



# Calside News

April 2024



## What a wide range of interests our learners have! Well done to:

P7 who had a great time on their residential, showing super teamwork and support for each other.

Special mentions go to:

- ✓ Emma Drennan for her supportive nature towards others, offering encouragement and praise which really helped some conquer their fears.
- ✓ Ben Gilmour-Graham for being a kind and caring friend to all: Ben had a huge smile on his face for the duration of the trip and this helped lift the moods of others.
- ✓ Molly Scott showed real courage and determination when faced with challenges outwith her comfort zone, especially in the water activities.
- ✓ Zach Service for his organisational skills with his belongings and having a very mature attitude during the trip.

Faye Boyd, Ben Murray, Iris Robertson and Ethan Strawbridge stepped into the breach to participate in the P7 Rotary Quiz, as it was held while P7 were away on their residential. Given they are a year behind the rest of the teams, we are so proud of them, and bravo for scoring more than half marks.

Olly Bisset, Archie Hamilton, Mason Morrison and Owen Walden will be our P6 Euroquiz team, and are studying hard in preparation. Good luck, guys!

Emma Drennan who has been selected as our Queen of the South Attendant for Guid Nychburris: we hope she has a great (and dry) day!

Sophie Little came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Rotary Speechmaking competition with her inspiring speech about her heroes; Aaron Lorimer was highly commended for his entertaining speech. Well done to both!

Katie Dobie performed in her first orchestra on her violin;

Thomas Dunlop has been working hard and saving his money, and he has earned enough to buy a dwarf hamster and a cage;

Hannah Hogg took part in the Queen of the South drawing completion, and has also learned how to make fruit out of loom bands;

Ruaraidh Paton faced his fear of heights by going up the Eiffel Tower: wow!

## Brilliant Beavers, Brownies and Cubs

Sophie Adamson did her Promise at Brownies; she then earned her first badges, as did Alyssa Jackson and Mia O'Toole; Hannah Hogg, Sophie Weir and Eden Windsor have been earning badges as well; Rory Bruce, Clayton Davies, William Dobie and Logan Milligan have all earned their fire safety, animal care and space badges at Cubs; Sadie Morrison and Ivy Murdoch have both done their Promise at Brownies; they also passed their Brownies Language test, as did Natalie Little. Natalie and Sadie have also been busy fundraising by helping at a car boot sale; Lewis Scott was Beaver of the Week; he also earned a badge for looking after a pet.

## Delightful Dancing and Drama

Harley Culton-Power has joined the Theatre Royal drama group; Alice Kirkpatrick has been cast as a pirate in the musical "Pan"; Mia O'Toole started a new dance club; Olivia Rice took part in a dance at the Theatre Royal; Milena Stankovic has started ballet; Sophie Weir and Eden Windsor took part in a dancing show.

Poppy Davidson, Quinn Gordon, Ava Hollinger, Sophia Moonie, David Rogerson, Rachel Tennant and Kara Wells are performing with Razz on Sunday; Poppy and Rachel are also helping with the Minis show. hope you all have a great time!

## Fantastic Footballers

Blair Cunliffe scored five goals in one match; Noah Donowho scored two goals in one match; Clayton Davies's team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a football tournament at NWCC; Cameron Macbeth has been chosen to be part of the Rangers Academy; Lacey McVittie moved up a level in football; Mason Morrison is now playing football for Troon; Cameron Murdoch finished his 12 week chart at football, earning two medals and two certificates; Zach Service scored his first goal for Heston.

Jack Bisset, Ethan Bruce, Blair Cunliffe, Liam Gibson, Keir Hope, Roddy Macbeth, Harry Rice, Lewis Weir and Danny Windsor climbed Criffell to raise money for Heston Rovers.

David Rogerson attended the Queen of the South awards presentations, and helped to give out the awards!

