

Calderwood Chronicle

Weekly News Update for Parents and Families

Wednesday 13th May 2020



'Calderwood Primary' by Jena Macnab (Primary 2)

Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of our Calderwood Chronicle newsletter, again full of news and important information for you. Alongside this newsletter, I have also issued updated **Distance Learning Guidance for Parents and Carers**. We have taken feedback from our Parent Council and wider Parent Forum to inform this guidance. Our aim is to make our distance learning provision more straight-forward for pupils and families (more details below).

I am aware that there has been a lot of discussion in the media over the past week about when Scottish pupils might **return to school** and what that return will look like. Although there is no date in mind yet, South Lanarkshire Council's Education Resources are working with schools and other stakeholders to begin to make plans for a return, whenever that might be. There are a lot of decisions to be made, but the focus is entirely on ensuring that schools can open in a way that will be safe for pupils, staff and families. I would caution against listening to the large amount of speculation that is on social media at present, there are still so many 'unknowns' that it is all just conjecture and hearsay. We will communicate with our families as soon as we are given information pertaining to the opening of schools from the relevant authorities and we are able to confidently plan what a return will look like for Calderwood.

We are continuing to make plans for next session, including welcoming our new Primary 1 pupils. Every Wednesday, along with issuing our newsletter, we will have our **'Welcome Wednesday'**. Each week we will have something special for our new Primary 1 pupils and their families.

I hope you enjoy our weekly Calderwood Chronicles and you find them useful in keeping you informed and in touch. Please remember to send in your stories, achievements and photos. All of our contact information is at the bottom of the newsletter.

Take care and stay safe,

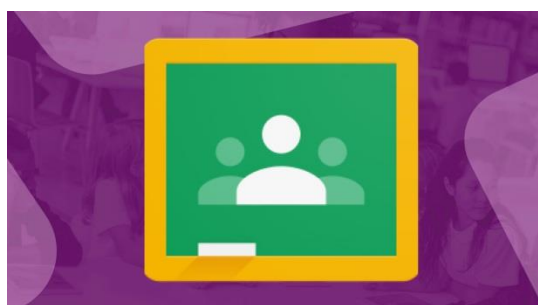
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News

Distance Learning

Please take some time to read our updated Distance Learning Guidance for Parents and Carers. We have taken into consideration feedback from our Parent Council and wider Parent Forum to make some changes to the delivery of distance learning through Google Classroom. All is explained in the guidance. If you have any further feedback or ideas, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Distance learning activities should not be an additional cause of stress to you or your child. If you have any worries about learning activities, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Welcome Wednesday New Primary 1 for August 2020

To all our new P1 explorers (and everyone else who is just missing the school!).....
We are delighted to invite you on a tour of your new school. Come and have a look around your classrooms and other important areas where you will learn and play. Just go to....



<https://youtu.be/0bImmw1Q3Og>

Thank you very much to the talented Mr Mowat for creating this video clip for us!

School Ties



Every year our wonderful Parent Council gift school ties to our new Primary 1 pupils and our Primary 7 Leavers. **This year is no different** – we will get the ties to you, so please do not worry.
Additional school ties will be available to purchase from the school office once the school has reopened.

Google Classroom



Calderwoodies – remember when you visit your Google Classroom to post a quick 'hello' to your teacher to let them know that you are there. They are missing you all very much and working hard, so it will really cheer them up!

School Building

Although our school building is currently open as it is being used as a Hub for key workers, it is staffed by colleagues from across the local authority, not necessarily Calderwood folk. Please **do not** visit the school for any reason. If you need to contact us, please use the email addresses below. We need to ensure we are keeping our colleagues and families safe and adhering to 'Stay at Home' government guidance.

Pupil Challenge

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in your fantastic mascot designs, please see below for more of the entries sent in. A winner will be announced shortly.

Send in your drawings of Calderwood

This week's Pupil Challenge: Please keep your drawings of Calderwood coming in. You can draw any part of the school, inside or out. Send a photo of your drawing to Mrs Innes at gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk. Thank you very much to Jena Macnab in Primary 2 for her super drawing which is on the front cover of this newsletter.

Design a Calderwood mascot!

