SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th March, 7pm in Calderwood Staffroom.

Calderwood Primary School Choir have been invited to perform in the Rutherglen Town Hall on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th (evenings) as part of a very special concert commemorating WWI called 'Keeping the Home fires Burning.' The children will be performing alongside **Bothwell Philharmonic** Choir and many others. Tickets are on sale from the Box Office at the Town Hall now! £10

Don't miss out! Get your tickets soon!

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Calderwood Primary

Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2015

The Biggest Book Show on Earth!

We are delighted to be attending 'The Biggest Book Show on Earth' once again this year.

Primary 5,6 and 7 will all be attending the Royal Concert Hall on Monday 2nd March.

This year the children will be entertained with famous authors and illustrators such as Jonathan Meres, Liz Pichon, Nick Sharratt, William Sutcliffe, David O'Doherty and Chris Judge.

This year's event will be hosted by Steven Butler, author of *The Diary of Dennis the Menace* series – and a World Book Day 2015 author.

We would like to thank the Parent Council who are funding the cost of this year's buses to the Concert Hall.

Internet Safety Evening

Around fifty parents attended our Internet Safety Evening a few weeks ago. While this was a hard hitting event, the evening was evaluated very positively indeed.

PC Stuart MacDonald, the Community Policeman for Trinity High School led the evening. There was an opportunity for parents to ask questions at the end. The evaluations were very positive and parents found the evening extremely helpful. We will be issuing some further guidance on how to keep your child safe online and we hope you will find this useful.

The management team and class teachers are finding that we are increasingly dealing with issues in school which are as a result of Instagram /Facebook/ Snapchat. In the last month, there have been 4 incidents alone which have resulted in considerable loss of learning and teaching time. We believe that Primary School children using social networking sites do not have the emotional resilience to deal with situations when they go wrong. We would like to ask for your support in carefully



monitoring your child's online presence as often as possible.

Normally, I would never put an article of this kind in our school newsletter, however the events of recent weeks have taught us that this is an increasing problem in schools. Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated.

All classes have been doing tasks during ICT time to explore online safety using the 'Know it All' Website for children. Please ask your child about what he/she has been learning.

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Walter Hibberd returns to Calderwood

Over fifty children attended the Bridgeton Burns Prize Giving Concert on Friday 13th February.

We were delighted to pick up a number of awards across a variety of categories from solo verse, solo instrumental, choral verse and choir singing however there was great cheers of excitement when the winners of the Walter Hibberd Memorial Trophy was announced. This trophy is awarded to the best overall school performance in the competition. For the seventh year, the trophy returned to Calderwood .

The choir were then asked to



take to the stage to close the Award Ceremony with a super rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

This year's prize money amounted to just over £940.

We intend to purchase some new musical instruments for use throughout the school.



Primary 3 and 4 Movie Night

Primary 3 and 4 children had a wonderful evening at their Movie Night in the school gym hall on Thursday 26th February. The children enjoyed pizza, ice cream and popcorn during the evening.

Everyone had a wonderful night chilling on their pillows and cushions.

Primary 3 and Primary 4 would like to thank the Parent Council for organizing their Movie Night!





A report from Room 6 on their Valentine's Enterprise

Ollie arrived in our class with a letter asking for our help. He wanted us to help him raise money for a charity of our choice, in return he would teach us all the skills used in enterprise. He also told us that he can sometimes get up to some 'mischief'. We worked together in pairs, small groups and whole class to work through different activities. We discussed possible charities that we would like to raise money for and came up with 5 possible choices. As it was a whole school event we asked the school which charity they would pick from our survey. We chose 'Save The Children - Africa Ebola' and discussed many possible ideas. As our event would be in February we decided to have a Valentine's theme. We planned a talk to present to the school assembly and changed the words to a famous song so that we could sing it to the school and hopefully encourage them to help us. We decided to offer the school a valentine's postal service and a cake and candy trolley. We tried to spend as little money as possible and came up with the idea of asking for donations. Parents and teachers were very kind and donated some fabulous home baking, chocolates and valentines gifts. We decorated our post box and trolley and created a rota to make sure that everyone was involved and had a 'job'. The event was a fabulous success and we raised an amazing £216.30. Thank you to all.

Primary 5/6 Room 9 Litter Project

Primary 5/6 children had a special visit from a Calderwood ex pupil, Carys Kelly, a few weeks ago. Carys is now Head Girl at

Stonelaw and we were delighted to welcome her back into Calderwood.

