



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

Class News

Class R This week, Reception have been in festive spirits! We have had a special visitor 'Timmy' come to spend the run up to Christmas with us. He is extremely cheeky and keeps leaving us surprises every morning! Reception have made some beautiful Christmas decorations during Forest School this week. They collected twigs and ordered them from shortest to longest. They then stuck them on a lolly pop stick and added glitter to make a tree decoration! Alongside this, we have thought about many adjectives to describe Santa Claus and then we wrote some simple sentences. Reception have also loved being Santa's helpers and have spent the week wrapping lots of presents and adding bows!

Class 1 In science this week we have been consolidating our knowledge of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr and discussed the food eaten by the tiger in the story. The children picked an animal, considered what that animal might eat and then wrote a more scientifically correct version of the story! In maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers and completing place value challenges. In history we found out who Christopher Wren was and made our own plans to rebuild London whilst making it safer, following the Great Fire of London.

Class 2 Class 2 kicked off the week enjoying Calder High's performance of *Mary Poppins*! It was enjoyed by all and a wonderful start to December. We have also been busy week making soup! Everyone worked hard to peel, chop, boil and blend their ingredients! We enjoyed tasting everyone's soups and evaluating what went well and what we would change for our final recipe. In history we discussed how we know about pre-historic times and how the work of archaeologists is key to what we know about the past! We worked to uncover artefacts and use our knowledge to assign them to a time period. Finally, in Spanish we did an excellent job in our shop setting, describing the item we wished to buy, listening carefully to know how much it was and then giving the correct money. Brilliant work!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a wonderful week this week. In English we have created character descriptions where we have compared two main characters from *Goodnight, Mister Tom*. In maths we have practiced our multiplication skills and multiplied 4-digit numbers by 3-digit numbers. We have also applied this knowledge to a range of problem-solving questions. In science, we learned how different drugs affect the body and debated whether all drugs should be illegal or not. In history we created a timeline of the main events that happened during World War 2. A great week everyone, well done!

Diary Dates

- 6.12.24 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair
- 11.12.24 **2.00pm and 6.00pm** Nativity Concerts
- 12.12.24 School Trip to Pantomime, **arrive back 5pm**
- 13.12.24 * **Extra date*** 9am End of term Assembly, families welcome
- 13.12.24 Christmas Lunch
- 16.12.24 9am Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice
- 16.12.24 4.30pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert, choir singing.
- 17.12.24 9.00am Shop and Wrap (pupils can buy small items for family and friends)
- 18.12.24 **PM** End of Term Fun and Games
- 20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas 12.15pm- 1.00pm
- 6.1.25 Back to School

Please see the Christmas at Calder Primary information at the bottom of this newsletter for more information about all the events up to Christmas, thanks!

You said... On the parent survey, it was raised that parents would like to email teachers directly.

We said... We do appreciate it can be difficult as a working parent to be able to contact your child's teacher. We ask that you email primary@calderlearningtrust.com because teachers are teaching during the day and not always able to receive or reply to emails. Emailing primary@ means that we can ensure your email is received, passed on to the most appropriate person and that you receive a reply in a timely manner. Alternatively, you can pop a note in your child's reading packet or telephone with a query. **Please allow 48 hours response time for general emails or notes that require a reply.** Staff will endeavour to reply as soon as they are able to, this can depend on what your enquiry relates to. They may email or telephone you to reply, or be able to speak to you at the gate. If it is a confidential or serious email, you may prefer to email Mrs Lambert klambert@calderlearningtrust.com. For their own wellbeing, we don't expect staff to check or reply to emails after 5pm or before 8am. Many thanks for your understanding.

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Awards (Monday 2nd December)

Kindness:

Class R: Marcel

Class 1: Rexford

Class 2: Grayson

Class 3: Edie

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Ted

Class 1: Sam

Class 2: Charlotte

Class 3: Willow

Well done everyone!

