animal could fit into each box- of course we then had to see if we could fit in the boxes! This week our theme has been the five senses but mainly focusing on sight. We also went on an autumn hunt to see what we could see outside. We have been reading the story 'Elmer' and looking at colours and patterns. Super!

Class 1 This week in science, we found ourselves stranded on a desert island. We talked about what we would want and need on the island and made a list together. We then narrowed down our list to what we would need to actually survive on the island - it was a much shorter list! The children then wrote a message in a bottle asking for help and detailing what they needed to survive. In maths we have started our unit on addition and subtraction by looking at parts and wholes and number bonds. We made some giant part whole models in the playground and the children worked together to act out the parts and wholes. In geography we have been finding out about national parks and the different geographical features of each.

Class 2 Class 2 have continued to work hard in geography this week by learning about grid references on maps and identifying some of the ordnance survey map symbols! In maths we have been calculating addition and subtraction over tens and hundreds boundaries and in English we've been busy using our senses to explore the Chokey! In science we developed our knowledge of living things and found that some living things are so small that they are only made from a single cell! During PE we had our first try at some netball matches and in music we did an excellent job of echo singing with Mrs McVey! What a busy week!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a very busy week this week! In English, we have really focused on finding interesting synonyms to use in our non-chronological reports. We thought about our audience and the purpose that we are writing for. In maths, we have found common multiples and common factors as well as solving test-style questions that include these. We have also learned rules of divisibility. We can now determine whether a number is divisible by 2,3,4,5 or 9. In science, we learned about micro-organisms and fungi and linked this to what we know about MRS GREN. A great week everyone - well done for all of your hard work!

Diary Dates

- 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
- 17.10.24 7.30pm PTA Meeting and Social at Shoulder of Mutton, Mytholmroyd – new time & venue!
- 18.10.24 9.00am Harvest Festival Assembly – families welcome
- 22.10.24 SEND Parent Meetings *Book on Arbor*
- 23.10.24 Class R visit to the Fire Station
- 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. We will send a message when this is open to book.
- 14.11.24 3pm KS2 Cross Country at Stubbs Field – including qualifier opportunity for Calderdale
- 19.11.24 Hebden Royd Mayor visiting us
- 22.11.24 PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night
- 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
- 6.12.24 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair
- 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

Arbor Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has now downloaded and logged into the Arbor app. If you still need any help with this, please do get in touch.

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Awards

Kindness:

Class R: Kimberley

Class 1: Niamh L-N

Class 2: Anya

Class 3: Lilla

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Marcel

Class 1: Milo

Class 2: George

Class 3: Jake

Well done everyone!

Reading Records

Please can we ask that you write in your child's reading record when they read to an adult (or older sibling) at home. If they read a different book or magazine to you, please do write this in instead. The date and pages read (where appropriate – usually KS2) is all you need to write unless there is anything else you want us to know or you'd like some help with. Thank you so much for your support with regular reading at home, it really does have a huge impact on children's confidence to access the curriculum, their understanding, their vocabulary and their ideas for their writing too. Thanks!

World Mental Health Day Active Leaders

Next **Thursday 10th October** is World Mental Health Day. To spread the message of the link between positive physical health and mental health, our Active Leaders will be holding some active challenges and competitions. It will be **50p** to enter, and we will be collecting for the mental health charity Young Minds who are a UK charity to support young people, families and schools-aiming for a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health.

Librarians

Our new librarians in Key Stage 2 are:

Eva, Reuben, Elizabeth M and Holly.

They will be helping Mrs Kennedy with our library, the little library, class reading areas and more! Their first job will be deciding what we spend our Kenneth Kaberry Award 2024 on. This is an annual donation of £150 from Hebden Royd Town Council for new books. Last year we bought lots of new mental health and wellbeing books and this year we want to add to our author focus area in the library by including some new and diverse authors from the Book Trust's recommended list. This also links in with the discussions we've been having in assemblies as part of Black History month.

Active News

Congratulations to Eva D who brought her Tags Cheerleading Level 1 award in for our Friday Assembly today – fantastic work!

Girls Cricket Club

There is a flyer for the Mytholmroyd Girls Cricket Club at the end of the newsletter for Years 5-8. This is organised by Sophie Gollop (Maggie's mum) and needs more members to be able to be viable. So if any Year 5/6 girls or older siblings would be interested in going along to try it, please get in touch with Sophie.

Parent Questionnaire

Next week we will be sending home a parent/carer questionnaire. Pupils will also be taking part in a questionnaire in school too.

This will help us be able to see what is working well, what we can plan to work on this year and how we can all work together for our fabulous children!

School Council Said... This week our new School Councillors gathered ideas from their classes for clubs they would like to take part in this year.

We did... There were lots of great ideas, so we have gone away to find out what we can make happen and hope to bring this to the newsletter next week!

End of the Day

A little request for the end of the day. We ask that children are not playing on the equipment at home time and make their way out of the gates so that staff can lock them please. Thank you!



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