



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

Class News

Class R

This week we all found out what part we will play in the Nativity and we have been working hard to learn our songs. We have been exploring 4 and 5 in maths. In topic we wrote wanted posters for Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh. We have also been exploring maps. We discussed the map in What the Ladybird Heard, found school on a map and mapped out Rosie's Walk.

Class 1

This week Class 1 have been busy practicing for their Nativity! Alongside this, we have been learning about life during King James I reign -we even compared it to life today! In art we have started our portraits unit and began our learning by looking at famous portraits such as the Mona Lisa! We used mirrors and sketching techniques to create our own self portrait. A super week, Class 1!

Class 2

What a great week we have had in Class 2! In English, we have finished our non-fiction writing about Isatau Ceessay. All of the information texts are bright, informative and clear. Well done everyone! In maths, we have been working on our multiplication skills. The Year 3's have focused on their 2,4 and 8times tables whereas the Year 4's have focused on their 3,6 and 9 times tables. There have also been some very competitive games on TTRS! In science, we all enjoyed going to the high school and using the labs! We boiled different liquids and measured the rate they boiled and the temperature they reached. In history, we are continuing to look at the timeline of Ancient Egypt and exploring what life would have been like at the time. A great week everyone!

Class 3

Class 3 have worked hard in topic this week by working in teams to script, produce and perform a news report on the Scots invading Britain. There were some excellent and very well thought out performances from much of the class - Miss Gothard and I were impressed! In English, we have been writing the final draft of our setting descriptions, which have some amazing vocabulary in them and describe the Antarctic setting that Shackleton was in extremely well. We have used comic strips in RE to help us learn the story of Rama and Sita for Diwali this year and why Hindus celebrate it. Finally, in outdoor learning this week, we visited different parts of the local area to create wordscapes. Great job, Class 3!

Diary Dates

- 18.11.23 Mytholmroyd Lights Switch on - Choir performing (see details below)
- 21.11.23 Class 2 & Class 3 trip to Magna
- 23.11.23 Non-uniform day - £1 or donation for Christmas Fair chocolate tombola please
- 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 PTA Christmas Fair 3.15-5.30pm
- 6.12.23 2pm and 6pm Nativity Show (all pupils involved)**
- 7.12.23 AM KS2 Team to Tenpin Bowling Competition
- 15.12.23 End of Term Awards Assembly (families welcome)
- 19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip
- 20.12.23 Christmas Parties
- 21.12.23(1pm Thursday) School Closes for Christmas**
- 8.1.24 School reopens for Spring Term**
- 23.1.24 Class 1 trip to Royal Armouries, Leeds

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Parents' Evening this week. We hope you found it a useful and informative catch up with your child's class teacher. If you were unable to meet this week or feel you would like more time to discuss things further, please call Mrs Pickup or email primary@calderlearningtrust.com and we will be happy to arrange another convenient time for you to talk to your child's class teacher.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

If you have not yet filled and dropped off a box of items for the Rotary Shoebox Appeal, please do so by **Thursday 23rd November**. You can collect a box from Mrs Pickup or provide your own. If you want any advice about what to put into your shoebox, Mrs Pickup has full details about the appeal and can help answer any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for your support 😊

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Hugo

Class 1: Noah B

Class 2: Noah M

Class 3: Charlie

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Easton

Class 1: Sybil

Class 2: Niall

Class 3: Fred

Christmas Fair

Only a couple of weeks left to go until our Christmas Fair on **Friday 1st December from 3.15pm**. Hopefully you have received two letters from PTA this week: one asking for donations and the other with raffle tickets. If you have not had these letters, please let us know.

Thursday 23rd November is a non-uniform day in order to gather donations of sweets and chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola. Alternatively, you can donate £1 to contribute towards purchases made for the Tombola and other Christmas Fair events 😊

Parent Workshop

Our MHST Amber Wrigley has asked me to pass on her thanks to all parents who completed the Mental Health Survey she created before half term. She has been looking through all the responses and started to put forward some ideas about how she can support our pupils and families. She will be working with all classes through school on a range of topics such as developing friendships, understanding feelings, dealing with anxiety and building confidence. Some of this will be whole class work and some will be done in smaller groups. In addition to this, Amber is keen to speak to parents as there were some requests in the survey responses for information and guidance around how to support children at home and for resources to use too. With this in mind, Amber is arranging a Parent Workshop that will give information and advice around a range of mental health matters and there will be lots of time to ask questions to learn more about areas of particular interest. This will be on **Thursday 25th January** (time to be confirmed) and is open to all parents. It's a great opportunity to come along and meet Amber, learn more about children's mental health and the support that is available so we hope you can attend.

