

# Term 1 Parent Newsletter Learning Centre P1



Welcome to Primary 1 at Calside Learning Centre!

We would like to start by saying how well the boys and girls have settled in.

They have been amazing!

In Calside, we follow a play-based approach to learning. It allows us to give the children more focused attention and it helps to develop their social and emotional skills too. We are concentrating on establishing our routines and building the children's confidence in their new environment. We will also be beginning to take part in the Daily mile so please make sure they have appropriate clothing.

Every child has been given a team house at Calside. The houses are called Telford (blue), MacMillan (green), MacAdam (yellow) and Duncan (red). We use these during school events like sports day.

Can we also remind you to label all clothing/personal items.

Mail drop day is a Friday, if your child has any letters they will come home in their coloured folder. Please send your child's mail drop folder back in to school the following Monday.

## P.E

Mrs Irvine-McLean, our P.E specialist, will be taking the class for P.E on a Monday morning. We will also have our second P.E lesson on a Thursday. Please ensure your child is sent to school in appropriate clothing that they will be comfortable exercising in.

## Communication

This term we are moving to our new planning and tracking system, BSquared, along with this we will be using Evisense to communicate and share learning with home. We are in the middle of setting this up and until this is ready to go, communication will continue to be through email.

You can contact Mrs McIlorum on - [gw13mcilorumlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw13mcilorumlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk) and Mrs Hooper on [gw18hooperlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw18hooperlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)

## Curriculum

The children will be working on and following their own individual targets and milestones throughout the term. Our IDL focuses will be selected based on the interests of the children. They will be targeted through our play based approach - you will get to see lots of photos of our learning.

Where appropriate and possible we will take the children to join their mainstream class, we may also have some of their peers join us for play in the learning centre. This will look different for each child as we factor in each child's individual needs when planning this.

## Meta-Skills

As part of our health and wellbeing work, our Meta-skills focus this term will be feelings.

## Environment

Since starting after the summer we have been enjoying exploring and getting used to our new environment. We are working in a play based classroom with free flow access to the outdoor area for most of the day.

If possible, please can you send in appropriate clothing for outside on wet days (wellies, waterproofs etc.) Please get in contact with us if this is an issue.

We are using Core Boards as visuals to support the children, if you would like a copy to support at home so we are using the same across both environments please just ask.

## Staffing

Class teachers will be Mrs Hooper on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs McIlorum on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Bisset, Mrs Smith and Mrs Bell will be the learning assistants within the room this term to support us with our learning.

At times there may be other adults in the classroom, including specialists such as speech and language therapists.