



# Calside News

30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## Welcome Back

It is lovely to see all the children and staff back in school, and everyone has settled 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

P3 Mrs Cairns/ Mrs Galligan/ Mrs Kearney/ Miss MacRae

P5 Mrs Dodds/ Miss MacRae

P7 Mrs Hooper/ Mr McIlorum

Rainbow Room: Mrs Armstrong/ Mrs Hooper/ Mrs McIlorum

P2 Mrs Brown/ Mrs McKie

P4 Mr Templeton

P6 Mrs Clark/ Mrs Olea



Mrs Irvine-McLean continues to teach PE to all the classes. The class PE days are as follows:

P1 - Thursday and Friday

P2 - Tuesday and Friday

P3 - Monday and Wednesday

P4 - Thursday and Friday

P5 - Monday and Tuesday

P6 - Wednesday and Friday

P7 - Monday and Wednesday

## P.E. lessons

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. Jewellery should be removed for PE lessons for safety.

## Health & Safety

A reminder that the school car park is for staff and for the transport of children with additional support needs only. We realise that parking is difficult at present with the roadworks on the road. However, we do not have the capacity for all parents/carers to drop off/collect their children. There have been near misses this week due to too many cars in the car park.



## HMiE Inspection

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited the school and the nursery. The findings from their visit is now published. Parents/carers should have received a summary letter via email earlier this week: a link to the inspection findings can be located in the letter.

## Clubs Block 1

The Clubs letter for this block is in the maildrop this week. This is for clubs run by staff and is done by year group. Active Schools will be running multi-sports for P2 and P3 after school on a Wednesday. The sign-up details for this is via Microsoft Forms: parents will receive a direct email for this. 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.



## Please Turn Over

### Class Newsletters and Class Sways

You will receive an email later this morning with a copy of the class newsletter for this term: this details what we are learning in class so that you can support your child at home. The QR code for the Class Sway can be found on the newsletter, and we suggest you add this to your Favourites so you can easily access this each week to see what the class have been up to.

You will also find the email addresses for the class teachers on the newsletter: again we recommend that you add these to your email contacts. Queries about class learning or homework should be directed to the class teachers. However, if you are contacting the school with regard to absences or appointments, this information should be sent to the office so we can amend the registers. The office email is [gw08officecalside@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw08officecalside@ea.dumgal.sch.uk). We suggest you add this to your email contacts as it is not easy to remember!

### 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. This term, Come and Join Us on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** from 2pm onwards: drop in when you can.

### Individual and Family Photographs

The school photographer will visit on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September: this is for individual and family photographs of children who are in nursery and/or school. Unfortunately the photographer will not be able to take photographs of younger siblings.

### 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.

### Rights Respecting Schools Award

The school was awarded the Silver Award for the Rights Respecting Schools Award in June, and we are starting to work towards our Gold Award. The classes will be electing their representatives on the Rights Group, and then the group will be starting their action plan.



### Parent Council



The children benefit from the fundraising undertaken by the Parent Council. Last year, this included prizes and refreshments for the Christmas parties; prizes and activities for Easter Fun; and subsidised P7 leavers' hoodies and costs for trips.

The Parent Council is a means by which parents can be more involved in the life of the school. They would greatly appreciate your help and support and can be contacted via email at [calsideparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:calsideparentcouncil@outlook.com).

The Parent Council AGM will be held in September: details will follow separately. We look forward to seeing you there.