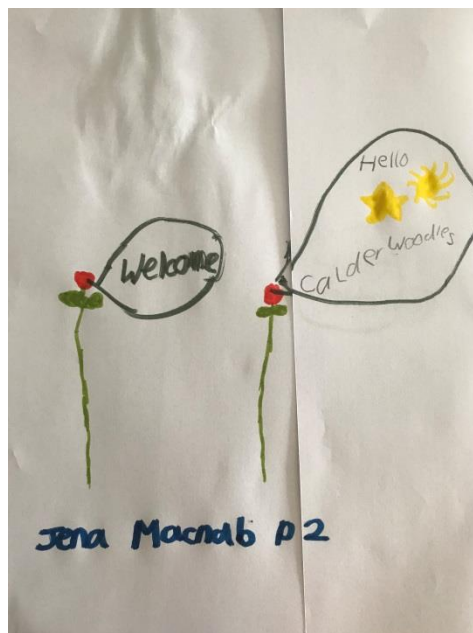
Here are some more of the brilliant mascot designs that I have received.



Payton McFarlane (Primary 6)



Chloe Semple (Primary 6)



Jena Macnab (Primary 2)

500 Words

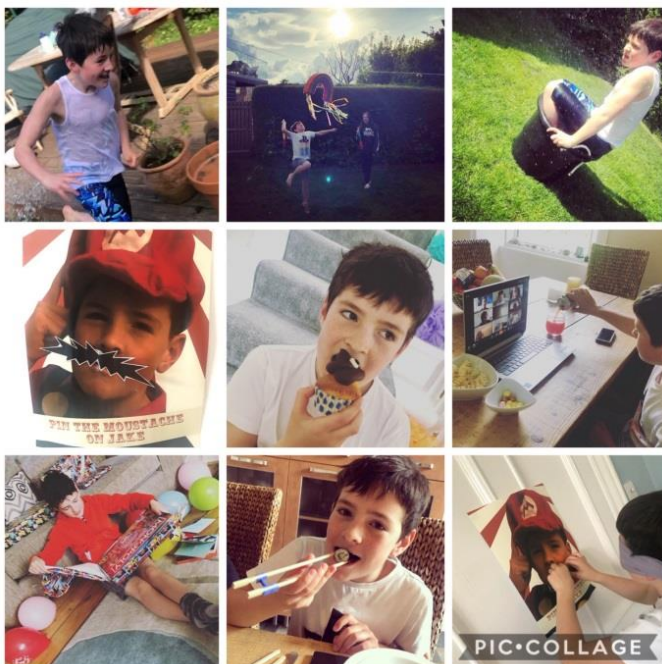
Our 500 Words Lunchtime Club worked very hard with Mrs Holtham to produce some fantastic pieces of writing, which they entered into BBC Radio 2's 500 Words competition. Every week we will share an extract from some of these wonderful pieces.

An extract from Alyssa Simpson's story (Primary 6)....

Suddenly, Bluebell galloped towards the fence and jumped right over it. She galloped down the hill towards the village and the beach. I tried to keep up but Bluebell was too fast, so I ran down the lane to the top of the hill. From the top of the hill I could see Buster on the beach. The waves were crashing against the rocks and Buster was rolling in the sparkling yellow sand. He got up and galloped along the beach, splashing in the salty water.



Shout Outs!



A big 'Happy Birthday' to Jake in Primary 4, who celebrated his birthday in true quarantine style!

He turned 9 at the weekend and, with lots of help from family and friends, he had the best time: a water fight, cupcakes, sushi, piñata and Zoom with besties. It sounds brilliant, and I am sure the lovely weather helped.

Happy birthday, Jake! You'll not forget turning 9!

Achievements

Remember Calderwoodies, we want to hear all about your adventures and achievements – everything we would normally celebrate at our weekly assembly.
Remind your grown-up to let me know what you have been up to so we can celebrate your successes, whatever they might be!



Health and wellbeing in action.....

Juno Carton (Primary 2) has been building up her fitness and stamina levels by running with her Dad, and has built up to 3.5k so far... this has helped her mental wellbeing, sleep and concentration levels for her home-schooling. Her family are all super proud of her and look forward to her breaking the 5k barrier in the coming weeks.

Juno, this is a super achievement. Exercise certainly is very good for your mental and physical wellbeing. A future cross-country star in the making here! Well done, and let us know when you get to 5k!

Here is a great example of Caring Calderwood.....

Jena Macnab (Primary 2) video calls her Grandma in London, who is self-isolating on her own, every single day. Jena keeps her going with chat, quizzes and emails. She sets different challenges to keep her busy, e.g. how to make a bird feeder. Jena's family are very proud of her, and so are we. Grandma must look forward to this every day, Jena.



Achievements (continued...)



Calderwood Cares.....

Imogen Tait (Primary 4) helped organise a collection for the Healthy 'n Happy foodbank, creating a poster and inviting neighbours to donate on Thursday (7th of May). Camglen were advertising and she wanted to help them put together packages for people who are self-isolating or in need.

