



Calside News

March 2025

Staffing

We are pleased to share that Mrs Hooper and Mrs McIlorum are both pregnant, and expecting their new family members in the summer. Due to this situation, there will be some changes to staffing after the Easter holidays as Mrs Hooper and Mrs McIlorum will not be able to work in the Learning Centre directly during Term 4. We will let you know of the changes as soon as we can. Please be assured that, despite the numerous staffing issues we have had this term, the staff are working closely as a team to ensure there is limited loss of learning for pupils.

Holidays

The school holidays start today Friday 28th March, and school opens again on Monday 14th April. We are then closed for the Easter weekend on Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April. We hope you all have wonderful holidays with lots of fun!

Sharing Wider Achievements

As always, we enjoy hearing what the children get up to out of school: it is incredible when you look at the wide range of activities. Now we have ClassDojo back, please send these to the class teachers via Dojo so that any photos can be added to your child's learning profile. Thank you.



Well done to:

The House Captains who organised the inter-house Art competition, and were brilliant at making sure everyone in their house was included.

The winners of the Inter-House Art competition were [Telford](#).

The Play Leaders in P6 and P7 who have run some fabulous clubs for the younger pupils this term, including badminton, cheerleading, hockey, art and even karaoke! We look forward to seeing what they come up with next.

The Pupil Council who organised our activities for both World Book Day and Comic Relief, raising £168.06! They are now busy planning our Easter Fun, which will take place the week after the holidays, with prizes generously provided by the Parent Council.

All the players who played in the Queen of the South schools tournament, especially the P6/7 football team who won (Olly Bisset, Freddie Dickson, Archie Hamilton, Stewart Henderson, Cameron Macbeth, Cayden MacKail, Mason Morrison, Calvin Pettigrew, Ethan Strawbridge and Owen Walden);

and the P4/5 team who were runners-up in their category (Jack Bisset, Blair Cunliffe, Ethan Bruce, Max Hiddleston, Keir Hope, Roddy Macbeth, Harry Rice, Lewis Weir, Danny Windsor, Rafe Windsor);

and the P6/7 football team that were quarter-finalists (Rory Bruce, Harley Culton-Power, Sam David, Clayton Davies, Damola Fashola, Douglas Haggarty, Fergus Henderson, Logan Milligan, Connor Paton and George Potts);

and the P4-6 team who showed excellent sportsmanship (Ollie Arnold, Jude Currie, Noah Donowho, Liam Gibson, Findlay Jacques, Blair McCole, Cameron Murdoch, Ruairaidh Paton, David Rogerson and Ollie Service).

The Rotary Quiz team who enjoyed the quiz and behaved impeccably while representing the school (Archie Hamilton, Fergus Henderson, Stewart Henderson and Calvin Pettigrew)

The team who represented the school in the D&G Enterprising Maths competition, which really tested their numeracy (Rory Bruce, Alice Kirkpatrick)

Sophie McCaulay who came 2nd in the P6 girls' cross-country competition, and Rafe Windsor came 2nd in the P5 boys' race-wow!

Jake McGhie, Melissa Mensdorf and Blair Thwaites who have been very brave while in hospital recently;

Emily Shearman who will be representing Calside in Guid Nychburriss as our attendant to the Queen of the South this year.

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Amazing Activities

Max Brown is enjoying Roblox and is progressing through the levels; Jack Drennan won the Minecraft Infinity Challenge for Spring; Emily Gibson and Chloe Parker have been creating lots of amazing artwork at home; Finn Graham has been learning French on Duolingo for more than 50 days; Caden Healey has been building lots of models including a Minecraft Tower and Steve! Bradley Hughes is learning Russian, and knows the whole alphabet as well as some words; Blake Leslie has been trying lots of new flavours at home; Evie and Olivia McDonald have now mastered the scale on their chanters, and have moved onto Grace notes and music; Layla McGill faced her fear of heights at the fair; Jo-el Quinn has been earning pocket money at home for doing his chores, and has saved up to buy a new computer game.

