



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

Class News

Class R On Tuesday, we enjoyed a very wet but still wonderful trip to Cromwell Bottom. We walked around the reserve, filled bird feeders, watched the ducks and swans in the canal and spent time in 3 different bird-watching areas. On Wednesday we went on a wellbeing walk with our buddies - it was lovely to spend some time with them. In maths we have been doubling and got to use a special doubling cauldron!

Class 1 This week Y1 have been learning all about doubles and near doubles- they have tried so hard! Y2 have started their multiplication unit and have been adding equal groups and were introduced to the multiplication symbol. In geography we recapped our learning of maps and what needs to be included, then we followed a route and learnt all about the compass points. It was lovely to see so many parents at our class showcase and we hope you enjoyed our continents and oceans song 😊 This week the children have loved learning about mental health and completing activities to help them with feeling worried or a little bit stuck. We went on a lovely walk and completed some mindfulness yoga. What a lovely week!

Class 2 Class 2 have had a wonderful week this week! We really enjoyed all of the mental health work that we have done this week and especially the game with the Calder High ambassadors! We created some wonderful proud poems showing what being proud is and why we are proud of ourselves. In maths we finished our length and perimeter unit and we are all ready to move onto fractions after half term. In English, we finished reading and watching Charlotte's Web and could summarise the story perfectly! In geography, we compared what it is like living in Mytholmroyd with what it would be like living in London or Cornwall. A super week everyone, well done!

Class 3. Class 3 would like to thank all of the family members that took the time to come to our showcase this week! It meant a lot to the children to be able to show off their hard work from geography and music. Aside from this Year 5 have been working on multiplication with multi-digit numbers in maths and Year 6 have come to the end of their ratio unit, which they got to grips with incredibly well! We've also performed our street dance routines that we have created this half term too! What a busy week - well done Class 3!

Diary Dates

- 9.2.24 Break up for half term
- 19.2.24 Back to school
- 22.2.24 Class 3 Mental Health Workshop 'kindness, friendship and social media'
- 6.3.24 Class 2 Mental Health Workshop 'self-esteem'
- 7.3.24 World Book Day
- 13.3.24 2.30pm Class 2's Class Showcase
- 15.3.24 9am Golden Book Assembly and End of Term Awards – families welcome
- 15.3.24 Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
- 22.3.24 9am Easter Egg Hunt- families welcome followed by refreshments and Easter competition entries to view.
- 22.3.24 3.15pm Break up for Easter
- 8.4.24 Back to school
- 16.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – in person
- 17.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – online

Spring Clubs

- **Newspaper Club** -KS2 Wednesdays 12pm
- **Choir** – Years 2-6 Tuesdays 12pm
- **Dodgeball** – KS2, Mondays 3.15-4.15pm (until 18/3/24)
- **Cookery** – Years 1 and 2 Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm from 21/2/24 for 4 weeks – please see the letter to sign up
- **Active Leaders at Playtimes** - Wednesdays
- **CHS Band, Choir and Sports Clubs** – continue to be available to Year 6
- **Unfortunately Judo have a member of staff who has left, so this has been postponed until summer**
- **Lego Club:** Reception and Year 1 Wednesdays 3.15-4pm from 21/2/24 for 5 weeks - please see the letter to sign up.

Girls Football Team

Our KS2 Girls Football Team did us proud at the HX7 schools tournament last night! Super team work, effort and even a 2-0 win! Well done, everyone – you were great ambassadors for our school!

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Easton

Class 1: Mercedes

Class 2: Skyla

Class 3: Angelina

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Niamh D-G

Class 1: Charlotte

Class 2: Cleo

Class 3: Jonah

Children's Mental Health Week 2024

We've had a great week of assemblies, activities and visitors as part of championing Children's Mental Health Week. There are lots of photos on our Calder Learning Trust Facebook Page of what we've been up to! You are most welcome to come and visit our displays in the hall to see some of what we've been doing to from 3pm today.

Then our megaphones are being collected and will be displayed in Halifax Central Library over half term along with some other local schools – how exciting!

BSL Singing

This week we have been learning 'This is me' from The Greatest Showman in British Sign Language in our assemblies – the children are great at it! Find it [here](#) if they want to keep going or you'd like to try it too!

Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that we are currently running an election for 2 vacancies on our Calder Learning Trust governing body (we have 1 governing body for both phases of the school). Voting closes on Monday 19th February at 9am, please see the letter that was emailed out for all the details on how to vote either online or by paper.

Class Showcases

Everyone has been so pleased with how many visitors they have had for their class showcases so far, thank you to everyone who has come along and we hope you enjoyed seeing your child's classroom and work.

Parking thank you!

We really appreciate your support with parking after our post last week about some of the issues. We do recognise that none of the site is ideal to park on (and that there are old double yellow lines from the sixth form some of which were covered up when the path was built which is confusing), but the aim of using just the one side in a one-way system is a compromise to help with this. It also keeps the side by the playground free for buses swinging round as well as keeping cars away from all the pupils walking out the gates along the path. As ever, if you're able to park off site and walk that really helps too!

Thank you to our PTA who have offered to buy some primary friendly cones and signs to help.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. World Book Day celebrates reading for pleasure and champions all pupils finding books that they enjoy reading!

This year we are inviting pupils to dress up either:

- As a book character (and ideally bring the book to share with classmates)
- Or in their snuggly pyjamas and dressing gowns and bring a favourite bedtime or night time story book!

Pupils are welcome to borrow a book from our library to use on the day for this and we encourage using items you already have at home to help with costumes. There are some top tips and simple ideas for dressing up [here](#)

As well as this, we would like to invite families into school from **8.20am onwards on Thursday 7th March** to share in our 'Breakfast and Books' event. We will have tea and coffee for the adults as well as breakfast items for all and lots of books, magazines and newspapers out around the hall with different places to sit and enjoy them together!

Throughout World Book Day we will have lots of different events and activities in school, promoting a love of reading.

Today we will be sending home a reading star challenge with lots of different ideas for where and how to enjoy reading a book. It would be great if pupils can start it over half term.

If they can tick off when they have completed a challenge and add what book they read there and the date for each one. We'd also love to see photos if you'd like to email us to share.

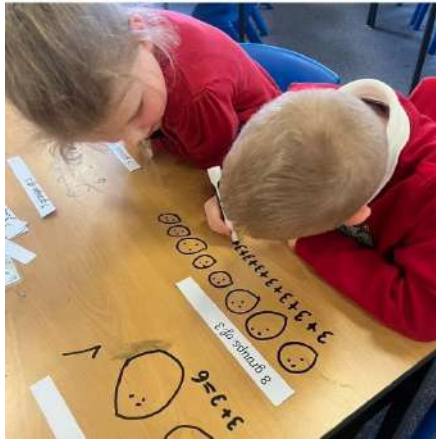
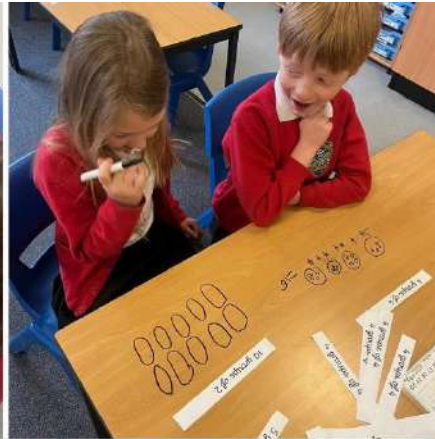
If they bring the sheet back all completed before, or on, Thursday 7th March there will be a prize too!



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My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour. and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

[For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCG18](https://bit.ly/3PzCG18)

[For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK](https://bit.ly/3LBD2wK)

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**WE KNOW THAT
TEAMWORK MAKES
THE DREAM WORK**



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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE
MYTHOLMROYD CC WOMEN & GIRLS SOFTBALL
CRICKET TEAM?**

- NO cricket experience or kit needed
- ALL fitness levels welcome
- Gain confidence, have fun, surround yourself with awesome women & girls (age 10+)

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Scan the Facebook QR code or text Sophie: 07834 533799
to find out more.



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**FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

**Supertato
Potato Stamping**
11.00am

Thursday 15th February
Sowerby Bridge Library

Book your place online!



**FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

**Family Lego Mosaic
Workshop**

Elland Library
Thursday 15th Feb
11.00am – 3.00pm

Hebden Bridge Library
Friday 16th Feb
10.30am – 2.30pm

Drop in, no need to book



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