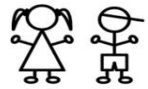


# CALDERCUILT PRIMARY & NURSERY

## TERM 3 2023



Caldercuil Nursery Class

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

### 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

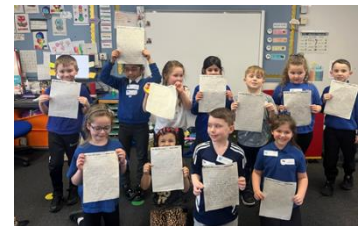
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### Lots of learning and activities

It has been a busy term at Caldercuil and your children have been undertaking lots of different learning experiences, opportunities and activities. There have been lots of visitors in our school and nursery offering our children a wealth of information and skills and experiences all linking to the world of work.



We had World book day on 7<sup>th</sup> March and there were so many activities in school and some author visits. There was a reading café, thank you to all who attended, reading for enjoyment, book clubs, making books for buddies and sharing our reading skills. Every day all children in our school continue with our 'twenty to three read with me' which is protected time for everybody reading.



This week was British Science week (BSW) and we have had various scientists in from University of Glasgow, centre for virus research, family and friends in the scientific field, retired teachers and STEM ambassadors. We would like to thank them greatly for their time and dedication and the children had a wonderful time learning new things.



P7 buddies shared their science experiments across the nursery and all classes. Primary 6 and 7 also managed to squeeze in a trip to the Science centre and P1 went to the transport Museum. Thank you all who took part in our BSW raffle, we raised £87.20 and our lucky winner of the robot was Erin P2.

As part of school improvement every child in the school has been working in their working

party groups to improve aspects of our school and community. We have 7 children's groups: Garden Gang, Makaton Magicians, Super STEMists, Art Lovers, Language Big Questions, Mindfulness Bubbles and Reading Ambassadors

### **Thank you**

Mr Hamilton has been coming at Thursday lunch times to support rugby at our MUGA and we thank him for this. We would also like to thank Mr Matthews for attending our Spring Assembly and sharing the Easter story.

Mr Hamilton and Mr Matthews will be in school next week to run some Easter workshops.

### **Caldercuilt Parent Council**



Our Parent Council meets termly throughout the year, everyone is welcome and we look forward to hearing your views and ideas. We thank our parent council for organising fund raising events and supporting activities and our learning. To contact our parent council please email them at [caldercuiltparentcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:caldercuiltparentcouncil@yahoo.com) Following a suggestion from our parent council we will be trialling a new fundraiser where at the end of every month there is a non-uniform day for a suggested £1 donation. If successful this could develop to crazy hair days extra. Please see below for which days will be non-uniform.

### **School Lunches & Parent Pay**

As you are aware, Glasgow schools operate through a cashless system, utilising the functions of Parent Pay for the transferring of money and paying for school services; such as, school meals, Breakfast Club, school trips, and other school related activities. Glasgow City Council are currently carrying out an audit on all charges.



Can I please ask that parents and carers check their Parent Pay account to view their credit or outstanding charges for pupils receiving School Meals, attendance at Breakfast Club or school trip activities. If you have outstanding charges on your Parent Pay account, it would be appreciated if these could be actioned. Please note, all outstanding balances can only be paid through Parent Pay, not the school. Parent Pay can be accessed by clicking here

<https://www.parentpay.com/> Miss Hanlon and Miss Campbell in our school office can help with any issues. Please note that before the Easter holidays arrears letters will be sent officially of outstanding balances remain.

### **Literacy Update**

We are very excited that our P7 class were selected to experience a writing workshop with Scottish Author, Craig Andrew Mooney. He visited P7 on Monday 26th February. The class had the chance to chat all things writing and experience a comic creation workshop! Our Nursery class have started visiting the library. They love choosing books to take home using their special library card. Primary 1 also visit our lending library each week. Our Junior Librarians are on hand, every Tuesday morning, to help them check out their books. Thank you to all the families who have joined us for our Book and a Blether reading cafes. We have loved watching our learners reading with their adults and choosing books to be enjoyed at home. We cannot wait to celebrate World Book Day this term and enjoyed our P6 and P7 families together who came for a special World Book Day Book Blether on Thursday 7th March.