Brilliant Beavers, Brownies and Cubs

Lewis Scott attended his first Cub sleepover, at Glasgow Science Centre; Fergie Watson and Kara Wells started Brownies; Sophie Weir earned her Dancing badge at Brownies.

Delightful Dancing and Drama

Nina Slaven is playing the Soldier Dude at the Theatre Royal; Emily Gibson, Emelia McWhir, Mia O'Toole, Elsie Park, Olivia Rice, Robyn Rice, Fergie Watson, Sophie Weir, Georgie Wells, Kara Wells and Eden Windsor performed in their annual dance shows.

Fantastic Footballers

Olly Bisset, Cameron Macbeth, Mason Morrison and Calvin Pettigrew have been playing really well with their team, with an extended winning streak! Evie Dunlop's team won 10-0 against Hamilton. Also playing well every week: Rory Bruce, Poppy Davidson, Clayton Davies, Freddie Dickson, Finn Graham, Cayden MacKail, Sophie McCaulay, Logan Milligan, Calvin Pettigrew, George Potts, Grierson Radley, Ethan Strawbridge and Owen Walden.

Great Gymnasts

Alex Boyer has learned how to convert a handstand into a forward roll; Quinn Gordon and Hannah Hogg achieved their Level 5; Lily Graham attended the West Lothian Gymnastics competition and her team won a silver medal; Ella Haggarty and Emily Haining also participated in the West Lothian Gymnastics competition; Blake Leslie has learned to sit on the bar and fall backwards safely; Fern Ramage can now hold a handstand for 2 minutes; Kara Wells took part in her first Limitless performance; Eden Windsor has been selected for the development squad at her gymnastics.

Remarkable Rugby Players

Freddie Dickson has been playing well for the Dumfries Saints; Grayson Ramage played on the pitch during half-time in the Glasgow v. Munster game.

Super Swimmers

Max Hiddleston is taking part in the Spring Splash soon, and Olivia Loughran is also training for an upcoming competition- good luck! Ellie Adamson started swimming lessons and passed her first block already; Jacob Campbell has been learning how to push off from the wall; Paige Gordon, Quinn Gordon, Archie Gray and Alfie Ross moved up a level; Ronan Harkness is swimming longer distances independently; Lillie McDonald has mastered the butterfly stroke; Jayden Patterson can now hold his breath underwater; Georgina Ross can now dive off the board at swimming; Lewis Scott completed Octopus level 2.

Other Sensational Sportspeople

Lacey Campbell completed her level 2 ice-skating;
Jude Currie and Thomas Dunlop achieved their red belts, and Tom Riddick earned his brown strip belt in their martial arts;
Sam David has cycled more than 200 miles on his bike!
Paige Gordon and Chloe Parker tried the Parkrun for the first time;
Quinn Gordon achieved her half-marathon at Parkrun;
Ella Haggarty is progressing with her cantering and jumping at horse-riding;
Keir Hope has been working on improving his golf swing (a few tips for Mr Mac perhaps?);
Alice Kirkpatrick came 6th in her cheerleading competition;
Ethan Lees took part in a tennis competition;
Blake Leslie can go up ramps at the skate park, and is even trying the adult ramps;
Layla McGill earned a cup at baton-twirling for effort and perseverance;
Mia O'Toole passed her levels 5 and 6 at skating, and is now in the 7 to 8 group;
George Potts has learned to ice-skate;
Jo-el Quinn tried an escape room, and loved solving the puzzles;
Grierson Radley has learned how to ride his quadbike on the road;
Fern Ramage took part in the Pony Club Area 19 Blue Cross Care, and her team came 5th;
Milena Stankovic tried the Sky Rider at the trampoline park;
Ralph Taylor continues to enjoy his skills at Let's Get Sporty.