



Calderwood Chronicle

Weekly News Update for Parents and Families

Friday 26th June 2020

Welcome to the final Calderwood Chronicle newsletter of this school session. We are at the end of a school year that none of us will ever forget. Unfortunately, despite the huge amount of planning and organisation that has taken place in school over the past month, we finish this term with a lot of uncertainty remaining around our return in August. As I have stated before, we started our planning for next session based on all pupils returning to school at the same time, and then, from there, we made preparations for a 50/50 return with social distancing in place. This means that, no matter what our return to school in August looks like, we will be ready for it! (We may just have a lot of tables and chairs to move again!) What we *do* know for sure is that all the Calderwood staff are looking forward to welcoming our Calderwoodies back.

Even though we are now officially on holiday, there will still be a lot of work going on behind the scenes. We will keep you up-to-date with news as soon as we receive it through the App, Twitter and our website.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank our parents and carers for all you have done over the past few months. We know how difficult it has been to balance the demands of distance learning with those of work and other family commitments. Thank you for all your support.

I wish all our families a happy and healthy Summer Break.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Innes 

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Distance Learning



Since the Summer Break officially started on Wednesday 24th June, all Google Classroom activity stopped on that day. Learning and teaching will resume when we return in August.

I would like to thank everyone for embracing this technology very quickly - I am sure we will continue to use this to support children's learning even when we return to 'normal'. Thank you to all the staff for getting on-board with Google Classroom, to Mrs Waddell for all her technical support and to Mrs Ring for keeping us busy and entertained in the whole-school Classroom!

Calderwood Hub

Our school building is once again being used as a Hub over the summer, where childcare will be provided for children of key workers. The responsibility for this service has been handed over from Education to Youth, Family and Children's Services.

Please **do not** telephone or visit the school over the summer, as there will be no school staff in the building. If you need to get in touch with us, please use the email addresses at the bottom of this newsletter.



Food Bag Deliveries



Thank you to everyone in our community who has helped to collect food for deliveries to families. Thanks to your hard work and generosity, we are able to continue with deliveries over the summer holidays.

Mrs Ring and I would like to say a special 'thank you' to Kyle in Primary 6 and his mum who have contributed a huge amount, all donated by Kyle's football team. Kyle came into school to help Craig (our Educational Psychologist) and Josh (our Active Schools Co-ordinator) make up the bags. Thanks, Kyle! Also special thanks to the residents of Limeside and surrounding streets for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you all!

Pupil Awards

Remember to have a look at our Pupil Awards 2019/2020 video. It can be found at <https://youtu.be/KM9RaYgmcE>

Congratulations to all this year's award winners and well done to every single Calderwoodie for all their hard work and achievements (both in and out of school) this year.



End-of-Term Message

Please also remember to have a look at my end-of-term message which can be found at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Lm7xkpYfzv0&feature=youtu.be>

A Very
SPECIAL
Message...

Keeping Contact Information Up-to-Date

Please remember the importance of ensuring that we hold the most up-to-date contact information for parents, carers and emergency contacts. It is crucial that we have the correct **addresses, telephone numbers (mobile and landline) and email addresses** on our system. As recent events have demonstrated, we never know when we will need to contact you (or an emergency contact if we cannot reach a parent or carer). We appreciate that, amongst all the stresses of moving house, contacting the school is a low priority, however, we were inundated with calls after reports were posted to let us know that families had changed address. Our Annual Data Check letters will be sent out in August, please amend information as necessary. If you move house - or change phone number or email address - after August, please remember to pop into the office, give us a phone or email the office to let us know. **Thank you!**



Achievements

Thank you to everyone who sent in their achievements from lockdown. It has been an absolute pleasure reading about what you have been up to and seeing all the photographs of our Calderwoodies – every single one put a huge smile on my face.

I am looking forward to hearing about more achievements from over the summer when we return in August.....

Well done to **Emma and Connor Burns** (Primary 3 and Primary 7), who have been learning to cook over lockdown. As you can see from the photographs, they have been hard at work. I am very impressed. It's great to use this time to master some very important life-skills!

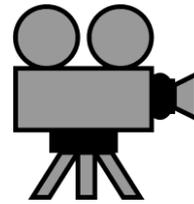


Achievements (continued...)

Ivy Peacock (Primary 2) has been very busy over lockdown and can now ride her bike without stabilisers **and** tie her own shoelaces. Two huge achievements, Ivy, well done!



Ivy's big sister **Aila Peacock (Primary 4)** has also been very busy over lockdown. She installed a film-making and editing app on her computer and has managed to learn the basics of creating content and editing all by herself! Well done, this is very impressive. Hopefully we will get to see some of your skills when we get back into school in August.



Aasiyah Suleiman (Primary 3) won the Sumdog competition for her class, which was announced by Mrs Samson. She was so determined and focused all the way through the competition. Aasiyah's family are very proud of all her hard work and dedication and so are we!



Contacts

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

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Thank You!

I have a long roll call of people I would like to say thank you to this week.....

- Thank you to all our **staff** for all of their hard work over the past few months. They are an amazing team who have all coped admirably with the uncertainty, intensity and rapid rate of change, particularly over the past few weeks. They have been a **huge** support to me, and I think we have managed to maintain a sense of positivity and humour throughout. Thank you all, and I hope that you manage to relax over the summer.
- Thank you to all our **parents and carers** for everything you have done to support the school recently. From taking on the role of teacher to balancing work and family commitments, it has been a testing time. We thank you all for your support and understanding. Thank you also for all the work you have undertaken to support the community; collecting food, fundraising and supporting each other. I am always so proud of the community we serve at Calderwood, and never more than over recent weeks.
- Thank you to our superb **Parent Council** for continuing their hard work to support the school over lockdown. Thank you for helping us with our transition materials for Primary 1, gifts for Primary 7 and for making resource packs for us to distribute to families. Thank you for the regular meetings and for your backing. We are lucky to have such a great and active group supporting our work.
- I want to thank all our partners who have worked very closely with the school whilst we have been closed. I would like to single out **Josh Anderson**, our Active Schools Coordinator, and **Craig Thomson**, our Educational Psychologist, who have both worked extremely hard supporting staff, pupils, the work in the Hub and our food donation deliveries. They have both regularly been going above-and-beyond, and we are honoured to have them on Team Calderwood!
- Finally, and most importantly, thank you to all our Calderwoodies. You have shown a huge amount of positivity, kindness, compassion and bravery over the past few months and I am incredibly proud to be your Head Teacher. Thank you for reminding us every day why being a teacher is the best job in the world..... see you all in August!



**YOU
ROCK.**

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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