

# CALDERCUILT PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER

## *Term 4 May 2023*



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#### **Upcoming School and Holiday Dates 2023**

##### **May**

- Monday 8 May 2023 (Coronation Public Holiday)
- Thursday, 25 May 2023 (In-service day)
- Friday, 26 May 2023 and Monday, 29 May 2023 (May Weekend)

##### **June**

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 23 June 2023

##### **August**

- Monday, 14 August 2023 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 15 August 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 16 August 2023 (Return date for Pupils)

##### **September**

- Friday, 22 September and Monday, 25 September 2023 (September weekend holiday)

##### **October**

- Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

Dear families and friends,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and looking forward to a long weekend for the King's coronation. It has been a busy time in nursery and school with lots of learning and activities taking place, please see each class section further down the newsletter. The children have been working extremely hard in their House meetings and children's working Party meetings to drive forward school improvement.

I am thrilled to inform you that Miss Edoni, PT, had a beautiful baby girl at the start of April.

Miss Cross, sflw, will begin her maternity leave in June and Miss McMullen will begin her maternity leave in July. Miss Stephanie Orme has been appointed as acting PT to cover Miss Edoni's leave and will begin at Caldercuil over the next two weeks.

Miss Catrin Pryce-Jones, music instructor from Cleveden Secondary School, has continued to assist our budding pianists and school choir on a Tuesday. This term we also have Miss Robertson and Miss Smith, Maths teachers, from Cleveden who are working with P6 and P7 children.

I am also delighted to inform that 4<sup>th</sup> Lambhill Scouts and Cubs have been working on our grounds during the Easter holidays and evenings. They have repaired some flower beds and built some new raised beds for our children to grow their own vegetables. I am sure you join me in thanking them very much for their hard work and community collaboration. Another thankyou goes to Nico's dad for providing us with a huge load of wood chips to use in areas around our school and nursery.

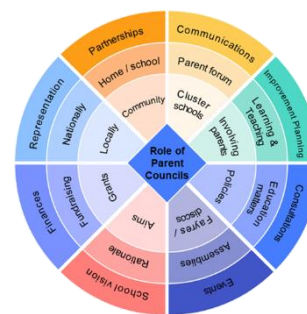
*Gail Palmarini*

Head Teacher

## Parent Council

Our Parent Council meet with us throughout the year and we would like to give them a huge thank you for their dedication, support and fund-raising initiatives. It is thanks to them that your children can participate in so many extracurricular activities.

We are always pleased to have and actively seek new members to join our parent council. To register your interest please email [caldercuiltparentcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:caldercuiltparentcouncil@yahoo.com) with your child's name and year, or contact the school office.



There have been several fund raising activities organised in conjunction with our Parent Council and absolutely delighted with the funds raised. We extend our thanks to all in the school community for their support. Look how well you have done....

**Cash for Kids:** During March, Caldercuil Primary School took part in the Cash for Kids Schools Challenge which saw pupils, staff and our Parents Council taking part in a range of fundraising activities. Whilst we weren't able to secure one of the cash prizes, we done fantastically to come in 7th out of 21 schools – which included lots of secondary schools – and raise a huge total of £1,387.50!!! Thank you so much to all our pupils and families for your support and contributions – and congratulations to those who won raffle and lucky number prizes. The Parent Council is now considering how we can best spend this money and is looking to pupils and families for ideas. We really want to make sure all of our pupils can benefit and that the money is spent on resources and activities that will give them opportunities to learn and socialise together. Please [click here](#) to share your ideas.

**ASDA green tokens:** In conjunction with the school, Caldercuil had a bid in for funding to enhance local community and allow children to undertake sustainability learning through growing and harvesting. Thank you all so much who voted and supported us, we were successful in attaining the £500 reward. Part of this money has been used to fund the projects undertaken by 4<sup>th</sup> Lambhill Scouts and Cubs.

**TESCO blue tokens:** Running at the same time as above, Caldercuil had a bid in to support sustainability and allow resources for children to explore, plant, raise and harvest foods whilst learning more about the environment and plant/life cycles. It is hoped that through this we can to deliver projects that provide healthy food and activities that boost young people's mental and physical wellbeing. Again a massive thank you to all who supported us in this and we were successful in securing the £1,500 fund allocation.

**HSCP Parenting Support:** This term, Annmarie & Nicola from our HSCP Parenting Support team have kindly offered Caldercuil Primary School and Nursery free informal outreach and advice regarding how to support our children. After 2 successful information sessions and time spent with parents during the Parent's evening, they have agreed to begin with, to run a 4 week 'Fear-Less' programme for parents of children who experience varying degrees of anxiety. These will take place in Room 12 between 9.30-11.30 on Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31<sup>st</sup> of May. This is a great way to network with parents across our community who are dealing with similar issues and also just great to have a cuppa and a chat.

If you have not signed up already you still can by contacting Miss Docherty through Seesaw or by calling the school line.