Carys delivered a super presentation to the children to empower them to take action on litter

issues within their local and global environment. Carys also invited the children to enter a competition to promote litter awareness. The children were totally inspired by her presentation and grasped the opportunity to enter this.

At our assembly last Friday Carys came along to present the awards for the best posters. In 1st place was Emma Harper and in 2nd Place was Spencer McLaughlan. Karen Jarvie, from Tesco Burnside, very kindly donated the prizes for the competition.

P5/6 then presented their own PowerPoint all about litter and shared their ideas on how they would like to take this forward at Calderwood. One of the first things the children will do will be to create a Calderwood litter pledge. They will then go around the school to encourage all children to sign up! Perhaps you will see the children in the playground too as they ask you to sign our pledge!



After School Activities Running Currently include—

P5,6,7 Choir

P5 Knitting

PI Multi Fit Kids P2 Netball Nippers

P3 Handball

P6,P7 Football

Coaching P6,P7 Scripture Union

P5 Netball

Coming Soon—Karate, Basketball, Cycling Proficiency and lots more!

Primary 1 Paddington Story Time

All Primary I children will be visiting Rutherglen Library on Friday 6th March. The children will walk down to the library after lunch to enjoy an afternoon of stories with Paddington Bear.

We are looking for Parent Helpers to assist with supervision on the walk down to the library. Please contact Mrs. Campbell in the school office if you can come along.





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Wild Woodland Festival

The following event may be of interest to families-

Saturday 17 May 12.00pm - 4.00pm @ Low Park Museum

Fabulous family event with willow weaving, wood turning, birds of prey and a special talk and guided tour by Maggy Stead.

Sunday 18 May 12.00pm – 4.00pm @ Low Park Museum

Fabulous family event with willow weaving, wood turning, birds of prey and a touch table from the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Both of the events are free and are suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.



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Dear Friends of Calderwood,

I am writing to you about a very important charity. This charity is called Fairtrade. Fair-trade is a very significant charity which is needed in many different places. Fair-trade gives other people who are less fortunate than ourselves, a chance to look after and raise their family in a safe and caring environment. This is most needed in the poor parts of Africa. All you need to do is buy a Fair-trade product and the workers that make the item will get a fair price for all their hard work. Why do you not buy Fair-trade? What is stopping you? Even the smallest of changes can make the biggest of changes.

Every time you buy an item you would have the satisfaction that you have helped save a family. It's not expensive and there are a big range of different products. It only benefits other people's lives.

So look for the logo, buy the product and save someone's life.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucy Wills

Primary 7, Room 11





Monday 2nd March—Biggest Book Show on Earth Royal Concert Hall P5,6,7 Thursday 5th March—Parent Council Meeting 7pm Monday 9th March—Primary 7 go to Lockerbie Manor for the week! Monday 9th March—Living Eggs arrive in P1 Thursday 12th March—Parents as Partners Conference Banqueting Hall Hamilton Friday 13th March—Room 6 go to Vikingar in Largs Wednesday 25th March—Primary 5 Netball Festival Thursday 26th March—Easter Disco for the children Monday 30th March—P7 Rotary Quiz (Small team attending) Monday 30th March—Room 7 to Kelvingrove Gallery Egyptian Study Wednesday 1st April—Easter Service Stonelaw Church 9.30am Thursday 2nd April—Close for Easter holidays 2.30pm



Primary 3 Room 6- Well done for a super Valentines Enterprise!

Primary 1 – Well done for your outstanding Fair Trade Tuck-shop! Yum!!!!(Chocolate bananas) **Prmary5/6**– A super job delivering your presentation at the whole school assembly last week. We are all very empowered to act on the litter problems within our society! We can't wait to sign the litter pledge!

Primary 6/7—Congratulations on a super Fair Trade Presentation. We all loved your special Fair Trade song and also the incredible video adverts you created!

Lily Boyce—Just over a year ago, Lily started at Calderwood. She moved from England. Lily's mum and dad are so proud that she has made such a super transition. She has made so many super new friends and has settled in to a new life so well! Well done Lily.

Jude Gunn- is making super progress at her swimming lessons. She has moved up from Advanced to the last level!

Hannah Rose- Well done Hannah! She cycled all the way to Glasgow Green and back again! Wow!

Kristopher Clarke—At swimming Kristopher has moved up to Advanced level and achieved his Aqua Skills Level 4. Great job Kristopher!

Andrew Dooley– Andrew has been doing Taekwondo since April. He is really enjoying this! He is hoping to do his Yellow Belt very soon!

Primary 1 and Room 11/12 Fair Trade Tuck-Shop









