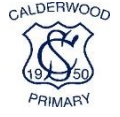


Calderwood Primary School News



Thursday 2nd February 2023



We have settled very quickly into the new term - this is always a very busy term, and we have already had lots of exciting activities take place since our return.

Primary 4 classes visited the Glasgow Science Centre for the launch of their Clyde in the Classroom topic. They have now had the delivery of their baby fish, who they will nurture and care for until they are ready to be released into the wild.

Primary 6 busily planned their Burns Supper for parents, carers and invited guests, which was a huge success and a great afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along to help us celebrate Burns in true Calderwood style!

Speaking of Burns, we were delighted that one of our Primary 5 pupils, Jena, was invited along to perform at the Bridgeton Burns annual dinner last week after her first-place performance in the Burns competition in December. She received VIP treatment all night and proudly represented the school at the event. Well done, Jena!

Again on the theme of Burns, our Primary 4-7 pupils had an extra-special assembly treat yesterday morning in the shape of a Hopscotch performance all about the life and work of Robert Burns. It was an entertaining and informative show!

Primary 7 have re-started their Community Café every Friday at 2pm after a break for the holidays. This has been a fantastic initiative - please remember to tell your friends and neighbours to pop in for a cuppa and some entertainment!

All the classes are working hard, with much to look forward to this term. I have included some dates for your diary in this newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions, comment or ideas, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Innes



Staffing News

As you know, we recently bid farewell to our office team leader, Jan, after 28 years at Calderwood Primary School. We are very grateful for everything she contributed to Calderwood over the years and wish her all the best for a very long and happy retirement. Enjoy every minute!

As yet, we have no replacement for Jan. We hope we will be able to fill the post soon. In the meantime, Mrs Watson (who is in the office on a Monday and Tuesday) will be covering on a Friday. Please bear with us, especially on a Wednesday and Thursday, as the office will not be fully staffed.





Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice in a number of classes throughout the school. Head lice can be a persistent problem, especially if left untreated, as they will continue to spread through classes. Please check your child's hair regularly for signs of head lice, and treat as necessary. Your local pharmacy will be able to advise you on appropriate treatments. I have also uploaded a leaflet to the App with more information. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Indoor Shoes

A reminder that all pupils should have a pair of indoor shoes kept in school to change into when they come into the building.

Our playground and many of the pavements around our school are very muddy and dirty at the moment. We want to keep our classrooms clean and our carpets in good condition, without mud (and other nasties) being dragged in by dirty shoes.

Please ensure your child has indoor shoes, and check with them that the ones they have in school still fit them. If the cost of acquiring new shoes is an issue, please contact the school (either myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team) and we will organise for a pair to be purchased.



Driving and Parking Around the School

Driving and parking around the school continues to be a safety issue.

As always, I would urge that you take extra care when driving close to the school.

- Please do not park on the yellow 'zig zags' at the front of the school. These are faded on one side of the road, and we are trying to address this with the relevant department in the Council, but please be aware that they are on both sides of the road and are designed to keep a safe, clear space at the front of the school.
- When you are dropping off or picking up, please do not park your car in front of the school in the staff car park, blocking parking spaces. This leads to congestion and blocks cars from coming through the car park or getting in or out of designated spaces. Currently, school staff are having to come out to patrol and speak to drivers on a daily basis. This puts the Senior Leadership Team in the uncomfortable position of having to confront parents. It is also not a valuable use of our time. Please be considerate to staff and prioritise the safety of our pupils.



Donations for Families in Ukraine

As some of you may already know, one of our current members of teaching staff, Mrs Yuliya Conroy, is Ukrainian. Mrs Conroy has been living in Scotland for many years, however, she still has family and friends back in Ukraine. The escalating conflict in Ukraine has been ongoing for almost a year now, and ordinary families are still bearing the brunt of this. Mrs Conroy works with friends in Scotland and volunteers in Ukraine to help get much needed supplies to the right places. I know that, as a school community we are always keen to offer charitable support both within our own community and beyond, and we want to do what we can to help, therefore we will be collecting items from the list below to be sent to Ukraine. All items collected will go directly to families in Ukraine. **Please donate *what you can, if you can.* Thank you!**

Many people currently live in basements as there is no electricity/ water/ heating in their flats or houses (if they are any standing at all). All of the items below would be greatly appreciated:

- warm clothes (sweaters, socks, thermal underwear, warm gloves and hats, etc)
- blankets, sleeping bags/ yoga mats (for sleeping on)
- hand warmers
- candles and lanterns/flashlights
- anti-inflammatory medications (cough syrups, cold/flu pills, painkillers, etc) **Please hand medicines into the school office – do not give to pupils**
- first aid kits (any components: creams, bandages, etc.)
- long shelf-life foods (soups/meats/fish in tins, dry soups, teas, anything that can stay unspoiled for a long time)

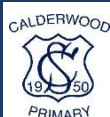


Please send any donations into school from today. We will continue collecting until the end of February. Thank you!

Celebrating Pupil Achievements

Please remember that we want to celebrate pupil achievements both in *and* out of school. If your child has an achievement, let us know! It can be anything, from swimming awards to learning to tie their shoelaces – we want to hear about it! I have included an achievement slip with this newsletter, these can be returned to the school office or to your child's class teacher.

Important Dates



Session 2022/2023



Date	Time	Event	Stage(s) Involved	Cost
Friday 3rd February 2023	All day	Potential Industrial Action School likely closed to pupils	Whole school	
Thursday 9th February	9.30am – 12.30pm	Trip to Motherwell Concert Hall and Theatre	Room 15	No cost – cost of buses covered by grant
Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February	All day	February Weekend Holiday	Whole school	
Wednesday 15th February	All day	Inset Day School closed to pupils	Primary 7	
Monday 20th – Friday 24th February	All week	Primary 7 Residential Week Lockerbie Manor	Primary 7	£260 per child - All costs already paid with some subsidies from school fund
Thursday 2nd March	All day	World Book Day (Details to follow)	Whole school	No cost
Wednesday 8th March	TBC	Parents' Evening (Details to follow)	Whole school	No cost
Thursday 9th March	TBC	Parents' Evening (Details to follow)	Whole school	No cost
Friday 31st March	2.30pm	School closes for Spring Break	Whole school	

Cost of the School Day

A reminder that, at Calderwood, we work hard to ensure that the cost of the school day is kept to a minimum for families. This is particularly important just now, as the current cost of living crisis is impacting most households. We have access to a lot of different resources, and we want to do everything we can to support our families - participating fully in the life of the school should not come with unnecessary costs. If you ever need any support, particularly with matters around the cost of the school day, speak to Mrs Innes, Mrs Ring, Mrs Kirkland or Mrs Waddell, or email Mrs Innes at gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk. All discussions are confidential, and we will do everything we can to help.



Recognising Pupil Achievement

The recognition and celebration of achievement outside of school is very important.
Please tell us about your child's special achievements.

Name of child:			
Primary:		Room Number:	
Date of Achievement:			
Please provide some brief information about your child's achievement:			
How would your child like to celebrate this achievement? Please tick all that apply.			
At our weekly assemblies	<input type="checkbox"/>	In class	<input type="checkbox"/>
On our achievements board in the foyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	In the school newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>

On completion, please return this form to the school office for the attention of Mrs Innes.



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