PE Hoodies

We have been asking myclothing.com for PE hoodies for a while now and are pleased to let you know that they are available to buy on there now along with other school clothing items. Visit www.myclothing.com and search for Calder Primary School. All uniform items are also available to buy at Shaw Hardcastle in store and online. Or we have lots of pre-loved stock too!

Smartphone Free Childhood

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch following our letter this week. It has been great to hear from many parents who also have concerns about phones and their impact on our young people. We are more than happy for you to tell the children that school have said not until Year 7 at least 😊

Active News

On Wednesday, Edward, Stanley and Billy represented us at the Calderdale School Games Finals at Old Brodlians Rugby Club. Edward came in 18th and Stanley and Billy 47th in their year group races, all were brilliant and should feel very proud of qualifying to run in the 'best of the best' in Calderdale!

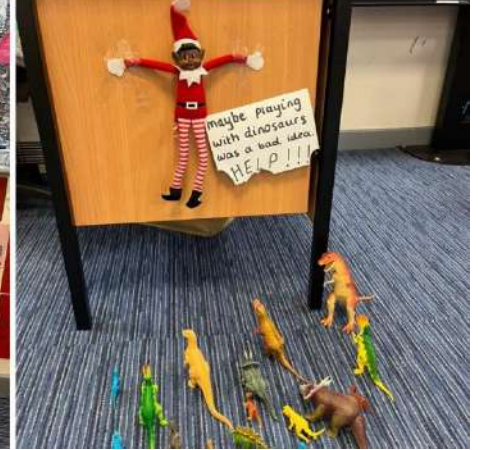
We have had lots of singing and dancing this week rehearsing for our Nativity and our Active Leaders have enjoyed sharing new games with us all too.

Tree Dressing

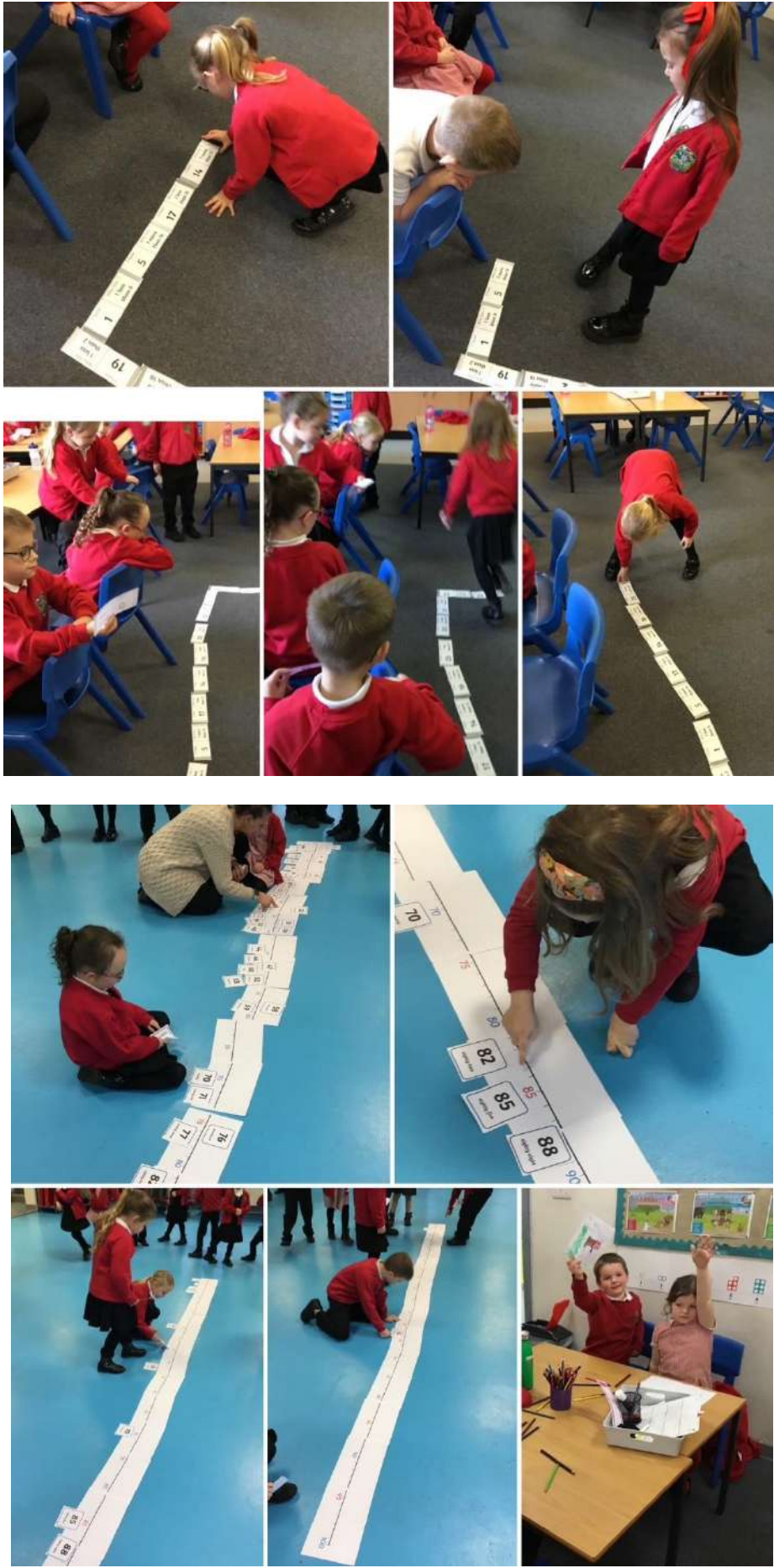
Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Tree Dressing Assembly this morning, we hope you feel very festive now! An extra thanks to Dylan and Kimberley for turning on our Christmas lights!