## **A Message from all our Groups and Classes across Caldercuilt**

**Literacy CLOL Update:** Term 3 has been a busy one at Caldercuilt! We kicked off the Term with our P1 Bookbug themed Stay and Play. We were delighted to welcome so many parents and our children loved going home with their Bookbug Bags! Our Nursery Class enjoyed weekly Bookbug sessions with their adults too, with lots of singing, rhymes and stories. World Book Day arrived and our Literacy Lions held a Daffodil Tea, inviting families, to join, celebrating reading for pleasure. We had a lovely morning with lots of adults sharing our love of reading. We launched the Description Bubbles in classrooms to help improve our writing! These visuals are across all rooms and provide prompts to build better sentences. A special thank you to the parents who completed our writing survey at Parents Night. We were delighted that all who responded commented that their child was making progress with writing!

We would love to hear from more of our parents, here is the link to share your views:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKdpnkFK1C8ROu1qE-M9ymr5UNDhURFFJRUEzM1RMNjE2UENOSjY0MVFOMi4u>

As you can see from Term 3, working in partnership with our parents, is so important when raising attainment. We haven't stopped there! This term, look out for our next Literacy Lions Summer Tea event and our Sneaky Peek class clips, letting you see what writing looks like in your child's classroom!

**Sunnybrook Station** had a busy but focused term. Huge progress was made by all groups. We had lots of meaningful conversations and learning experiences. The 'Core Group' made excellent progress on their targets and moved their targets over to the 'Proud cloud'.

They enjoyed some outdoor learning sessions including problem solving games and number work. We welcomed in the parents to make some Easter crafts. This term we are looking forward to getting outside more often for learning and fun. We will also be exploring magnets and making puzzles and mazes using them. The upper groups have been focusing on 'Emotion Works' and 'Friendships'. They also have made significant progress on their targets and have bonded well to work as a team.

**The Nursery Class** are focusing on signs of spring, baby animals, lifecycles to help them work co-operatively as a group and team. They have been practicing phonological sounds and rhyming words and are beginning to recognise and follow patterns, fractions and one line of symmetry. They continue to develop their understanding routines in terms of time, pattern and days of the week. Outdoor play has taken a focus on estimation, volume, capacity and making predictions. We always encourage positive interactions between adults and peers, with a focus on when to talk and when to listen and engage in purposeful play and conversation relevant to the learning context or situation. We continually look to develop children's higher order thinking Skills (HOTS) which is great preparation for Primary 1.

**Transitions** for our pre-schoolers are well underway with daily toothbrushing in P1, STEM with P1 on Wednesdays and on Thursdays and Fridays there has been some planned learning tasks which play based up with Primary 1. Our Team Leader and CDO's continue to work with the children on the Transition pack with supporting video's sent through seesaw. P1 teacher also has a pack. All preschool children have had a pack sent home this week.

Play along Maths sessions are currently starting with our team leader and pre-school families. The Preschool moving on ceremony will take PLACE ON Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June and parents will receive an invitation from the nursery shortly.

**Primary 1** had a wonderful term 3, we learned lots about space and had some very interesting visitors in the classroom to support our learning. We've practised our sounds and everyone is growing in confidence with their spelling and sounding out.

This term we will be learning about people who help us. The children are very excited to have a fire station in the classroom! In PE we are practising some athletics and fitness, we're hoping the good weather will mean we will be outdoors for our PE sessions. Our learning in maths and numeracy will be subtraction, multiplication and division, and more practise of telling the time and using money. We're moving to writing longer sentences, using connectives to extend our thinking. We are also learning to write descriptions linked to our topic and using lots of adjectives in our sentences.

**Primary 2** had a brilliant time in term 3 enjoying lots of exciting learning including work with our coach Harry, learning to write instructions, lots of visitors for STEM week and some fabulous Friday quizzes. This term we look forward to working with our new dance coach Daniella, exploring our new topic based around animals and lots more French starting with fruits and vegetables. In literacy we will be looking to write some informative reports linked to our topic as well as begin a class novel. In maths we will look more at fractions, the 4 processes and money. Mr McCusker will be teaching time and also start our RSHP learning in HWB. PE remains on a Wednesday. Children should come in suitable clothing to take part and remove jewellery. As the weather starts to heat up we hope to get outside a little more for PE, use of the trim trail and outdoor learning although please make sure children still come equipped with a jacket for this. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on seesaw, Miss McMullen.

**Primary 3** worked hard last term to research and present their country projects. I would like to thank everyone that came along to our walkthrough, I know the class really enjoyed sharing their learning and receiving feedback from you all! This term the class have decided they would like to learn about the Egyptians as their topic. We will be learning about procedural writing in Literacy this term and fractions and time for Numeracy. For PE we are expanding our ball skills and learning some Tennis.

