

Calderwood Chronicle



Weekly News Update for Parents and Families

Wednesday 10th June 2020

Welcome to the latest issue of our Calderwood Chronicle newsletter.

This has been a very busy week already, with increasing numbers of staff returning to school to prepare for August. We have a huge job ahead of us, with many decisions to be made and practical issues to 'iron out'. However, I know that we will all work together as a community - as we always do at Calderwood – and do whatever we can to make the best out of this situation. I know that there is still uncertainty around plans for August and that this is very difficult for our families who are trying to plan how best to balance work, school and childcare. We hope that we will be able to give out clearer guidance next week once South Lanarkshire Council have confirmed the overarching model of blended learning that we will follow.

Primary 7s – remember to keep an eye on the Twitter accounts of your secondary schools. There are some exciting announcements about transition activities coming soon.

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 

News

Reopening Our School

Planning for August Pupil Return

This week the Senior Leadership Team have been joined in school by teaching staff to prepare for pupils to return in August. At the moment, we know that we are preparing for a model of 'blended learning'. We are expecting a communication from South Lanarkshire Council to come out for parents and carers next week. Following that, we will be able to set out how South Lanarkshire's model will work in Calderwood.



Information for August

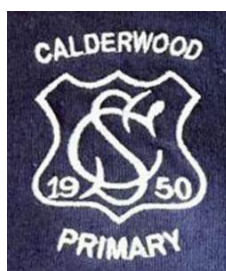
We know that our pupils and families have a lot of questions about returning to school. We are hoping to put out clear guidance about our blended learning model and its implications for the school day next week. In the meantime, here are some answers to other questions I am sure our families have.

Will children still wear school uniform in August?

Yes, we are not making any changes to our expectations around school uniform when we return in August. School uniform promotes a sense of belonging for pupils and creates a positive identity for the school community, as well as ensuring our high standards and expectations permeate throughout the whole school. Our parents and carers play a very important role in supporting us with this matter, and your help is greatly appreciated.

School shirts and ties are expected to be worn every day unless it is a PE day. On PE days, polo shirts can be worn for ease of changing. At the moment we do not know when or how often pupils will participate in PE in August, but this will be communicated to parents when we know.

For those new to the school, Calderwood Primary uniform is grey and/or navy trousers, skirts and pinafores and white or blue shirts, blouses and polo shirts. We have suppliers for Calderwood Primary embroidered sweatshirts and polo shirts, however, embroidered items are optional and not insisted upon.



Will children need to bring resources (pencils, ruler, rubber, etc.) to school in August?

No, we are supplying 'resource packs' for every child in the school. These will contain writing pencils, colouring pencils, colouring pens, a rubber, ruler, sharpener, whiteboard and any other materials children will need during the school day. These will be labelled with children's names, kept in their tray and only used by them. These resources will be kept in school.



What about outdoor learning?

Government and health guidance suggests that the likelihood of viral persistence outdoors is lower. We are lucky to have a large outdoor space around the school. To this end, we will be encouraging the use of this space for outdoor learning, particularly for health and wellbeing activities and play-based learning in our infant classes.

We are asking that children come to school prepared for outdoor learning – wearing sunscreen if the sun is out and bringing a jacket and appropriate footwear if it is cold or wet.



Staffing News

Team Calderwood is growing bigger and bigger!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Feenan surprised everyone with the arrival of beautiful baby Ava last week. Although much earlier than expected, both baby and mum are well. Congratulations to Lauren and Phil.

We are also very excited to let you know that you might get a surprise if you bump into Mrs Samson around Rutherglen - she is expecting a baby and is now accompanied by a growing 'bump'! Congratulations Amy and David!



In other staff news, Ms Gray is enjoying her phased retirement so much that she has decided to drop down to two days a week next session. Sounds lovely!

