



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

Class News

Class R In topic this week we found out about Grace Darling. We talked again about what lighthouses are for and discussed what we thought a hero is. We looked at some seascapes and created our own seaside art. In maths we have continued looking at maps. We have read stories about maps, made our own small maps and have made a large 3D map together. We also have some exciting things planned for Friday when we will make sure we use every room in the school whilst the others are out!

Class 1 This week Class 1 have worked so hard, especially in maths. Year 1 have started their unit on time and Year 2 have studying pictograms and interpreting data. In English, Year 2 have begun writing a persuasive leaflet for their own museum and have been very excited thinking about their exhibits! In science we have been learning about the weather around the world and we learnt all about the equator. A super busy week, well done!

Class 2 Class 2 have had a super week this week! In English we have been including speech in our narrative writing. There is so much to remember but we are becoming more confident when using speech marks and starting a new line for each new speaker. Everyone included some great adjectives in their narrative, well done! In maths, we have been interpreting, creating and comparing different graphs. Year 3 have focused on bar charts and pictograms whereas Year 4 have been learning about line graphs. In science, we learned about how day and night are created as well as how days, months and years are made. In music, we have been practising for our ukulele performance - we hope to see you there!

Class 3 Class 3 have worked hard this week to finish the first draft of their balanced arguments. We are excited to edit them and publish the final pieces next week! In maths, we investigated the Fibonacci sequence! Our topic lesson was very exciting this week as we investigated a primary source of historical information from 1769! We read a newspaper article about the murder of William Deighton, an excise officer who was investigating the Cragg Vale Coiners. We found lots of interesting information and it helped to answer lots of our questions about the coiners gang. We can't wait until our next lesson to get to know more! Finally, in science this week we developed our understanding of properties of materials and conducted an investigation into thermal insulators.

Diary Dates

- 9.7.24 Year 6 to Year 7 House Quiz event
- 10.7.24 Tennis sessions for each class!
- 11.7.24 Reception Class Trip to Manor Heath
- 11.7.24 2.30pm Class 2 ukulele performance to families
- 12.7.24 AM All classes transition morning and new Reception in to join us.
- 15.7.24 3.15pm Year 6 Leavers Event (don't tell them!) Please join us at 3.15pm to cheer them out of school and wave them on their way!
- 16.7.24 Calder Learning Trust Culture Day
- 17.7.24 4pm KS2 Team to Rounders Competition – our field.
- 18.7.24 9am Leavers and End of Term Assembly - families welcome
- 19.7.24 **School closes for summer – Calder Primary 12pm**, Calder High 12.15pm *Please do not park on site due to buses*
- 4.9.24 Calder Primary Years R-6 Back to School *Please see information from Calder High for staggered return for Years 7-11*

New School App System

We will be moving to a new school information system from September which will be one platform for all our forms, systems, emails and text alerts. Later in the term it will also begin to be used for payments too. We hope this will help streamline systems for parents and solve the problems we know some parents have had with receiving emails. We can't wait! More to follow in September!

SEND Review

As part of our School Development Planning we have been reviewing SEND this year. We want to let you know that next year you will receive a yearly calendar so you can see when all things SEND (including meetings and check-in phone calls) are scheduled.

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Active News

There has been lots of active learning outside this week with active maths, science and Forest School. We have had a packed-out scooter and bike rack too!

Culture Day

On Tuesday 16th July we will be having a Calder Culture Day, learning about different cultures from around the world including some that are represented in the Calder Learning Trust. We would really like to include and celebrate some different cultures of pupils in Calder Primary as part of this. If any families would be willing to share a little information with us about their family heritage and culture, or have any ideas about how we could incorporate this in our day for example food, song or language, we would love to hear from you!

Election

We have been learning all about democracy and the general election in our assemblies last week and this week. Then on Wednesday we held our own election in Calder Primary, where everyone got the chance to take part in voting in our polling station. They also had polling stations in Calder High School. Overall, for the Calder Learning Trust the results were: Labour: 395, Conservative 39, Liberal Democrats 92, Green 176, Yorkshire Party 19, Reform 187, Social Democratic Party 12.

Reading Books

This will be the last week for reading books coming home from school as next week we will be collecting them all back in and checking that we (hopefully!) have them all back. If you could have a check at home for any to bring back, we'd be very grateful! [Calderdale Libraries](#) will be running their popular Summer Reading Challenge to encourage children to visit the library and keep reading over the holidays!

End of Term Musicians

If any pupils who are having music lessons (in or out of school) would like to perform at the end of term assembly, please let Mrs Lambert know. Priority will be given to Year 6 pupils but we usually have time for 1 piece from each child who would like to.

Awards

Well done to our award winner this week!

Class 2 Star of the Week: Grace for making a wonderful start at Calder Primary!

No other awards this week as we're on our trip today!

Transition

We hope the Year 6 who were on transition day today had a great day – we can't wait to hear all about it! Even with being at Calder Primary, it is still a big change to move up to high school. This [useful guide](#) for parents, recommended by our Mental Health Schools Team, might be helpful for supporting them (and for the change for yourselves too!). The next transition session within Calder Primary is on Friday 12th July in the morning - with our new Reception pupils joining us too.

Voices Together

Our choir were outstanding at the Calderdale Music Trust's Voices Together event at Victoria Theatre on Monday! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch and cheer for them and for all the lovely comments on Facebook and by email - the choir and staff were delighted to read them! We're very proud of them all.

Calderdale Healthy Active Holidays

Calderdale Council are linking with a variety of organisations and providers to offer holiday clubs over the summer holidays.

These are free to pupils in receipt of Free School Meals and often have additional places that can be paid for as well. There are also some which are organised to offer provision to pupils with SEND. The full list and information can be found [here](#) and they range from sports to crafts and more! [Little Village Learners](#) have also now opened up their summer holiday club, which is booking up fast!

Don't forget the coats!

Please can children have a rain coat with them every day even if it looks fine first thing. The weather has been quite unpredictable including sudden playtime downpours!



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