## Class Updates

**Nursery** During term 3 we have been focusing on language and literacy through role play and story telling using props and puppets. The children very much enjoyed this and learned a lot through our story of the month "The Tiger Who Came to Tea". The children have asked to make lots of different dishes from the story and have had the opportunity to serve and taste these in our cafe (role play corner). We were even joined by the "Tiger" himself. The story has lots of different aspects and lends itself different aspects of learning linked to Literacy, Maths and Health and Wellbeing such as daily routines, different times of the day and dark and light. We have worked closely with our friends from the school who we have been helping us learn about Scotland, we also shared our song about "Rabbie Burns" with them and the whole school joined in with us during the Scottish assembly. We were so proud! We are looking forward to celebrating lots of other seasonal and cultural celebrations and festivals with our friends in nursery. In Term 4 we will be working lots as a team to help us learn how to work together and support each other as our sports day will be soon. This will help us with our listening skills too as we need to follow new instructions as we learn new physical skills. We have been learning lots about our emotions, sharing, turn-taking and how to be a good friend so we should be good at this. As we are getting ready for our transition to Primary 1 and some of us will come back to nursery after summer a little bit bigger, we like to learn lots of new things in Term 4 and share these with our parents and families, hopefully we will have some new groups and parental engagement so we can all learn together at nursery and at home

**Primary 1** have been learning all about Scotland to kick off term 3. The class have really enjoyed learning some ceilidh dances; facts about Scotland and about famous Scottish people. Congratulations to Musa who was our winner for the Scot's poetry competition, and well done to everyone who took part. In literacy we are focusing on reading skills - before, during and after to support our understanding of unknown texts and help us read. In writing, we are progressing to using capital letters and full stops and really trying to use finger spaces in all of our writing in class. We are moving on to multiplication and division in numeracy, and covering aspects of time, money and data handling in maths.

**Primary 2** have been enjoying their Scotland topic. We have been developing our map skills and can identify Scotland on a map and globe! We can name all the cities in Scotland. Primary 2 have also been learning about Scottish islands through Katie Morag stories, as well as identifying islands on a map. Primary 2 have been investigating Scottish wildlife through art and have studied different Scottish artists such as Steven Brown. In Numeracy, Primary 2 are learning to multiply and divide. Primary 2 have been focusing on patterns and measure during maths. In Literacy, Primary 2 are learning to persuade. As part of their Scotland topic, Primary 2 has also been learning different Scots words, poems and songs. In PE, Primary 2 have been developing their dance skills. We have been enjoying learning different Scottish ceilidh dances!

**Primary 3** are enjoying learning about countries this term! They are using their persuasive techniques to persuade people to visit the countries they are learning about. In Maths we have learned strategies for multiplication and division, we are now working on rounding whole numbers to the nearest 10 and even nearest 100. In Literacy we continue to work hard learning our sounds and tricky words, we use this to help us in our weekly reading groups too. We are very lucky to welcome in the Sports Leaders from John Paul Academy to help us with our ball skills in PE this term.

**Primary 4** are thoroughly enjoying the Tall Tales Project this term. We have teamed up with the Glasgow School of Art to learn the process of movie making. We are using technology and learning new skills to make a movie based around our local community. In literacy we are exploring poetry, including figures of speech in our writing. We aim to have a poem about nature with the aim to send our poems in to a competition. In maths we are looking at problem solving, fractions and measurement using length, mass and capacity. In PE we are practicing skills in Badminton and will be lucky enough to have a football coach in for the end of term3.

**Primary 5** we have been joined by Miss Campbell, a student teacher, this term. P5 have learned all about Scotland, including famous Scots, landmarks and how to dance the Military Two Step. We have learned about similes, personification and alliteration. We are using these techniques to enter a poetry competition. We are reading fiction and non-fiction and answering literal and inferential questions. In maths we are learning about numbers to 1 000 000, money, angles and time. We have finished a block of gymnastics focussing on rolling and balancing. In RME we are learning about Buddhism and Hinduism. We are learning about The Romans and have already made shields and mosaics. As the weather improves we are looking forward to taking our learning outdoors more.