## **Great Gymnasts**

Darcy Bell won a silver medal at the Blossom Gymnastics competition; Lily Graham won 3 silver medals at the Blossom Gymnastic competition and has also mastered a front walkover; Ella Haggarty won a trophy for getting three gold medals and Emily Haining earned three bronze medals at Y Gymnastics; Demi-Louise Lamont got a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal for her vault and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for her floor routine, and came 1<sup>st</sup> overall in her gymnastics competition; Fern Ramage got a certificate, and Milena Stankovic and Kara Wells won medals in their gymnastics competition. Aveliese Bowthorpe, Quinn Gordon, Evie McDonald, Olivia McDonald, Lacey McVittie, Sophie Weir and Eden Windsor all moved up levels in gymnastics. Amelia Black has been practising her backwards walkover; Lacey McVittie can do a back and a front flip, and cartwheel on the balance beam; Mia O'Toole is taking part in a gymnastics group.

## **Incredible Ice Skating and Ice Hockey**

Noah Donowho moved up to level 2 at ice-skating; Mia O'Toole earned a certificate at ice-skating for great improvement; Grayson Ramage has started ice-hockey training; Eden Windsor has been learning to ice-skate.

## **Marvellous Martial Arts**

In Karate, Ollie Arnold earned his green belt; Sam David earned his orange belt; Noah Donowho earned his blue stripe; Aleenah Mannan earned her blue stripe belt; Blair McCole achieved his solid blue belt; Lacey McVittie moved up to yellow belt; Ben Murray earned his blue belt. In kickboxing, Ronan Harkness achieved his orange belt.

## **Rugby**

Freddie Dickson and Ezekiel Samuels have played with their rugby in several rugby tournaments, and won three of them; Lennon Kuehnel's team won a rugby tournament in the Stewartry; Grayson Ramage and Dominik Vereb have started playing rugby: their team played in a tournament in Castle Douglas and won! Grayson was Captain; Ezekiel Samuels made his first conversion playing for Dumfries Saints.

## **Super Swimmers**

Freya Bithell has started to swim, and has been learning how to do dolphin, mushroom and swim on her back, as well as doing handstands underwater; Amelia Black has been learning to swim in deeper water; Findlay Jacques has started swimming at DGOne; Sophie McCaulay took part in her first swimming competition, and got three 2<sup>nd</sup> places! Amelia Black, Harley Culton-Power, Blair Cunliffe, Quinn Gordon, Roddy Macbeth, Adam McIntosh, Chloe Parker, Milena Stankovic and Kara Wells moved up a level in swimming.

## **Other Sensational Sportspeople**

Jack Bisset, Harry Rice, Lewis Weir, Danny Windsor and Rafe Windsor took part in the Super 4s cross-country challenge;

Freya Bithell and Amelia Black have started acrobatics!

Freya Bithell started Let's Get Sporty and Taylor Smith won a tournament at Let's Get Sporty. Quinn Gordon, Chloe Parker and Ralph Taylor has been having a go at all the Let's Get Sporty activities;

Ava Clydesdale won a basketball competition with her team;

Ben Gilmour-Graham's dedication to his curling is paying off: his team "The Granite Gamers" won the International Pot-lid Challenge Trophy, and he also became The Sweepers Pairs Champion with his partner. He has also been nominated for the Curling Club's Good Sportsmanship Award. Amazing!

Sophie McCaulay has started to run the adult park run and is doing really well with a personal best of 27min 54 for three miles: she is now trying to beat her time.

Blair McCole ran 1.2 miles at the Junior Park Run;

Finn McKinnell is learning how to box at boxing classes and enjoying it. Finn earned Boxer of the Week and earnt a badge for great punching technique and skill work.

Mia O'Toole took part in a baton-twirling competition and has also been learning a team dance;

Calvin Pettigrew scored 6 goals in hockey;

David Rogerson is doing another fundraising challenge this month for MacMillan Cancer Research, running a mile a day.

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