

CALDERCULT PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER



Caldercult Nursery Class

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@Caldercult

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/caldercult/>

Keep in touch

Your thoughts, opinions, are extremely valuable to us. Should you wish to contact the school please call 0141 945 0633 at any point during the school day.

To contact myself directly please email

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Gail Palmarini

Annual Data Checks and Permissions

Reminder: Please ensure you complete the annual data sheets. This is very important as it provides the school with up to date emergency contact information and any medical issues.

This year, as determined by GDPR guidance, we have also sent home a parental consent form and photos permission form. If you do not return permission we will not be allowed to take your child on local excursions or photograph your child for school display, our twitter feed or local newspapers.

Should you have any questions regarding these forms please do not hesitate to contact the school.

News and events

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning families. The children have settled very well and enjoying their new learning environments. We are always looking for volunteers and visitors within the school and if you believe you have a skill you could share or offer please get in touch.

Classes

This year at Caldercult we have two sessions in our Nursery Class, 8:45—11:55 and then 12:40—15:50. In the school we have seven straight classes and Sunnybrook our nurture room. School begins at 9am and finishes at 3pm with a morning break and lunch between 12:15 to 1pm.

Values & Ethos

At the start of every term we always revisit our values, aims, aspirations and expectations. We aim to provide a positive ethos within Caldercult Primary and Nursery, ensuring all children achieve to reach their full potential. A positive ethos is demonstrated by the way we treat each other on a day-to-day basis. We aim to promote a welcoming, purposeful environment that is clean and tidy where wall displays are attractive and comprise of current and recent pupils' work. We recognise the school as part of the wider community and that it has a number of links with other establishments and organisations. We aim to instil within our children, an appropriate sense of responsibility for the way in which the school is viewed within the community. This is promoted through the life and ethos of the school, the curriculum, interdisciplinary projects, children's wider achievements. These will be celebrated and recognised at whole school assemblies every third Friday. Our core values are: **Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Cooperation.**

House System

The school has an established House system and children assisted in selecting the names and animal mascot: ...

Abercorn: Yellow, Squirrel

Broughton: Red, Wildcat

Blackhill: Blue, Fox

Invershiel: Green, Deer

Children will be allocated into a school when they arrive and we will endeavour where possible to keep family groups together. Children earn house points for meeting our 4 capacities and school values highlighted on our recognition boards. The Houses will also support different events for example: Sports day, Fair-trade Fortnight etc. House meetings will be held every three weeks on a Friday afternoon. Each house will have a captain and vice-captain from P7 & P6.

Children's Working party Groups

The third Friday afternoon rotation is for children to come together as all stages in groups working towards an aspect to improve our school. These groups are facilitated by teaching staff, but planned and conducted in line with children's voice. The working groups address areas such as environment and school grounds, sports, creativity, literacy, numeracy, digital aspects, science and engineering, road safety and other areas children deem important to improving life within and around our school community.



Caldercuilt Nursery Class

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meets termly throughout the year, everyone is welcome and we look forward to hearing your views and ideas. We would especially like to invite our new parents and carers from primary 1 and throughout the school to come along and find out what we do.

Our next meeting is the AGM in October: **date tbc by parent council.**

Please come along and help with supporting school improvement, fundraising and activities.



School Improvement

Our City, Our Learning, Our Future

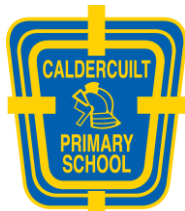
Education Services has published a new vision and values document that sets out the key commitments to complement the learning and teaching in our schools.

The document - All Learners, All Achieving - highlights how we will deliver our key purpose which is delivering high-quality education for all and challenges linked to the Council's strategic plan - Strategic Plan. It also follows on from previous work linked to 'Glasgow's Framework for Wellbeing and Learning'.

The document can be found here: <https://glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=27505>

Caldercuilt Primary School and Nursery Class have 3 Grand challenges for school improvement over the next three years which are then broken down into mission statements as highlighted below. Mission are then broken down further with actionable points for school improvement. The document containing full details can be found on our Glow Blog page at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/caldercuilt/>

Challenge 1:	Build high-quality, inclusive practices, improving overall learner outcomes.
Mission 1:	Develop, promote and sustain aspirational vision for LCFE which is meaningful, relevant to context underpinning our continuous improvement.
Mission 2:	Robust CLPL for LCFE accreditation empowering high quality support enabling all children to achieve success.
Challenge 2:	Provide best possible outcomes and learning contexts to develop learner's creativity and employability skills.
Mission 1:	DYW through development of meta-skills, and ensuring clear understanding of the importance to their future lives.
Mission 2:	Provide learners with range of contexts and environments to ensure and promote pupil enjoyment and adaptability
Challenge 3:	Raise attainment & Achievement in Reading
Mission 1:	Improve Family Engagement in Reading Nursery -P7
Mission 2:	Build a robust and sustainable system for challenging reading attainment