Well done, Imogen, what a kind, caring and community-minded thing to do. We are very proud of you.

Incredible art..... Well done to Jamie Black (P6), who has been working on lots of fantastic portraits, including the ones here. Wow! What a talent, Jamie!



Contacts

If you need to make contact with a member of staff from the school, please email:

Mrs Innes: gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Ring: gw07ringjillian@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Combe: gw10combeashley@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Kirkland: gw10kirklandjulie2@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Waddell (ICT-related enquiries): gw07waddellmaureen01@glow.sch.uk

Scratch

By Jamie Sampson (Primary 5)

If you are looking for something to keep you busy while our school is closed and you are interested in coding, then read on!

Scratch is an online website for sharing code and animation on your PC, Tablet, and iOS.

I have been doing Scratch for 2 years and a have even got the premium version. I have been animating for a long time.

So, what else can you do with Scratch? Remixing! If you are not confident in starting with the cat and blank code, you can remix. Just pick a project and choose 'remix'. You can add, fix, or remove. This is a great way to get started with Scratch.

My projects are all animations and are unique. Check them out at <https://scratch.mit.edu/> and follow sampsonj4015.

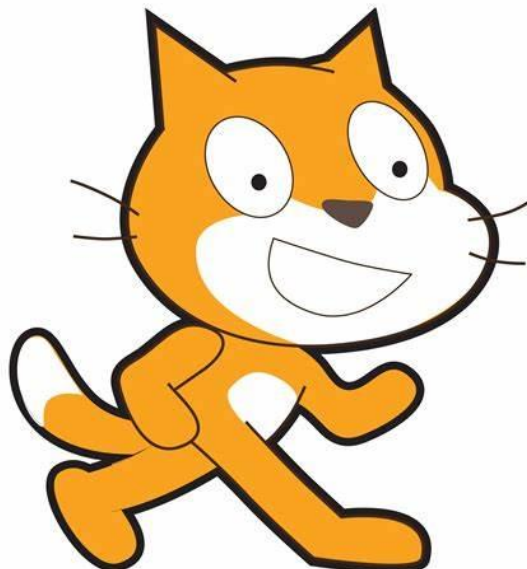
I enjoy Scratch and I want to see your project too! Here are some links.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/388838135/>

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/384668913/>

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/389129804/>

Remember to check with your grown-up whenever you are doing something online. Let them see what you are doing and ask permission to use new websites.



COVID-19

Community wellbeing telephone line

The Community Wellbeing Line will help you in the current COVID-19 Pandemic. It is not for emergencies such as when you might need Police or Ambulance services, or for enquiries about normal council services like bin collections. You should continue to make use of the usual telephone numbers for these.

It will link you to community volunteers in your area who can:

- Deliver food packs to you
- Deliver hearing aid batteries to you
- Help with other essentials such as baby milk or pet food
- Post letters for you
- Check you are okay in person or by telephone
- Possibly some other things, if you let us know what you need

Some of our volunteers may be able to help collect prescriptions for you.

Your volunteer will either have a council name badge or a letter from the Chief Executive to confirm who they are.

If you have an underlying health condition and have been advised to self-isolate for a period, then you should make us aware of this so we can assess what your needs are.

Guidance for people who are being helped by community volunteers

We need you to help make sure both you and the volunteers helping you remain safe by:

- Only asking your volunteer to do the tasks that have been agreed in advance with the helpline
- To help with infection control, making sure you don't ask them or let them come into your home
- Not giving money to your volunteer to carry out tasks
- Following any current advice about infection control that is coming from the government

You may find that someone comes to your house to check you are okay. This could be because a neighbour or family member has contacted the telephone line with a concern. Please let the volunteer know that you are all right, or if you need any assistance, and they can report this back. You do not need to open your door to do this; make sure you keep safe in the ways you usually would. Volunteers will be able to have a conversation with you from behind the door or through a window.

You can contact the Community Wellbeing Phone Line on

0303 123 1009

The lines are open from 9am–5pm Monday to Friday

**Can Do
Community**

We hope everyone working together to help will make sure you stay safe and well.

If you need this information in a different format or language, please contact us to discuss how we can best meet your needs. **Phone:** 0303 123 1015 **Email:** equalities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

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Education Resources
Psychological Service

Covid-19 advice and support

What for?

Advice/phone consultation for
additional support at this time

Who for?

School staff/other professionals,
parents/carers and young people

How to contact:

phone: 01698 455800, 10am-3pm,
Monday – Friday (leave message)

email: enquiries@slcpsych.org.uk

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