



Calside News

1st September 2023

Welcome Back

It is lovely to see all the children and staff back in school, and everyone has settled well into their new classes.

Emergency Contacts



Information about Health Care & Emergency Arrangements were sent out last week. This information is also on the school website *Calside Courier* for ease. Please ensure we have your details as it is essential that we have up-to-date contact information so we can contact parents/carers promptly.

Staffing

The classes this session are as follows:

P1 Miss Kennedy	P1/2 Mrs Clark/Miss Limond	P2 Mrs Brown/Mrs Cairns
P3 Miss MacRae/ Mrs Olea	P4 Mr Templeton	P5 Mrs Galligan/Mrs Hooper
P6 Mrs Taylor/Mrs Galligan	P7 Mr McIlorum/Mrs Kearney Rainbow Room: Mrs Armstrong/Mrs Hooper	



Congratulations to Miss McLean on her wedding in the summer; she is now Mrs Irvine-McLean. She continues to teach PE to all the classes. The class PE days will be advised via Class Dojo. Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE days, and should be dressed for the weather in case the lesson can go ahead outside.

Mrs Cairns has now started her phased retirement, and will be with Primary 2 two days per week. Miss MacRae has taken up the post of Principal Teacher (Early Years) covering P1-P3.

Safe Arrival

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs McIlorum on the safe arrival of their baby girl during the holidays. Mr McIlorum is currently taking paternity leave but he will be back with us shortly.

As previously advised, Mrs Hooper is covering the Principal Teacher (Support for Learning) post during Mrs McIlorum's maternity leave.



Class Dojo



ClassDojo has been updated, and you should now be able to access your child's new class. If you are having any issues, please let us know and we will endeavour to help.

The class termly newsletter and Class Charter will be shared via Dojo this week. You will also see regular updates as to "What We Are Learning" and guidance on homework. Teachers will be able to respond to your queries via Dojo, or can be contacted via email. They will be your first port of call for any queries. Please note they will not respond to queries in the evening or the weekends.

Dojo should not be used to communicate a child's absence from school, as the teachers are teaching at the beginning of the day and may not see a Dojo message until later. Any absences should be communicated with the school office, using our phone number 01387 263594. Please do leave a message on the answer machine if the line is busy.

Parent Council Summer BBQ

The annual BBQ held by the Parent Council will be held on Saturday 16th September 2-5 p.m. Both the Parent Council and P7 are looking for donations of prizes for the various stalls, raffles etc. The Parent Council are also looking for volunteers to help man the BBQ, bar or stalls for a short period of time. All help gratefully received! The money raised goes to very good use for all the fun events in schools such as Halloween, Christmas and Easter Fun.



Clubs Block 1

The Clubs letter for this block is in the maildrop this week. This is for clubs run by staff or our professional partners such as Active Schools, and is done by year group. The P6 & P7 Play Leaders are running a wide range of clubs for P1 & P2 this term, at breaks and at lunchtimes rather than extending the school day while we still have light nights after school.

Clubs letters should be returned immediately so that registers can be drawn up.



Individual and Family Photographs

The school photographer will visit on Tuesday 19th September: this is for individual and family photographs.

Volunteers in School



We always welcome any extra pairs of hands for help in classes: if you can spare an hour a week, or know of a grandparent who may like to join us, please let your child's class teacher know. The extra help makes a real difference.

Come and Join Us

Our Come and Join Us sessions give you a chance to see what life is like in the class, meet the teachers and share in what your child is learning.

These sessions will be held as follows:

P1-P4 Tuesday 12th September drop in between 1.30 and 3.10 p.m.

P5-P7 Wednesday 20th September between 1.30 and 3.10 p.m.



House Captains and School Captains

The pupils elected their House Captains this week: well done to all those Primary 7 pupils who stood for election. There were some excellent speeches. The House Captains 2023-2024 are:

Duncan: Sophie Little and Ruairidh Tennant

MacAdam: Harris Cunliffe and Katie Dobie

MacMillan: Jak Kippen and Aaron Lorimer

Telford: Louis Barr and Lucas Gibson



The School Captains: leading the Pupil Council will be Dara Fashola, Hollie Lees and Alfie Watson.

I am sure that they will start organising lots of fun and activities very soon.

Rights Respecting Schools Award



The school was awarded the Bronze Award for the Rights Respecting Schools Award last session, and we are starting to work towards Silver. The classes will be electing their representatives on the Rights Group, and then the group will be starting their work.

This term all classes will be creating their own Class Charters. This will help create a positive learning environment for the children both within the class and across the whole school. By creating a Class Charter, this helps the children understand and apply the UN Rights of the Child and helps create an ethos within Calside. The children will explore and understand their own responsibility for their rights and also the rights of others.

The Class Charter can be seen on ClassDojo, and will also be on the school website "Calside Courier".