Questions for Mr Leitch



Thank you to everyone who sent in questions to Mr Leitch. We were sent some very interesting and pertinent questions. These included:

- How will I be able to play with my friends when I go back to school if we have to social distance?
- How will I finish off all the work I should have done in P4 if I'm moving to P5 in August?
- When will we be allowed to have school discos, school fairs, school trips, sports day and all these fun things again?
- Will we still be able to use the school library as we share books?
- When will I be able to visit other members of my family who live in other parts of the UK?
- When will this end?

All the questions you sent in have been passed onto Jason Leitch and he will select questions to answer when Andy interviews him later this week. We will let you know which questions he answers and where we can hear the interview.

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.

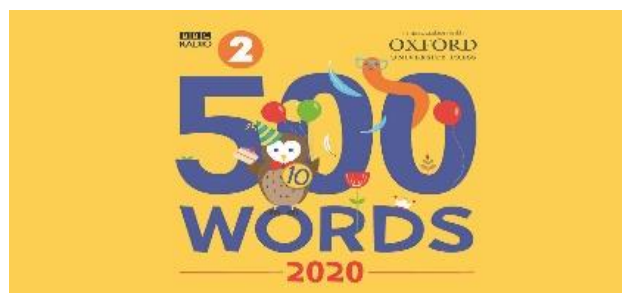
An extract from Cameron Wilson New's story (Primary 6)....

The first agent is Marty, also known as Agent 51, the most athletic agent I've ever seen! Next is Angus, the brains of the operation, and, finally, Leo. He got into a serious accident in the Dog War and we had to replace most of his limbs with robot parts.

"He would do anything to get them back," spoke Master Kit Kat.

"Perfect," said Professor Meoweinstein, "Send those agents."

"Okay," meowed Master Kit Kat, "I'll go get them right now."



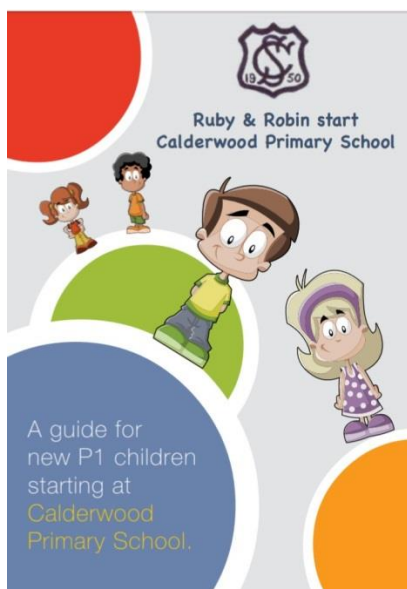
Welcome Wednesday



Firstly for our new Primary 1s, meet Josh, our brilliant Active Schools Coordinator. For those of you who attended our Hub, you will know Josh already because he has been in our school almost every day helping make Hub life fun! Josh works very closely with our school to provide a wide range of sporting opportunities for all our pupils. He is great, and we are very glad that he is part of Team Calderwood. He has made a welcome video for you which you can access at this link.

<https://youtu.be/31blzFEpX3E>

We also have a wonderful book for you to read as you are getting ready to come to Calderwood. Read all about how Ruby and Robin are preparing for school. This can be accessed on the website (in the New P1 section) and in the News section of our App. Don't print this out, though, as you will get a copy in your Primary 1 Goodie Bag!



Radio Lollipop



You know that Radio Lollipop 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!

Well done to Mia Anderson in Primary 3 who can now ride her bike without any stabilisers! Her mum took off her stabilisers and off she went..... Mia is now really looking forward to getting out and about on her bike with her friends when lockdown is over. Well done, Mia, what a brilliant achievement!



Contacts

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

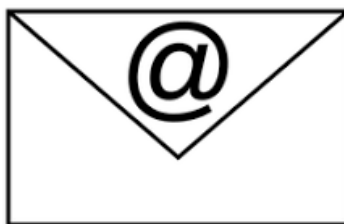
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Remember to send in your stories, achievements, ideas, shout-outs and thank-yous to Mrs Innes at gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk .

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

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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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