

# Calder Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

#### **Class News**

Class R In maths we have been comparing size and mass. We sorted items for the big bear and the little bear. We compared classroom items using balance scales and then became human balance scales to show which item was the heaviest. In our topic lessons we have continued to find out about our senses. We have been on a listening walk, played sound discrimination games and explored musical instruments. We used our sense of touch and some super vocabulary to describe what we could feel in some 'feely boxes'. We have also enjoyed some sewing, squiggle while you wiggle and working together to build marble runs.

Class 1 This week Year 2 have refreshed their learning on number bonds to 10 and 20 and Year 1 have just started learning about bonds and number sentences. We have used a range of equipment and representations such as tens frames, sorting circles, part-whole models and many more. In topic we learnt about David Attenborough and how he has helped the conservation of our planet. In science we recapped our learning of solid, liquid and gas atoms and then moved on to materials. We went on a material hunt around our classroom to find the object and identify which material it was made out of. Super learning!

Class 2 What a great week Class 2 have had this week! In maths we have started learning about addition and subtraction. Year 3 are adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers whilst the Year 4's are working with 4 digit numbers. Everyone is doing so well with both the mental and written methods we have learned! In English, we have written a newspaper report based on our book The Comet. We made sure we included all the features and we even accurately punctuated direct speech. In geography, we learned about climate and weather. We used the atlases and climate maps to investigate the climates of different places. In science, we discovered what happens to the atoms of liquids and gases when they are heated and cooled. The scientific language used has been amazing! Such a great week everyone, well done!

Class 3 Class 3 have started their calculation units in maths this week. Year 5 did a great job with column addition and subtraction while Year 6 recapped on factors and multiples. In topic we looked at how a river is split into an upper, middle and lower course whilst in science we demonstrated how particles and chemical bonds change during changing state between solids, liquids and gasses - they all did a fabulous job at this tricky subject! In English we have read more of 'Shackleton's Journey' and have started writing a diary entry as if we were a crew member on the first day of the voyage. Well done everyone, a great week!

## **Diary Dates**

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

26.10.23 3.30-5pm PTA Halloween Disco Year 1-6. (Reception will have a class mini disco the same day)-More details to follow next week.

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

19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip

20.12.23 Christmas Parties

21.12.23 \*Thursday\* School Closes for Christmas

#### **Golden Book Awards**

#### **Kindness Awards:**

Class R: Elizabeth Class 1: Pippa-May Class 2: Teddy Class 3: Poppy Stars of the Week:

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# **Mental Health Survey**

Thank you to everyone who chatted to Rebecca from the MHST team at the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week – Amber our allocated MHST was sad to have missed it as she was at another appointment. To follow on from this, Amber has written a short survey to gather views and ideas from parents and carers and would be grateful if you could complete it before Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. <u>Survey Link</u>

### **Governor Vacancy**

We have had some expressions of interest so far, but welcome more – particularly from primary parents- to ensure representation across both phases!

# **Trim Trail and Equipment**

Please can we remind everyone not to go on the trim trail, climbing wall or equipment before or afterschool. Thanks!

#### **Curriculum Session Follow Up**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the curriculum sessions on Monday. For anyone that was unable to attend, the booklets shared will be sent home this week and on our website early next week hopefully. These might contain example questions or tasks, but these don't need completing as homework they are just for reference. We know in September that the end of year expectations for year groups can seem a long way away, please don't be worried about this, but the aim of sharing them was to show where we need to get to, how we will do that and how you can support at home as well.

#### Reading with your child

There are some new Read Write Inc resources to support parents that we think are really helpful. One is a 'top tips' for reading to your child and how to make this a pleasurable experience for you both! These will be coming home in reading packets and with library books over the next week, and we hope you find these useful.

#### **Forest School Wellies**

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, please can all pupils in all year groups have a pair of wellies to keep in school. Please name both wellies 
Each class will be having their first half term of Forest School sessions each week until Christmas. We do have some wellies available in our pre-loved shop, please enquire with Mrs Pickup about sizes.

# Mayor to Assembly

This morning we welcomed the Mayor, Councillor Bernice Hayes, to our Friday Assembly. She talked to the children about books and the pleasure of reading and presented us with the annual Kenneth Kaberry Award from Hebden Royd Council which is a donation towards new books for the library and reading areas. Our school councillors are now busy gathering ideas for new books to buy! She also let the children look at and wear her chains, which was very exciting!

# Macmillan Coffee Morning Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported the CaPS PTA Coffee Morning last Friday – from baking to attending to sending children with donations. They raised £98.35 for the cause – fantastic!

# **Packed Lunch Thanks!**

We just wanted to say thank you to everyone who has followed the packed lunch guidance we sent on the newsletter recently – it has been great to see more variety and fresh fruit and vegetables in packed lunch boxes and less high sugar and processed items. Thank you also for following our no nuts policy, as we have a pupil with a severe allergy.

#### PTA Parent/Carer Social

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm meet at The Shoulder of Mutton, Mytholmroyd. All welcome!









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