

Calderwood Chronicle



By Katie (Primary 2, Room 4)

Weekly News Update for Parents and Families Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Welcome to the latest issue of our Calderwood Chronicle newsletter. Thank you very much to Katie in Primary 2 for sending in this drawing of the school. She is very excited at the thought of getting back to school. I am also very excited – this was my actual face when I arrived at school on Monday morning to start planning for our return in August! This newsletter has some updates for you as we begin that process.

Please remember to keep in touch and send your child's achievements, stories and news to me at gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk. As always, I hope you enjoy the newsletter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Innes 

Welcome Wednesday

This week we have a real treat for you all for **Welcome Wednesday** from our current Primary 1s.

Please go to https://youtu.be/GO4Cmsr_ehs to see their fantastic video.

Thank you so much to our superstar Primary 1s, their families for their support, our P1 staff and especially Mrs Feenan for putting this together. You are all stars!

(P.S. I would advise everyone to take a look, it will really put a smile on your face!)

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Reopening Our School

Planning for August Pupil Return

This week the Senior Leadership Team have been in school to make preparations for staff to return next week and for pupils to return in August. We are still awaiting guidance from South Lanarkshire Council on a number of key areas, such as classroom capacity and catering. This will inform our more detailed planning for Calderwood. I understand that we are all very keen to get to grips with what August will look like for our young learners and their families, and we appreciate your patience at this uncertain time. We will communicate this information as soon as we can.

We are also working very hard to plan our class configurations and staffing for next session. At the moment we are unsure when we will be able to confidently provide this information as there are a numbers of factors to be taken into consideration. We are aiming to keep as much consistency in the school as possible next session to support our children when they return.



Staffing News

We are delighted to announce that Mr Mowat has successfully been appointed to South Lanarkshire Council as a class teacher and he will return to Calderwood next session as area cover. He has been a very valuable member of Team Calderwood this session and I know that pupils, staff and families alike will be over-the-moon to welcome him back in August.

We are also delighted to let our families know that our Primary 1 teachers for next session will be Miss MacLeod, Mrs Kellock (Miss Gray) and Miss Collins. They have all worked with our Primary 1 pupils this session and they are very excited about getting to know our new Primary 1s in August. Mrs Feenan will be going on maternity leave in a few weeks. We are all very excited to meet the newest addition to Team Calderwood!



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Transition Activities

New Primary 1 Pupils

We are currently in the process of planning an opportunity for our new Primary 1 pupils to come into the school, see their classroom and meet their teacher before the Summer Break. We are hoping to do this week beginning 22nd June. We will be in touch with our families soon with further arrangements.



Primary 7 Moving to S1

Our associated secondary schools are making their own plans for transition activities. We hope to be able to communicate these to you soon. Please keep an eye on their Twitter pages and websites for updates.

Distance Learning

Over the next three weeks, our teaching staff will be balancing providing distance learning opportunities for pupils with the additional responsibilities of staffing the Calderwood Hub and working in school to set up the physical environment for August. This means that there will be some disruption to distance learning provision. Tasks and activities will still be provided on a daily basis as set out in our guidelines, however, teachers will not be available every day to interact with pupils. We have asked teachers to be available three days out of five. The days will depend on when staff are on the rota to be in school. Teachers will continue to let pupils know when they are available through their Google Classroom.



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Reports

Our teachers have finished writing pupil reports for the session (up to the school closure in March) and the Senior Leadership Team are currently reading them through. We are hoping to have reports printed and available for collection by 22nd June. We will provide more details about this process next week.

Calling All Calderwoodies.... A Very Important Opportunity!

Most of our Calderwoodies will know Mr Andy Gray, who is a great friend of the school, DJ at all our fantastic Parent Council events and dad to Mrs Kellock! Andy works at Radio Lollipop, a cause close to our hearts at Calderwood.

Next week Andy is interviewing Jason Leitch, who is the National Clinical Director of the Scottish Government. Lots of you will recognise Mr Leitch as the man who speaks to us on the television about the Coronavirus. Andy and Mr Leitch want questions about the Coronavirus from the perspective of children. What would **YOU** like to know? What questions/worries/concerns do you have about Covid-19 and how the pandemic has impacted you as a child living in Scotland? This is a super opportunity for our Calderwoodies to have their voice heard and their questions answered.

If you have a question for Mr Leitch, please email to me, Mrs Innes, at gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk and I will pass them on. Questions must be sent to me by 6pm on Sunday 7th June.



Radio Lollipop



Speaking of Radio Lollipop, you will all know that this is a cause very close to our hearts at Calderwood, and they do wonderful work supporting children in our community. This is an especially difficult time for children who are in hospital as they are more isolated due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To help combat this isolation, Radio Lollipop have created a wish-list on Amazon where you can buy items to go to wee ones being cared for in Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Children. Items start at only a few pounds and are sure to bring joy to children at this time.

The wish-list can be found at <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/174VB3KLN35OB>

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!



Ava Graham (Primary 4) has been sending lots of photos and drawings to a local hospital to show her support for staff and patients. She recently received this fantastic certificate in return. Well done, Ava! I am sure that you have really been cheering everyone up and your drawings and photos have been greatly appreciated.

More kindness from Calderwoodies!



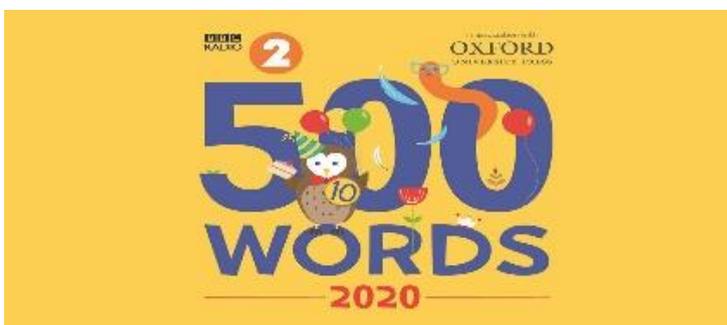
Every year we have a Teddy Bear's Picnic for our new Primary 1 children as part of our programme of transition events. Unfortunately, as we all know, we haven't been able to run our transition programme this year. However, Cameron (Primary 2) and his sister Rose (who will start at Calderwood in August) were determined not to miss out on the fun! They enjoyed their very own Teddy Bear's Picnic in their garden. It was a beautiful day and they had lots of teddy bear guests and some delicious sandwiches, by the looks of things. It's lovely to see you both out enjoying the sunshine!

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 Katee Winsley's story (Primary 5)....

Pip saw that the ground was a yellow colour not white as he was used to. It was also very hot. Where was he? Pip had no clue but he was sure that it was the opposite of where he lived. As he was thinking all of a sudden he was swinging through the air. It was just like his home night sky but with no stars. The tall strange figures took him through a bizarre optical illusion into another huge place.



Contacts

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

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

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**



**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



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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