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Christmas at Calder Primary 2024



Thursday 28th December	<p>Non-Uniform Day Please bring a chocolate or sweet donation (or £1 towards the chocolate shopping) for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair</p>
Friday 29th December	<p>INSET Day The Calder Learning Trust is closed for all pupils and students in both Calder Primary and Calder High.</p>
Friday 6th December	<p>9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly Join us for a special assembly where we decorate our Christmas tree and turn the lights on together as well as sharing some Christmas tree trivia and some favourite Christmas songs to start the festivities!</p>
Friday 6th December	<p>3.15-5.30pm Calder Primary PTA Christmas Fair in our Calder Primary building. There will be stalls, crafts, games, cakes, hot dogs, mulled wine and more! Please can we ask for donations of small toys/prizes for games, clean teddies and bottles (e.g. wine, soft drinks, ketchup, shampoo) for the tombolas, outgrown/unwanted Christmas jumpers, food/drink items for the luxury hamper raffle or pledges of cakes/baked goods for the café.</p>
Wednesday 11th December	<p>2pm 'Christmas Counts' Nativity in The Calder Learning Trust Theatre. Please see the letter for how to book tickets. Please use either Midgley Road or Brier Hey Lane gates to enter the site from 1.50pm (it is not possible to use Appleyard Road gate entrance to arrive at this time). Pupils will return to their classrooms afterwards, please collect them from Calder Primary as usual. There is no cost for tickets, but we will hold a charity collection at the end if you are able to donate.</p> <p>Costumes For Reception and Class 1: any extra costume information will be sent home by Miss Moran this week – this would only be things to wear under the main costumes which we already have in school. For Classes 2 and 3: pupils will need to wear a pair of pyjamas. These need to be 2-piece, long-legged pyjamas. Christmas ones are ideal, but any will be fine. No onesies, dressing gowns or oodles please as it can get hot under the stage lights! No slippers needed.</p>
Wednesday 11th December	<p>6pm 'Christmas Counts' Nativity in the Calder High Theatre. Please come to the theatre for 5.40pm for pupils to arrive and change as appropriate whilst you take your seats. All gates will be open at this time. All pupils are needed to attend. If your child is unable to, please let us know as soon as possible it affects roles and rehearsals. If you are not watching, please collect your child from the theatre main entrance at 6.45pm.</p>
Thursday 12th December	<p>Whole School Pantomime Visit This year we are trying Laurence Batley Theatre! We will be leaving after an early lunchtime and pupils will need to bring a water bottle. Please pay via Parent pay. We aim to be back for 5pm, traffic depending. Please be mindful of blocking the entrance to the site for the coaches, there should be more capacity in the car park at this time of day if needed.</p>
Friday 13th December	<p>9.00am End of Term Assembly - Families are welcome to join us to sing some Christmas carols together and listen to some festive performances from some of our musicians as well as our end of term award presentations. If your child was awarded the Star Award at the end of the Summer Term, please return these to school by Wednesday 11th December.</p>
Friday 13th December	<p>Christmas Lunch All pupils are invited to join us for our Primary Christmas Lunch. If your child usually has packed lunches and would like to take part, please email Mrs Pickup. Please get any outstanding Christmas Lunch orders back to Mrs Pickup as soon as possible.</p>
Monday 16th December	<p>9.00am Reindeer Run We are once again taking part in Overgate Hospice's Reindeer Run. Pupils are sponsored to take part in this fun, active challenge to support our local hospice. Sponsorship forms will be coming home with pupils -antlers to wear are provide by Overgate! Pupils will wear their PE trainers which should be in school anyway. Please bring any sponsorship money back by Wednesday 18th December.</p>

