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Calderwood Chronicle

Weekly News Update for Parents and Families Wednesday 20th May 2020

Welcome to the latest issue of our Calderwood Chronicle newsletter. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the families who found out this week that their placing requests to Calderwood were successful. We are delighted that your wee ones will be joining us in the new session. Remember to download our school App (if you haven't done so already) and remember to look out every Wednesday for Welcome Wednesday, our weekly transition activities and information, on Twitter, our website and in our weekly newsletter.

As always, we have lots of news and information for you this week. Please remember to keep in touch and send your child's achievements and stories to me at <u>gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk</u>.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Innes



Bank Holiday -Friday 22nd and Monday 25th May 2020

Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May are both school holidays – this means that work will not be posted on individual class Google Classrooms on these days. If you are looking for activities to keep you busy over the weekend, please visit the wholeschool Google Classroom.



We hope that everyone has an enjoyable weekend, fingers crossed for sunshine, and we will be back to business as usual on Tuesday 26th May.

Welcome to Our New Calderwood Families

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families who will be joining Team Calderwood next session after finding out this week that their placing requests to us were successful.

Please remember to look out for Welcome Wednesdays, our weekly transition activities to help you and your child get ready to start at Calderwood.



Remember to also download our school App, and keep an eye on our Twitter page, website and our Parent Council Facebook page.

We are delighted that you are joining Team Calderwood and can't wait to meet all our new pupils and their families in the new session.

Calderwood Primary School Website



We are currently in the process of updating our website, and we have added two new pages which you can access from the home page.

The first one is for our New Primary 1 pupils, which will have all our transition information, videos and activities all in one place. The second one is for Home Learning, and will be populated with information and guidance around distance learning whilst our school remains closed.

We continue to update our website regularly, so please remember to check it out!

Food Donations and Deliveries



Thank you to our Limeside residents and wider community who are collecting food donations for distribution to families. Thanks to your generosity we are able to regularly deliver food bags to a large number of families who attend schools in our learning community. Thank you also to the staff who are packing the bags and delivering them around Rutherglen (and beyond!).

Welcome Wednesday

Every Wednesday we will be posting new transition activities and information for our wee ones getting ready to come to school.

Last week we invited you on a tour around our school (the video can be found at https://youtu.be/0blmmw1Q3Og).

Uniform

This week we want to introduce you to our school uniform. We have a fantastic video created by one of our pupils. Jamie, the star of the video, will be in Primary 7 next year and that means that he will be a Buddy! Jamie and his mum have looked out his uniform to show you what to wear when you come to Calderwood (don't worry grown-ups, we will send you out all the information about what our uniform is and where you can get it).

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Check out Jamie's video at <u>https://youtu.be/R7mDJDEnK2Q</u> Thank you to Jamie and his mum!

Colouring-In Fun

We also have some colouring-in sheets for you to complete. Thank you very much to another one of our future Buddies, Esther, who has drawn two Calderwood pupils. Can you colour in their uniforms for me?

We also have a picture of Calderwood under a rainbow. Can you make this colourful and bright?

Send a photograph of your completed sheets to Mrs Innes at <u>gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk</u> or tag us @CalderwoodSLC on Twitter. I would love to see your work!

Our School

We are very proud of our school and we cannot wait for you to join us. We are sure that you will be excited too! We hope that you will be able to come and visit us soon. Did you watch the little video that we made especially for you? Here is a picture of Calderwood. We would love for you to colour it in to show us when we meet you! Make sure you tell your friends and family all about Calderwood too!

Calderwood Primary School

Calderwood Uniform

At Calderwood you will wear a school uniform. This helps us feel part of the Calderwood family.

You will wear a white shirt and tie to school most days, but when you have PE, you can wear a pale blue polo shirt. You also wear grey or navy trousers, shorts or a skirt and black shoes. Our tie is silver grey and navy stripes.

Esther, one of the big P6 buddies has drawn this picture for you. We would love you to colour in this picture of a Calderwood boy and girl. You could show this to your friends and family.

This is our school badge....



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!

Leah Quinn, who is in Primary 6, sold one of her dolls and got £160 in donations from her family and friends.

She asked her Mum if she could do something for charity to help people through the Covid-19 crisis, and her Mum saw on Facebook that some Calderwood parents were collecting for local foodbanks. Leah then decided that this was the best charity as it would be helping people locally. She has handed over the money, which will go on to benefit many people in our community.

What a caring and thoughtful thing to do, Leah, we are all very proud of you.





Lewis Connor in Primary 2 worked very hard on making a card as part of Tuesday's Whole School Google Classroom Challenge.

He chose to send his card to his Aunty Chrissie who lives on the Isle of Lewis.

I am sure that she will be absolutely over-the-moon when she receives this, Lewis. Great job!

Imogen Mason, who is in Primary 5, sold some bracelets she made for her neighbours and made £35. She went shopping with her mum and spent the money on food for the local foodbank. Another incredibly thoughtful and kind act, we're proud of you Imogen.

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Thank You!

Thank you very much to Alyssa Simpson, Amy Bradshaw, Charlotte Moore, Lucy Symon, Esther Vicker, Callum Baird, Jamie Black and their grown-ups for all their hard work with our Primary 1 transition activities.

Thank you also to our current Primary 1s and their families for carrying out your secret task! Sshhh! – we will all find out more about that soon......

Thank You Teachers!

Since this is National Thank a Teacher Day, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the Team Calderwood staff. Our teachers have had to very quickly learn how to use a range of digital platforms, especially Google Classroom, to provide distance learning for our pupils. In addition to working hard every day to provide quality learning opportunities for their pupils, they have also been volunteering in Hubs, making up resource packs for pupils to be distributed across the local authority, distributing food bags, planning transition activities and doing development work which will ensure that we are able to get off to a flying start next session. All this whilst managing the demands and stresses of family life just now. So, thank you all of you for everything that you are doing for Calderwood families and our wider community.



Pupil Challenge

Thank you very much to Georgia Wilson in Primary 3 for the beautiful Calderwood word-art which is on the front page of the newsletter. Well done, Georgia! Remember to keep your drawings of Calderwood coming in. Send them to <u>gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk</u>.

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 Ava Cintron's story (Primary 6)....

In a city of fur and catnip, to the east was Dog Town and to the west was the magnificent Cat City. In a tail of two cities, they were divided by their leaders - until one wonderful day.

As President Socks looked out of the window of the Paw house, he said: "Why are the dogs beating us? I must send out a team of cats."

At that very moment five small kittens were born - one's fur as grey as a storm cloud; another as brown as chocolate; another luxurious as cream; one as orange as Irn-bru and one as bald as an egg!





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

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

Remember to send in your stories achievements, ideas, shout-outs and thank-yous to Mrs Innes at <u>gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk</u>.





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.

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. <u>Plone:</u> 0303 123 1015 <u>Email: equalities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</u> <u>www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk</u>

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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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