Light Up The Valley

Don't forget our choir will be singing at 'Light up the Valley' in Mytholmroyd on **Saturday 18th November at 4:35pm**. They have been practising hard with children from other local schools and are all very excited to perform. Miss Appleyard is the most excited of all!

If your child is singing, please meet Miss Appleyard at **Mytholmroyd Community Centre front door at 4.25pm**. Please can children wear their school uniform and something Christmassy (tinsel in their hair, Santa hat etc).

There is also lots happening at **Mytholmroyd Fire Station** on Saturday 18th November from **12pm-4pm**. There is a poster at the end of this newsletter with all the details and information.

We're sure it will be a lovely, festive afternoon and hope that those of you who are able to go along will enjoy joining in with all the Christmas songs!

Active News

Reception and Class 1 have been getting active learning dances for their Nativity. Class 2 enjoyed active English and Science in the secondary labs. Class 3 got very active in topic preparing a news report!

Miss Moran

Forest School News

This week in assembly we looked at the celebration of Diwali and the nature representations in the Rangoli patterns. Class 2 have worked hard de-weeding the forest school areas and using tools such as shears. Class 3 are continuing using their fieldwork skills when creating wordscapes. *Mrs Holland*

Children In Need

It's been a busy couple of days in school fundraising for Children in Need. School Council would like to thank everyone for the donations towards our bun sale, which raised £63.09.

House captains have also been busy with their respective houses to reach our target of 1,000 bearpees! There was super effort all round and house captains did an excellent job of cheering on and motivating their teams! Shibden and Hardcastle reached 373 bearpees each, while Wainhouse completed 280 and Stoodley did a whopping 422, meaning that we surpassed our target and got to 1453 bearpees! Well done everyone! *Miss Smith*

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End of Term

Please note that we finish for Christmas on Thursday 21st December at **1pm**.

Calder Primary will finish at 1pm and Calder High at 1.20pm.

Please note that this will mean that the Calder High buses will be in the bus lanes and so you will not be able to drive up Appleyard Road and park in the drop-off lane or behind.

Please park off site and walk to collect.

All site gates will be open from 12.50pm, with Calder High still in lessons until 1.20pm, so you are welcome to use the Midgley Road entrance and walk across site to our top door to collect if you would like.

We apologise for the later notice of this finish time; it has only just been confirmed to us.

Next week we will send an overview with the details of all our Christmas events out too.

Remembrance

Thank you to the pupils who went along to the Mytholmroyd Remembrance service on Sunday and helped lay the wreaths for The Calder Learning Trust. It was also lovely to hear about the children who took part in events as members of Guiding and Scouting or with their families too. .

Thank you Miss Knowles

Miss Knowles has been successful in applying for a new role as Cover Supervisor for The Calder Learning Trust. We would like to congratulate her and wish her well in her new role. Miss Knowles has worked at Calder Primary since we first moved to be part of The Calder Learning Trust and we will miss her – but we will still see her around which will be lovely and she might even be covering some lessons for us too!

Anti-Bullying Week

Thank you to everyone who wore their odd socks for Odd Socks Day on Monday. This day marks the beginning of anti-bullying week, highlighting that everyone is unique and different, just like the socks! The week also reminds everyone to show care and kindness to all and the positive impact we can have with our words and actions. Our Kindness Award winners have demonstrated this wonderfully this week!



It was a muddy one at the Cross Country this week – well done to our runners!

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Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December 3:15pm-5:30pm

Stalls, games, cafe and lots of festive fun!

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Member Association

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Blaze Bear's Station Hibernation

**Saturday 18th
November, 12pm - 4pm**

Mytholmroyd Fire Station,
Burnley Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5DL

Free entry, donations
welcomed in aid of:



Entertainment for all the family...

- ➔ **Station Compere & Blaze Bear**
- ➔ **WYFRS Brass Band**
- ➔ **Competitions including "Name our fire engine", and Mince pie making competition.**
- ➔ **Children's rides**
- ➔ **Fundraising, educational, food and drink stalls**

Please note that there is no parking at the Fire Station and limited parking on nearby roads, we would advise parking nearby and walking to the event if possible.

