

The Junior Road Safety Officers organised the Calside entry into the "Leg It to Lapland" competition organised by Sustrans. We came 3rd in Dumfries and Galloway with an average of 15.26 miles each! Wow.

We also won the HSBC Smart Money Award 2024 for the work we have been doing on financial education. Watching P7 organise their enterprise money shows me that we are preparing them well!

P5 entered the Active Schools Dance Festival, and had great fun doing so. Jade Lorimer and Georgia Ross won the Best Choreography award for small groups, and Darcy Bell, Ivy Murdoch, Elisha Obiegbu and Nina Slaven won the Most Creative award for small groups.

P5 have also been working hard on their Elfhelm topic with some incredible imaginations including candy cane tranquilisers and snowflake transporters! Headteacher awards go to Liam Gibson, Sadie Morrison and Elisha Obiegbu who designed amazing Elfhelm buildings. I definitely would go to the Figgy Pudding café.



Have a happy holiday season, and we will see you all in 2025!

The children return on Tuesday 7th January.



Merry Christmas From Calside Primary



We have had a busy festive season, spreading Christmas cheer in our community as well as across the school.

The Parent Council would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas Fair. We would also like to thank everyone who helped get ready and/or on the day. The Fair raised nearly £565 which helped to subsidise the Christmas cinema trips as well as provide refreshments and prizes for the parties.

We were really impressed with P7 who worked so hard to organise their stalls and games for the Christmas amid a very hectic P7 diary. Several local businesses commented on their manners and communication skills as they asked for donations. They raised over £1000 which goes towards their Leavers' Trip.

Thank you to Mrs Copeland, Mrs Findlater, Mrs MacDonald and the Pupil Council for organising the Christmas raffle, and thanks to everyone who donated items and bought tickets. The raffle raised a super £378 which will be put to good use when the Pupil Council decide what they want to buy! I may have to veto the unicorn herd... Bah humbug!



P5 & P6 spread the Calside Christmas Cheer when they visited Charnwood: singing carols, doing crafts and playing games. They were all excellent ambassadors for the school. Special mention goes to Taylor Smith who organised her group, showing excellent leadership skills as well as supporting those who did not feel as confident.

P6 created Christmas cards sending festive tidings to our community including the library, residential homes and the Church to mention just a few. Clayton Davies designed a super electronic card which was also sent out to our cluster schools and our visiting experts such as John from Active Schools and Briony from IBike.

Well done to P1 & P2 for their Nativity, and to P3 & P4 who took us to Hollywood: super performances from everyone. A thank you to P7 who helped behind the scenes with scenery and props, and a massive thanks to all the staff: putting on two shows is a huge amount of work for everyone. Again, a special mention goes to Ronan Harkness who stepped in at the last minute to do two parts to make sure that the show could go on!

Thank you to those who donated at the dress rehearsal: we raised an amazing £97 which the children have decided will be used to buy toys and games for the Children's Ward at DGRI.

Thank you to all those families who donated items to the Food Bank to help those who need a bit of help at the moment. We have sent a generous delivery which will be put to good use and are much appreciated.

