

Calderwood Winter Wonderland Walk

Right about now we would usually be hosting our fantastic Christmas Fair with Santa and his elves as our very special guests. We don't really have to say it, but things are a bit different this year, however that is not going to dampen our Christmas cheer! We know the Calderwood community likes a wee challenge and this year we have something very special planned. **If Santa can't come to our Fair this year, then we need to go to him!**

In partnership with **World Walking** we are organising a walking **challenge for the Calderwood Community**. This year we are introducing the Calderwood Winter Wonderland Walk where we head off on a virtual walk to Lapland to see if we can catch Santa before he jumps in his sleigh on Christmas Eve.

Steps and miles will be logged through an app with each year logging as a group (we like a bit of friendly competition) but the Calderwood Winter Wonderland Walk is a collective one. We can see which year gets close to Lapland and how quickly we as a school can meet and greet Santa. There will also be little prizes along the way for the likes of the best elfie selfie and the silliest Christmas headgear.

We want to encourage as many pupils and their families (as well as staff – they don't escape this!), to ignore the truly rubbish weather and get out there and take some steps to Santa who is currently working hard in Lapland. That's a whopping 5,438,957 steps – but we think that as a Calderwood Community we can get there, or at least get close enough to feed the reindeer.

We understand that it can be a bit dreich outside but what better way to keep active, get some fresh air and enjoy the truly spectacular Christmas window displays around Rutherglen and Cambuslang which are on show as part of the Rutherglen Wonderful Winter Windows display.

We are mindful and sensitive to the fact that this has been and continues to be a difficult year for many and the focus of our Winter Wonderland Walk is definitely more on the steps and less on the fundraising. We will have the capacity through the World Walking website for folk to donate.

If anyone wants to get sponsorship for their steps or there are some in the wider community who want to donate, we would be very grateful but it's definitely not a prerequisite for taking part!





We are delighted to make use of World Walking, which is free to use. They are a tiny, volunteer-led charity based in Greenock. Since it started in 2013, over 77,000 people have created user accounts and have clocked up over 15 million miles by using the steps they walk every day to complete virtual journeys to some of the best-loved places in the World.

Taking part is easy, here's how:

Step 1. Download the worldwalking app and register.

Step 2. Click on the group icon at the bottom of the page - search for the Calderwood Primary School Group for your child's year and join.

Step 3. Click on the map pin icon at the bottom of the page – Calderwood Winter Wonderland Walk will appear – click join group walk.

Step 4. The easiest way to record steps is to synchronize your iphone/android health kit or fitbit with World Walking. You do this by going into Settings>Apps>Connect on the app to enable the steps to sync and bank. You can also manually input your steps on the app. or add your steps / miles to the tear off slip provided.

Step 5. Get stepping, stomping or skipping along Calderwood's Winter Wonderland Walk. Remember to bank your steps! Take photos of your adventures and send them to: calderwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com or through the Parent Council Facebook page.

Optional Step 6. Fundraise or donate if you would like to. Calderwood will feature on the fundraising section of worldwalking.org which will enable sponsorship/donations to be added.

This is the first time we have attempted something like this so thank you in advance for your support, participation and Calderwood Christmas spirit!

Many thanks,

Calderwood Parent Council