**Primary 4** worked hard in term 3 and really enjoyed learning about Scotland. This term our interdisciplinary learning (IDL) topic is 'Nature' and we will be focusing on procedural writing linked to this. Our iPad's will be used to research about Nature and to present our findings. We are exploring friendships and working with a partner to complete a writing project, which we hope to share in a celebration afternoon. We have Health week this term which will focus on keeping our minds and bodies healthy. Sports Day is this term also and we are developing our athletics skills in preparation for this. We will focus on fractions, measure, time intervals and place value this term as well as continue to revise the four operations (+ - x ÷) and estimate an answer to a calculation or problem. Finally, we will be able to work in our House Groups and working parties with children in all other classes.

**Primary 5** are excited to be learning about different sports this term. We are lucky enough to have a coach work with us on athletics and games starting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May for 6 weeks. In literacy our class novel this term will be James and the Giant Peach and we will be working on writing procedural texts and reading non-fiction books about sports personalities and sports grounds/events. We will complete personal projects and present a 1- 2 minute talk. In maths we will focus on our number work as well as decimals, time, angles, co-ordinates and data handling. We hope to participate in more outdoor learning as the term progresses. In Health and Well-being we will complete lessons on Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood and continue developing our knowledge of understanding of dealing with our emotions. We are showing more responsibility in school and are getting ready to move to P6.

**Primary 6** are in their last term of school before they become Primary 7's and they are super excited! This term we will be meeting our Primary 1 buddies and will be getting trained to play games with them and support them. We have also written some fantastic letters to welcome them to our school too. We are learning a lot this term and a few examples are: Relationships Sexual Health and Parenting, procedural writing, measure and time in maths and our we will focus on Sports for our Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) topic as well as weekly science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) activities.

**Primary 7...**And in the blink of an eye it's the final term with our wonderful Primary 7s. This term we continue to have high expectations of learners, as they embark on transition visits, sporting opportunities and our Leavers Assembly. In Literacy the children are focussing on instructional writing, continuing with inferencing tasks in reading and widening their vocabulary with Word Aware strategies for key vocabulary linked to our Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) topic. So far, we have welcomed in several professionals from different sectors of the workforce to share their own experiences and advice about the World of Work. In the weeks that follow we will welcome even more visitors in and think about higher education and their options after Secondary School. In Numeracy and Maths, we are revising all the areas we have covered this year, to ensure that all learners are feeling confident and fabulous for starting Secondary School.



### School and Nursery events looking Forward

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Primary 1 induction for new entrant families.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Primary 7 Transition days to Clevedon and John Paul Academy

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** School move up day – all classes will visit their new areas and teachers to begin preparation for August.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Inservice day 5 During this day staff will undertake training as we work towards becoming a Language and communication friendly establishment (LCFE)

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Primary 7 netball festival

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** First group for primary 1 induction Stay and Play session

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Second group for primary 1 induction Stay and Play session

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day – all families invited to spectate around school grounds in the afternoon

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June:** Afternoon moving on assembly to which all preschool parents are invited to attend at 1:30

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Morning for Primary 2-6 prize giving ceremony (unfortunately families not in attendance)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Primary 7 leavers assembly, all families invited to attend at 13:30

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** At 9:30 primary 1 celebration assembly, all families invited to attend at 09:30

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** School closes for the summer at lunch time- 12:15 if home lunch, 1pm if school lunch.

Report cards will be issued before the end of term

### **Other information:**

**P6 Blairvadach Trip August 2023:** We are very excited that our current P5 class will be going on a residential trip to Blairvadach in August 2023! The new P6 class will be able to enjoy all of the fun and adventure that comes with staying overnight away from home and taking part in a wide range of outdoor education activities. An information session has taken place, parents have begun fundraising and the school will contact families before the end of term regarding payments.

**Children's working parties** have been working well with every child in the school being part of one of seven groups who have a focus on school improvement. These parties meet monthly and your child will be able to tell you about the exciting things they are doing.

**School Houses:** Our P7 school captains and vice captains have been meeting with their teams monthly and have made us all so proud with their confidence and inspiring and creative inputs.

**Children's forum** is part of Glasgow City Councils methodology for gathering the views of our young people. Sophie and Cole continue to represent Caldercuilt at the City Chambers feedback at assembly to all our pupils.

**ParentsPortal:** If you haven't already done so, please sign up to ParentsPortal. This is a Glasgow-wide school application accessed via your MyGov account. At the start of term, instead of giving home Annual Data checks (which entails a great volume of paperwork) Glasgow City Council opted for the ParentsPortal system which has been previously used by other authorities with great success. It is imperative to sign-up to ParentsPortal to check and/or inform the school of any changes regarding contact and medical details. For security purposes, ParentsPortal relies on parents and carers signing up to match the exact contact details that we currently have on our system. Once you have activated your account, you will be prompted to check your child's emergency details are up-to-date. If you are having any trouble signing up to ParentsPortal, please contact the school office.

### **Staffing for 2023-2024 classes**

**Primary 1:** S Orme & T MacMillan

**Primary 2:** TBC

**Primary 3:** A Grant

**Primary 4:** J Green

**Primary 5:** G Hewitt

**Primary 6:** C Callaghan

**Primary 7:** J Ferguson and Stevenson