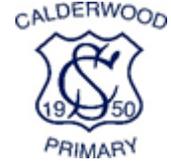




Reading Schools



February 2022

At Calderwood Primary, we are a school passionate about reading and literacy. On a daily basis, we embrace opportunities to read together and be enjoying being read to - having a strong reading for pleasure culture throughout the school. We have always celebrated key dates in the annual calendar related to all things literacy and are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in March this year. This newsletter is a little update on some of our literacy work, as well as sharing hints, tips and recommendations on how you can help support our love of literacy at home, too!



Reading School Accreditation Scheme

Calderwood strives for excellence and we are always working hard to ensure we are creating the best learning opportunities for our



Calderwoodies. This session, a group of hardworking staff, parents and children have been working towards gaining accreditation for our reading culture through the **Scottish Books Trust** and their **Reading School** accreditation scheme. This is also a part of our School Improvement Plan for this session. We are working on ways to further promote our love of reading across the school and get all of our Calderwood families and wider community involved - watch this space!

Our Reading Attitudes - Learner Survey

In November last year we carried out a learning survey with all of children to gain an understanding of their thoughts about reading. Here are some of our results...

- 93% of children said that they enjoyed reading
- 30% of children said they read for fun every day, 40% of children said they read for fun a few times a week and 20% read for fun once a week (90% read for fun)
- 85% of children think reading is cool
- 91% of children are certain they can improve their reading if they really want to
- 70% of children said that they read to relax
- **80% of children said they liked when an adult read to them or helped them to read at home**
- The top genre of books was 'funny' books

Your Opinion Matters - Reading School Parent and Carer Survey

Please click on the link below to complete a short survey via a Google form to allow us to gain an understanding of our Calderwood community's thoughts about reading. The form will be live until **Friday 11th February**. Thank you for your support!



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemCwIdM61WT5zXVDlwFZOjsI6iKoaTAV6Y1kyP_WKX9gOzOA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Eco Library (or take a book!)

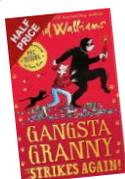
Being a sustainable and eco-friendly school we are keen to ensure children and families have an opportunity to access books as often as possible. Similar to our eco uniform initiative, we would like to set up an eco-library at the front of the school where our Calderwood families could come and borrow a book to take home and read together (or for their own pleasure). In normal times, our book room at our annual Christmas and Summer fairs would be fit to burst with generous book donations. We are looking for donations of any books you no longer need or use that would be appropriate for children to create our eco-library. If you have any, please send them in with your child and we will hopefully be able to launch our eco-library at the front of the school very soon!



Top Book Recommendations

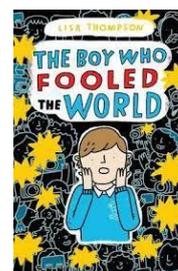
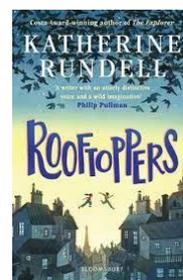
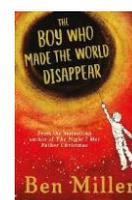
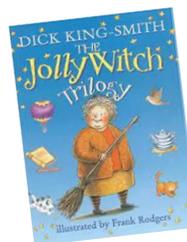
Some of our top favourite authors from our learner surveys were...

- David Walliams
- Roald Dahl
- J.K. Rowling
- Julia Donaldson



Our Room 7 children have the responsibility this year of being our **Reading Champions** as part of their class leadership focus. Throughout Book Week Scotland they created a fantastic interactive display in our school foyer collating a book recommendation from every class in the school. Here are some of our favourites...

- Room 1 - The Jolly Witch by Dick King Smith
- Room 2 - What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson
- Room 3 - Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd
- Room 4 - The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher
- Room 5 - Adventures of the Wishing Chair by Enid Blyton
- Room 6 - Demon Dentist by David Walliams
- Room 7 - How to Hide a Lion at Christmas by Helen Stephens
- Room 8 - The Boy Who Made the World Disappear by Ben Miller
- Room 9 - The Brilliant World of Tom Gates by L. Pichon
- Room 10 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Room 11 - Harry Potter and the Philosphers Stone by J.K Rowling
- Room 12 - There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom bt Louis Sachar
- Room 13 - Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell
- Room 14 - Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
- Room 15 - The Boy Who Fooled the World by Lisa Thompson

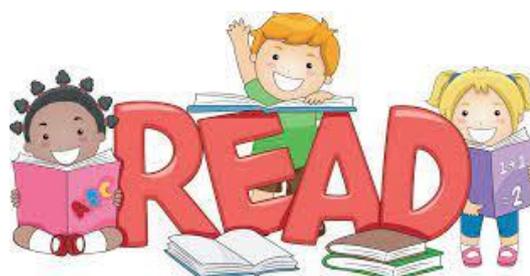


Supporting Literacy at Home

Sharing books and stories can help children understand the world around them and develop key social and emotional skills. Just ten minutes shared reading a day can help your child grow into a happy, confident learner.

8 ways to encourage reading at home

1. Make a dedicated reading space. ...
2. Read funny things! ...
3. Read anything anywhere. ...
4. Talk to your children about what they have read. ...
5. Follow their interests. ...
6. Read regularly. ...
7. Read for pleasure. ...
8. Variety is the spice of life!



For more information on reading at home with your child, click the link below from the Book Trust!

<https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/misc/reading-with-your-child/reading-with-your-child-booklet-for-parents.pdf>