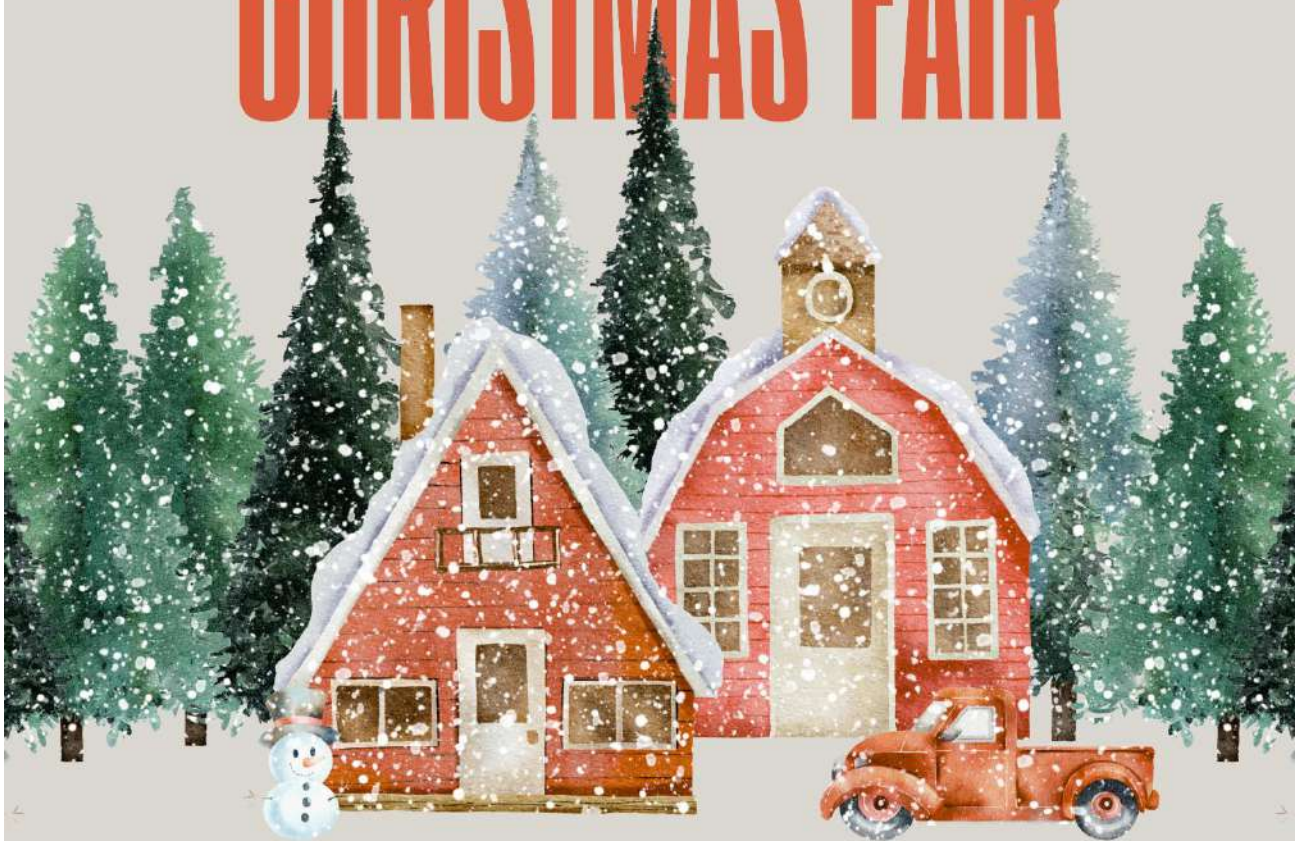


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DECEMBER

9.30-12noon
CALDERDALE MUSIC
THE OLD COURT HOUSE
BLACKWALL
HX1 2DL

CHRISTMAS FAIR



SANTA|STALLS|MULLED WINE|MINCE PIES|CAROLS|GAMES|CRAFTING



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**Calderdale
Music**

Table Top Sale

**Calderdale Music are holding
a Table Top Sale
in the Performance Space at
The Old Courthouse on
the 25th November,
9am - 12pm**

**Overgate Hospice and
the Bodyshop will be
joining us and Rhythm
and Brews will be open.**

*** Special offer of a breakfast
sandwich (either Bacon,
Sausage or Vegan Sausage)
And a standard tea or coffee
for £4***

To book a table please contact

**roomhire@calderdalmusic.co.uk
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