Staffing

The **senior leadership team (SLT)** is as follows:

Head Teacher: Mrs Gail Palmarini

Depute Head Teacher: Miss Nicola Docherty

Principal Teacher P4-7: Miss Jillian Ferguson

Acting Principal Teacher P1-3: Miss Stephanie Orme

Team leader: Mrs Victoria McDonald

Teaching Staff

Primary 1 Miss Stephanie Orme / Mrs Tiffany MacMillan

Primary 2 Miss Hannah Ramsay / Miss Laura MacDonald

Primary 3 Miss Ailie Grant

Primary 4 Ms Judi Green

Primary 5 Mrs Gail Hewitt

Primary 6 Miss Caitlin Callaghan

Primary 7 Miss Jillian Ferguson /Mrs Lesley Stevenson/Miss Amanda Calderbank

Nurture Sunnybrook Station Miss Denise McEwan

CLOL for Literacy: Mrs Deborah Cannon

P1 and TIGs PEF CDO: Mrs Elaine Keiller

Miss Emma McMullen (maternity leave)

Miss Christine Edoni (maternity leave)

Miss Sophie Thomas (secondment out)

Support for Learning Staff: Mrs Anna McFadyen (Nurture), Mrs Michelle Miller, Mrs Ann Cannon, Miss Kim Allison
Mrs Melissa Creighton, Miss Colette McDonald, Mrs Kimberley Cross (Maternity leave)

Nursery CDO's: Mrs Joanne McDonald, Miss Louise Collins, Ms Sascha Wilson, Mrs Margaret Wardrope

Clerical: Miss Davena Campbell and Ms Hanlon **Janitorial:** Mr Harry Monaghan **Lunch supervision:** Isabella Bell

Activities, Events and Clubs at Caldercuilt

Primary 6 and P7 Firhill Football Tuesday's - 12/9, 19/9, 26/9, 3/10, 10/10, 24/10, 31/10, 7/11

Primary 4 and 5 United Sports Fun Club Wednesday's: 6/9, 13/9, 20/9, 27/9, 04/10, 11/10, 25/10, 01/11

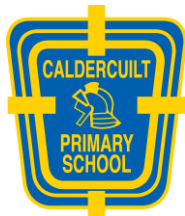
A Book & a Blether at our Reading Café 3-4pm Thursday's: Families can come with children for a reading café. These will run on Thursday's after school and every class will have an opportunity. The first session will be Thursday 5th October for Primary 3. Then Thurs 26/10 P2, Thurs 16/11 P4, Thurs 18/01/24 P5, Thurs 07/03 P7, Thurs 26/04 P1 and finally Thurs 16/05 P6.

Primary 1 have been inviting in lots of different people who help us on a daily basis, thank you to all who have visited to talk about their important roles.

Primary 4 and 5 enjoyed a visit from The Marine Conservation Society and are following up with activities

Primary 6 had a wonderful trip in Blairvadach and undertook fun activities whilst managing risk.

Primary 7 have had some visiting engineers and architects, thank you to those who volunteered and gave their time.



Information and Reminders

- **Breakfast Club:** Breakfast club runs from 8am to 9am. Last breakfast will be served at 8:45am. If your child is attending breakfast club please make sure they enter through the **main door of the school** and go straight to the hall.
- Please ensure your child arrives on time for the start of school this is really important to allow for routines and structures to be in place allowing all to settle into their daily activities quickly.
- For obvious safety reasons please do NOT allow your children to walk through the school carpark on arrival or departure.
- A reminder to all parents and families that the school carpark is strictly for staff only.
- We encourage all children to be outdoors even in light rain therefore as we move into autumnal weather please make sure your child has a jacket and sensible footwear. The school can provide waterproof jackets and wellie boots if required.
- If you know your child is going to be absent please either contact the absence line on : 01412870039 OR call the school office before 9:30am.
- The school has a uniform station just inside the main entrance, please help yourself to any uniform you require.
- Please be aware that at this time of year head lice can become prominent. Please check your child and use preventative actions, should you require assistance please contact the school office.
- All medications handed into school must go through the correct procedures and paperwork completed. Please note we cannot give a child medication unless it is a prescription with their name on it.
- Jewellery, piercings and false nails: The Glasgow City Council Policy aims to keep all safe during physical activity. Please ensure your child can remove their own jewellery and do not have nail extensions on PE days.
- PE: On PE days your child may come to school in PE clothes but wearing a Caldercuilt sweatshirt/cardigan on top. PE clothes should be loose fitting bottoms/shorts and a plain T-shirt. Football colours are not allowed to be worn.
- Please remember to pre-order your child's lunch on Parent Pay to prevent confusion and upset

Dates and holidays:

All school holidays can be found here <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17024>

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

Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)

Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023

Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5 January 2024 (Christmas holidays)

Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

Parents Evening will all be held on one evening this year and that is on Wednesday 8th November