



# Calside News

December 2024



## Well done to:

P7 were amazing when they contacted local businesses for donations for their Christmas Fair stalls. We had several businesses let us know how impressed they were with the children's manners and communication skills. So proud of them! They have raised an amazing amount of money towards their P7 Leavers' trip- total so far will follow.

Amelia and Olivia Black created and published a colouring-in book using Canva;

Elise Black can now count to 10 in French, Spanish and German;

Faye Boyd completed a 24-hour sponsored silence;

Lacey Campbell has been making bracelets, charms and keychains, and selling them at different Christmas Fayres, making lots of money!

Sam David is learning to cook at home;

Thomas Dunlop helped with the Food Bank collection at the 3 Craigs, collecting donations from all his neighbours;

Alexander Galligan has been helping at home, a great help with a new baby in the house;

Finn and Lily Graham have been litter-picking around Calside and collected two big bags of rubbish in the pouring rain!

Archie and Daniel Hamilton has been looking after his pet guinea pigs really well;

Charlie Hardy has been making full models of animals and dinosaurs;

Alice Kirkpatrick is bag-packing to raise money for her cheerleading group;

Alice Kirkpatrick, Sophia Moonie and Jenson Norbury have been developing their YouTube channels and increasing their number of subscribers;

Blake Leslie went to a caravan on holiday for the first time;

Jake McGhie donated his old toys to charity so someone else could enjoy them; Milena Stankovic is collecting toys to send to charity at Christmas;

Adam McIntosh is practicing his French on Duolingo every day, and has got a 60 day streak;

Sophia Moonie took part in a screen-printing workshop, and really enjoyed it; she has also been regularly visiting her elderly neighbour to cheer them up;

Ivy Murdoch has raised £100 in memory of her Papa Stuart for the Oncology Ward;

Ben Murray earned his fourth Blue Peter badge;

Jo-el Quinn went on a train for the first time, all the way to Glasgow to go to the trampoline park;

David Rogerson is doing the 25 Days of Festive Fitness in December to raise money for Macmillan Cancer;

Taylor Smith has been baking lots of cakes with her Nana for the local care home.

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### **Brilliant Beavers, Brownies and Cubs**

Sophie Adamson earned her 1 year badge at Brownies; William Dobie was Cub of the Week, and is now moving up to Scouts; Hannah Hogg tried karate at Brownies; Alyssa Jackson has been busy earning badges at Brownies; Logan Milligan carried the flag for the Cubs at the Remembrance Service and is moving up to Scouts; Ivy Murdoch became a Secondar at Brownies; Lewis Scott took part in the Remembrance Service with the Cubs; Kara Wells started Brownies and is enjoying making new friends.

### **Cool Cyclists**

Aveliese Bowthorpe learned how to ride her bike one-handed; Max Brown learned to cycle with both feet on one pedal; Jo-el Quinn has learned how to ride his bike; Noah Rippingale-Coleman has overcome his fear of cycling on the road; David Rogerson cycled to Kilnford and back!

### **Delightful Dancing and Drama**

Freya Bithell, Jade Lorimer and Georgia Ross took part in the dance performance at Next Level Dance; Jade and Georgia even performed a duet that they had created themselves! Alice Kirkpatrick will be performing at the Loreburn Centre with her cheerleading squad; Jade Lorimer and Georgia Ross can now do an aerial at dance; Myla McCaskie, Elsie Park and Robyn Rice all got Star of the Week at Razz; Lillie McDonald took part in her first dance show; Elsie Park is taking part in her first ballet performance; David Rogerson will perform with Razz for the last time in December, after a long time with them. David has now joined the Wee Mousie theatre group, and is rehearsing for "Through the Looking Glass" in the new year. Fergie Watson can now hold a Y balance for 15 seconds at ballet.

### **Fantastic Footballers**

Jack Bisset, Rory Bruce, Jude Currie, Poppy Davidson, Liam Gibson, Max Hiddleston, Keir Hope, Roddy MacBeth, Sophie McCaulay, Logan Milligan, George Potts, Harry Rice, Rachel Tennant, Danny Windsor and Rafe Windsor have been playing in lots of tournaments, and trying their best; Freddie Dickson got Player of the Month at his football club; Evie Dunlop is enjoying playing for Queen of the South girls; Findlay Kerr got Player of the Week at football; Sophie McCaulay is moving up to the Heston Rovers Under 12 Girls' Team; Emily Muirhead was Player of the Year; Amira-Rose Patterson is trying really hard at her football club; Grierson Radley was voted as Defender of the Year by his peers; Alfie Ross took part in the Heston football tournament, and scored 7 goals! Lewis Weir is training with Partick Thistle twice a week.

### **Great Gymnasts**

Lots of medals, trophies and certificates for those children who competed in gymnastics competitions: Elise Black was first overall; Ava Clydesdale won two gold medals and a trophy; Emily Gibson came first overall in her category; Lily Graham came second overall in her category; Emily Haining earned a bronze and a gold medal; Ella Haggarty earned a silver and a gold medal as well as a trophy; Rachel Tennant came 4<sup>th</sup> in the intermediate category; Georgie Wells came second overall in her category; Eden Windsor came 4<sup>th</sup> in her category. Lily Graham and Jade Lorimer have mastered a backflip without support; Taylor Smith has learned how to do a round-off; Fergie Watson landed a vault for the first time.

### **Marvellous Martial Arts**

Colton Beggs passed his first grading exam; Elise Black moved onto her next belt; Sam David earned a new belt; Ollie Arnold earned his brown belt; Ben Murray earned his brown belt at karate; Thomas Riddick earned his green belt.

### **Remarkable Rugby Players**

Noah Donowho and Olly Hill started playing rugby; Grayson Ramage scored three tries at the Langholm rugby festival.

### **Super Swimmers**

Freya Bithell, Amelia Black, Noah Donowho, Paige Gordon, Quinn Gordon, Evie McDonald, Lillie McDonald, Olivia McDonald, Cameron Murdoch moved up a level in swimming; Olivia Black has been asked to trial for the swim club; Harry Halbert can now jump in the water by himself and swim a width; Findlay Kerr can now swim a whole length; Jayden Patterson is making huge progress in swimming, and is now in the water independently.

### **Other Sensational Sportspeople**

Elise Black can now glide on one foot at ice-skating, whilst Taylor Smith has learned how to skate backwards;

Clayton Davies has been learning how to do different stops and sharp turns with Solway ice-hockey group;

William Dobie has been running with Mum and Dad: he has run up Criffel and can run 5K;

Noah Donowho and Amira-Rose Patterson started horse-riding lessons;

Quinn Gordon took part in her first Park Run;

Quinn Gordon can now canter at horse-riding;

Charlie Hardy is trying to overcome his fear of ziplines;

Caden Healey can hold his breath for a minute;

Alyssa Jackson moved up a level at ice-skating;

Layla McGill is learning to ice-skate;

Adam McIntosh has been practicing his chess with his sister and Papa;

Cameron Murdoch has joined the cricket club;

Elsie Park got a personal best at Parkrun;

George Potts ran his fastest mile ever, and even ran a half-marathon;

Fern Ramage and Grayson Ramage completed the Mini Road Rider badge at Pony Club; Fern also attended her first pony club rally;

Robyn Rice came 8<sup>th</sup> in her category at Parkrun with a time of 14.19 minutes;

Noah Rippingale-Coleman climbed a cliff.