



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Class News

**Class R** This week Reception have started their new topic 'Let's celebrate!' by learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali. We loved creating our own fireworks and jumping around the room saying our noisy words such as POP, BOOM, FIZZ, CRACKLE before writing them too! We read 'sparks in the sky' and discussed how to be safe on Bonfire Night. For Diwali, we discussed where it is celebrated around the world and learnt about the traditions that take place. We created our own Rangoli pattern pictures and even designed our own mehndi on hand templates. In maths we have started learning about positional language. We read 'we're going on a bear hunt', and used our arms to act out the positional language. Then we played 'Hide the teddy' with partners and used positional language to help our partners find the them. A super week Reception!

**Class 1.** This week in maths we have been subtracting and finding the difference. We have completed challenges, played dice racing games and answered questions by lining up and finding the difference between, for example, the number of children who have a pet dog and the number of children who don't! In PE we started our striking and fielding unit by working on our throwing and catching skills. In science we researched different animals. We then found out how tall each of our animals are and plotted them on a tape measure in our class. In History we compared life in London in the 17th century to life in London today. We also worked together to carry out a BioBlitz of our Forest School area. A super first week back!

**Class 2** This week in Class 2 we have started our new history topic and worked incredibly hard to understand how life was different in the Stone Age! We looked at the tools that people used, the food they ate and the homes that they lived in. We even found out that this period of time was so long that historians had to split it down further into 3 parts called the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic ages. In PE we started our invasion games unit, full of mini games to help develop the skills we need to be successful when playing invasion sports - this week we worked on communication. We also had our first Forest School session where we began to develop compass reading skills. We worked in teams on the field to read the compass and follow instructions to move in different directions. Finally, we have started our DT unit this half term on soup! We have conducted research into different soups that are available to compare what we liked and disliked about them. What a busy first week back!

### Diary Dates

- 10.11.24 Choir singing at Remembrance Service – meet at Mytholmroyd Community Centre at 1.40pm
- 11.11.24 Remembrance Day in school
- 11.11.24 Class 2 Trip to Herd Farm Iron Age Village
- 12.11.24 Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Alliance
- 13.11.24 and 14.11.24 3.30-5.30pm Parents' Evenings – in person. Bookable on Arbor.
- 14.11.24 3pm KS2 Cross Country at Stubbs Field – including qualifier opportunity for Calderdale
- 15.11.24 Children in Need Day
- 19.11.24 Hebden Royd Mayor visiting us
- 22.11.24 PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night
- 23.11.24 4.15pm Choir singing at Mytholmroyd Lights Switch On together with other local schools.
- 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
- 13.12.24 Christmas Lunch
- 16.12.24 4.30pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert, more details to be confirmed.
- 20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

**Class 3** Class 3 have had a wonderfully busy week this week! During our immersion day, we dressed as an evacuee, role-played what it would be like when an air raid siren sounded and created some Blitz themed artwork. This was then followed by our visit to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester. We enjoyed looking at all the different artefacts and hearing stories from people that lived in Manchester during WW2. We also watched their Big Picture presentation about how animals were used during the war. In English we have begun reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. In maths we know about fractions and have now started adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. A great week everyone!

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## Awards

### Kindness:

Class R: Eilo

Class 1: Emma

Class 2: Pippa

Class 3: Luna

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Kimberly

Class 1: Mila

Class 2: Niall

Class 3: Lewis

**Well done everyone!**

## Lego and Football Club

There is still time to join Years 1-4 Lego Club and Years 3-6 Football Club if any children would like to.

## PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night

This is on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** and will be suitable for families to come along together. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter!

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are next Wednesday and Thursday in person in our hall. Please book your appointments on Arbor.

## Active News

Thank you for all the wonderful Active Challenge entries over half term and this week. The children did brilliantly and we've had lots of chats about cloud watching and star gazing this week!

Our Active Leaders and Miss Smith will be awarding the house points at their next meeting.

## Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, children are invited to wear odd socks (any socks welcome!) along with their school uniform. This is to celebrate that everyone is unique and everyone is equally valued, as part of Anti-Bullying Alliance's Anti-Bullying Week. No money is needed for this.

## Forest School and PE

A reminder for Forest School days this half term:

Reception – Mondays

Class 1 – Have changed to Tuesdays!

Class 2 – Mondays

Class 3 – Tuesdays

Please can children have their wellies and warm coats on these days. If they have a pair of named wellies they can leave in school this half term, that would be great. We have lots of spares, please come and have a look or email us before buying any if you need some! For PE, please can all children bring back their PE kits that they took home for half term washing! Children need a warm outdoor PE kit with PE t-shirt, black joggers, PE hoodie (school one or plain red or black) and trainers to keep in school please.

Please name all Forest School and PE items!

## Children in Need

Next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need! Please see the letter emailed out this week for all the details and please donate on our live link.

## You said on the Parent Survey...

Where can we see pupil attainment at Calder Primary School and compared to pupils nationally?

### We said...

Our 2024 results for EYFS, Phonics and Key Stage 2 are on our website [here](#)

Once again, our pupils achieved strong results in these statutory assessments, ensuring that they were well prepared for the next stage of their learning. Well done everyone!

## Water Bottles

A reminder please that we ask children to bring their named water bottles to school every day. These can be filled up throughout the school day. We ask for water bottles to contain water only; children do get in the habit of drinking water throughout the day at school even if this is something they don't usually drink at home.

## Open Week

We've had a great Open Week for prospective pupils and families for Reception 2025. If you know anyone who wasn't able to visit this week or would still like to visit, this is not a problem. Please ask them to get in touch and we can arrange this for them.



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# QUIZ NIGHT

FRI 22ND NOV

5:30pm-7:30pm @  
CALDER  
PRIMARY

Tickets £10 adults, £5 kids or  
£30 family ticket  
Includes quiz, bingo, food, &  
prizes.

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