Monday 16th December	<p>4.30-6.00pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert Our choir will be singing, along with other acts from pupils, students and staff from The Calder Learning Trust. Tickets for parents/carers are £5 on Ticket Source which include refreshments.. Children will be staying after school to rehearse, so if you are watching please come straight to the theatre for 4.30pm. Or if you are not staying, please collect your child at 6.00pm from the theatre.</p>
Tuesday 17th December	<p>9.30-11am PTA Shop and Wrap Pupils can buy presents for their families for £1 per item – they may bring up to £4 to spend on up to 4 items (if we have enough). Parent and staff volunteers will help them wrap and label the presents too. <u>Donations of items to buy (for mums/dads/siblings etc), wrapping paper and bows/ribbons are welcomed please to help make it possible.</u> The perfect chance for a pre-Christmas sort out of unwanted gift items or good quality items or if you're able to donate any simple gift items from stores such as Home Bargains for children to choose and shop for! If you would like to come along and help wrap please let us know, we would be very grateful!</p>
Wednesday 18th December	<p>Afternoon: End of Term Fun Games We will have some fun games and activities to enjoy for the end of term. No special clothes/items needed.</p>
Friday 20th December	<p>Christmas Jumper Day Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas outfits if preferred (Santas, elves etc) if they would like to. Pupils may wear non-uniform items with their Christmas jumper or outfit or if they don't celebrate Christmas. £1 donation for Overgate Hospice: please either donate in cash or by ParentPay.</p> <p>Toys and Games Pupils may bring a toy or game in to share with friends, no electronics such as consoles or phones please.</p> <p>12.15-1.00pm Break Up for Christmas Due to the buses, Calder High School will now finish at 12.15pm. We have advertised 1pm for Calder Primary for some time and know that parents will have made arrangements for this. Similarly, if you have children in Calder High who you are collecting as well or if older siblings collect younger ones, you may wish to collect at 12.15pm. Therefore, parents can collect Calder Primary pupils from 12.15-1pm as is convenient for you. Pupils will all get a morning snack from our kitchen to keep them going. Please note that you will not be able to drive up Appleyard Road due to the buses so please park off site and walk in to collect from any CLT entrance. In the summer we still had cars driving onto site and getting into difficulties with buses including cars getting clipped and people getting stuck for a considerable amount of time! After-school providers have been told of our finishing time but please liaise with them about your child's arrangements to confirm.</p>
<p><i>We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th January 2025!</i></p>	



Calder Primary School

Christmas Fair

School Hall, Friday 6th Dec 3:15-5.30

Stalls, games, raffle, refreshments and much more...

All welcome!



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