



Calderwood Primary School Newsletter

January 2019



Upcoming Events

Please find attached a list of dates and times for upcoming events in the school diary, including class assemblies, holidays and Parent Council activities. Further information will be provided for specific events closer to the time.



Trim Trail

As you are probably aware, part of our Trim Trail has been broken for quite some time now. We had to go to the contractor who installed the equipment to get a quote for repairs. We are delighted that our Parent Council has agreed to fund repairs and we are now just waiting for the company to get back to us with a date for them to come out.



Burns Competition

Many of our pupils again did exceptionally well at the annual Bridgeton Burns Competition at the end of December, with a number of prizes being won on the night. We were very proud of all our pupils who took part. They put a lot of work into learning their performance pieces and all did a great job on the night. Two of our pupils, Naomi Wylie and Poppy Boyce, were invited to perform at the Bridgeton Burns Supper, which was a fantastic achievement.

The Burns Prize-giving takes place on 22nd February and we will be holding our own school Burns Concert on Friday 8th February to allow friends and family to come along and be entertained by our incredible performers.

Last Wednesday, a group of pupils were invited to Hampden Primary School's Burns Supper to entertain them with music and poems, which they did very well.

As always, we are very proud of our performers and happy that the legacy of Calderwood Primary as a top performing school in this area continues!



Rainy and Icy Weather

In the event of bad weather in the morning (heavy rain, high winds, snow or ice) we will open the P5/6/7 door (beside the front of the school) and the P1/2 door (off the infant playground) at 8.45am to allow children to come straight into school and go to their classes.



In the case of very cold and icy conditions, two main pathways into the school are gritted, one from the front gate to the P5/6/7 door and a second from the back gate at Stonelaw to the P1/2 door. We appreciate that the playground can get very icy and gritting is concentrated on these two pathways in order to create two safe access routes into the building.



No Dogs in Playground

Just a reminder that, as per South Lanarkshire Council policy, dogs should not be brought into our school playground, even if they are being held. We greatly appreciate your support with this matter.



E Cigarettes

Our playground is also a **No Smoking Zone**, and this includes **e-cigarettes**. Again, we appreciate your support with this.



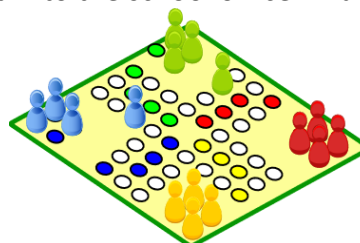
Request for Used Uniforms

We are on the lookout for used school uniforms (including shirts, jumpers, trousers, dresses/skirts and gym shoes) to recycle and reuse. If you have any items of uniform which are still in good condition (and have been laundered), please hand into the school office. We are especially looking for items in older sizes (P4 – 7). **Thank you!**



Request for Board Games

If you have any board games or jigsaws which you no longer have use for, but are still in good condition, we would greatly receive these to put into classes for indoor intervals and lunchtimes. Please hand into the school office. Thanks!



Adverse Weather and Our Emergency Closure Plan

Please find attached our Emergency Closure Action Plan for parents and carers, which outlines our procedure should the school have to close unexpectedly.

In the event of an unexpected closure, we will confirm this through a message sent on our App, Twitter and a post on our website. We would ask that parents and carers monitor these for information and try not to phone the school unless they have a specific issue or to let us know if someone will be picking up their child who does not normally pick them up.



Football

The Primary 7 football team has been competing against other local schools in the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Friendship League this season. The team plays one game each month and we are currently in mid-table position after four very competitive fixtures. In every game so far, all pupils have represented Calderwood with distinction; demonstrating great teamwork, enthusiasm and respect for their opponents. The Primary 7 football squad trains every Tuesday and we continue to be grateful to Stevie Brown who trains the pupils.



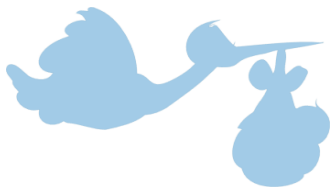
Staffing News

As you will know from correspondence before Christmas, Mrs Mossman left the school at the end of December to take up a promoted post in a different local authority. We wish her all the best and know that she will do very well in her new job.

We are also very happy for our specialist support teacher, Mrs Julie Colvin, who has taken on the role of acting principal teacher at St Paul's Primary School in Hamilton – we know she'll do a great job. Her role in Calderwood is currently being covered by Mrs Toni Cameron who will be in on Wednesday afternoons.



We are delighted that Mrs Cairns is expecting a baby, due the end of March. We do not know who will be covering the class over the course of her maternity leave, but will inform parents as soon as we find out.



Sports Hall Athletics

Over the past few months, all Primary 7 pupils have been given the opportunity to represent Calderwood at Sports Hall Athletics heats, where pupils compete in both track and field events against other schools from the local area. On Friday 25th January, a team of sixteen pupils took part in the Rutherglen/Cambuslang Final. They performed admirably and finished in a very respectable 4th place. Well done to everyone who has been involved!

Athletics Kit

At the Sports Hall Athletics Final, our pupils were delighted to be wearing the new Calderwood athletics kit for the very first time. The bright blue sports performance t-shirts were very well received by our athletes and the team looked very professional! Our sincere thanks go to our wonderful Parent Council, who funded this purchase for us. We really appreciate your support, thank you!



Parking Around the School

I know that we are all aware of the challenges of parking around our school at peak times. As our very successful Day of Action at the end of November showed, with a little bit of thought and when we all work together as a community, we can greatly reduce the issues around parking and create a safe environment for our children arriving at and leaving Calderwood.

Unfortunately, over the past couple of weeks I have had reports from both parents and residents of inconsiderate (for example, blocking driveways) and sometimes abusive behaviour (shouting and swearing) from people dropping off and picking up from Calderwood. I am sure we would all agree that these behaviours are not in line with the values of Calderwood Primary School of respect and partnership which we try to instil and model every day. I know this involves a very small minority, but I would just like to again ask for your support in this matter to drive and park safely (and pass this message onto any other family members who drop off/pick up, too). We all want a safe environment for our children and to keep our school's very positive reputation in our local community.



