



Calside News

15th December 2023



**Lots of very busy children this term- both in school and out of school!
Well done to:**

All the pupils who performed in the Christmas shows; the P7s whose help behind the scene was invaluable; and the staff who work really hard to create these festive experiences for us all.

Harris Cunliffe who is an extraordinary photographer, earning a Blue Peter badge, and has created a wonderful wildlife calendar;

Sam David and Archie Hamilton are working on massive Lego kits, both making models of more than 500 pieces;

Emily Haining whose story "The Best Birthday Present" has made it through to the second round of the national 500 Words competition!

Archie Hamilton, Fergus Henderson and Calvin Pettigrew challenged themselves to make the longest paperchain that they could: it is now more than 100m long! Phew.....

Caring Calside Citizens

P3 and P4 have been spreading Christmas cheer at Charnwood, and also collecting a great number of donations for the Food Bank;

Alicia Campbell, Lacey Campbell and Ava Clydesdale ran a stall at Green's to raise funds for the Alexandra Unit and raised a phenomenal £1145;

Noah Donowho helped his neighbours during the snow by clearing their drives so they could get out to medical appointments.:

Ivy Murdoch who helped at Goldielea Care Home with the Brownies;

Dominik Vereb has been training his dog.

Brilliant Beavers, Brownies and Cubs

Lewis Scott carried the Beaver flag for the Remembrance Service at Maxwellton West Church. He has also earned his collecting and reading badge at Beavers and learned how to do a reef knot;

Sophie Adamson, Alyssa Jackson, Sophie Weir and Eden Windsor have all started Brownies: we look forward to hearing what they get up to.

Delightful Dancing

Poppy Davidson, Sophia Moonie, David Rogerson and Rachel Tenant performed at the Cash for Kids dinner at Easterbrook Hall; they also performed in the Razz Awards Ceremony, and Poppy won the Dancing Award for her class; Katie Dobie and Hollie Lees performed in their ballet show at Easterbrook Hall; Ava Hollinger also performed in the Razz Awards Ceremony and earned a certificate; Amelia Murray and Ella Scott took part in their first In-Step dance show, and really enjoyed themselves; Amelia also got a "Special Achievement" trophy for her dancing; Mia O'Toole and Nina Slaven took part in the dance show at "Next Level School of Dance".

Fantastic Footballers

Louis Barr has changed position in football; Faye Boyd won a trophy at her football team awards night; Hunter Boyd's team has been unbeaten all season; Jude Currie was Supporter of the Year for the Heston Rovers Belles; Dara Fashola joined the Queen of the South football team; Liam Gibson was a mascot for the Rangers' Ladies Match against Montrose; Daniel Hamilton won a medal for taking part in a football match; *Continued below..*

Paige Heron, Sophie McCaulay and Rachel Tennant won trophies at Heston for their attendance all year; Jack Little got second in a football competition in Blackpool; Mason Morrison is playing for St. Mirren's junior football team; Zach Service played his first 11-a-side match; Blair Thwaites moved onto Stage 8 football; Sophie Weir won a football trophy at the Baptist Church.

Great Gymnasts

Lily Graham participated in a national competition and placed 30th out of over 170 competitors; Lucy Johnston competed in her first gymnastics competition. She has also learnt how to do backflips on the bar holding the rings; Quinn Gordon and Lacey McVittie moved up a level; Demi-Louise Lamont won 5 gymnastic medals; Emily Muirhead has been learning some new moves; Olivia Rice placed 6th in her gymnastics competition.

Milena Stankovic broke her arm at gymnastics but was incredibly brave!

Incredible Ice-Skating

Findlay Jacques has started ice-skating; Lucy Johnston has learnt how to do backwards crossovers and backward slaloms; Mia O'Toole has learned how to spin on ice, do a cross over and foot drag, and is now working on a backwards crossover.

Marvellous Musician

Mia O'Toole played Supercalifragilistic in her piano concert, and experimented with a split layer for the Star Wars theme tune.

Super Swimmers

All Primary 4 who enjoyed their curriculum swimming, especially Suleman Mannan, Ralph Taylor and Zack Urquhart who increased their confidence and skills; Louis Barr who never went below 5th in time trials for Dumfries Swimming Club; Quinn Gordon and Kara Wells both earned certificates at their swimming lessons; Ben Murray took part in swim trials; Darcy Bell, Ella Haggarty, Findlay Jacques, Hollie Lees, Sophie McCaulay, Layla McGill and Kara Wells moved up a level at their swimming lessons; Emily Gibson can now swim a whole length without any floats!

Terrific Twirling

Mia O'Toole took part in her first baton-twirling competition, and earned 8th place in artistic twirl, as well as a medal in the individual performance;

Other Sensational Sportspeople

Harris Cunliffe came 3rd and won the Bronze medal in curling;

Noah Donowho has been practising riding his bike and trying out going downhill;

Liam Gibson and Keir Hope took part in a curling competition at the Ice Bowl;

Douglas Haggarty and Stewart Henderson won a rugby tournament with their team;

Jak Kippen landed a "sick" frontflip on the trampoline (and is very proud of himself);

Ethan Lees who came 4th in a regional tennis competition, competing against older pupils too;

Calvin Pettigrew scored his first goal for the men's hockey team;

Ralph Taylor who has been attending Let's Get Sporty every weekend, and participating well;

Alfie Watson has reduced his handicap in golf!

Whatever your child's interests or skills, we love hearing about them. They are such an important part of who your child is.