**Primary 6** started off term 3 by going to Strathclyde University for a STEM day and travelling by train which the children really enjoyed. This term we have enjoyed our Scottish Stay and Play afternoon where we showcased our learning and sang the Scottish song we learned in class 'Heather on the Hill' by Nathan Evans. Primary 6 are also going to weekly swimming lessons at Maryhill swimming pool and we have been lucky to also have had the chance to go to Clevedon for a PE event which we also enjoyed taking part in. We enjoyed activities such as Netball, Gymnastics and had time in their Fitness Suite using treadmills, rowing machines and bikes. In class, Primary 6 are continuing our topic all about Scotland, learning some new topics in maths and numeracy such as Fractions, Money and using Negative Numbers and we are also learning a new writing genre called Exposition. Some of the children in Primary 6 have also become 'paired reading buddies' with Primary 2 and have been having lots of fun reading to their buddies during 20 to 3 read with me.

**Primary 7** This term in Primary 7 we continued our exploration of the world of engineering in collaboration with an organisation called FemEng. In Health and Wellbeing we are looking at Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood this term, particularly focusing on human sexuality, menstruation and how adults plan and prevent a pregnancy. We will also be progressing from describing ourselves in French to describing others, working towards a presentation about another person! In Religious and Moral Education, the class will be exploring the beliefs of numerous religious groups. The class will be exploring fractions in Numeracy and applying these skills to learning about clocks and time in Mathematics. The class will be exploring electricity in Science. In reading P7 will be looking at writers' techniques in language through poetry and song lyrics. The class are using these skills to explore the main message of a piece of writing. We are thrilled that Mrs Cannon has joined our class. We also were lucky to be working with Miss McAlinden this term, who was a student teacher with us until the end of February!

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
Friday 22nd March	9:30-10:30	Saint PHNX workshop for older Sunnybrook member, P5 and P7.
Wednesday 27th March	All day	Holi festival day: <b>wear bright colourful clothes to school.</b> Classes to share learning across school.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	P4-P7 Easter workshops with Maryhill Church
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	<b>Non-uniform fundraiser day (£1 donation)</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2:30pm	Spring holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	9am	Return to school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Am	P1 & P2 determined to Dance 8 week block finishing 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Afternoons	Rookie Rockstar's in school working with <b>all</b> classes to teach songs to promote resilience, anti-bullying and building self-esteem.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Am	Nursery: Pre-School Vision Screening
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	6:30 - 7:30pm	Rookie Rockstars <b>concert for P4-P7 families:</b> email will follow.
Friday 26th April	All day	<b>Non-uniform fundraiser day (£1 donation)</b>
Friday 26th April	3:00 - 3.45pm	P1 Book and a Blether
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	All day	In-service day
Thursday 16th May	3:00 - 3.45pm	P6 Book and a Blether
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	P7 induction day at Clevedon
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	P7 induction day at Clevedon
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1-3pm	Whole school move up day
Friday, 24 May and Monday, 27 May	All day	May Weekend holiday
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	<b>Non-uniform fundraiser day (£1 donation)</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30 – 2:30	P1 induction stay and play group 1
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30 – 2:30	P1 induction stay and play group 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9:30 – 10:30	P1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	11:00 – 12:00	P2-P6 Prize Giving Ceremony
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	13:30-14:30	P7 Leaver's & Prize Giving Assembly
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1pm	School closes for summer holidays



## Holidays

All school holidays can be found here

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17024>

### **April - Spring Holiday (Easter)**

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024
- Good Friday 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024
- Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

### **May**

- Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)
- Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)
- Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)

### **June**

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024

### **August**

- Monday, 12 August 2024 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 13 August 2024 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 14 August 2024 (Return date for Pupils)

## 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 : 0141 287 0039 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.
- 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