

CALDERCUILT PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER



Caldercuil Nursery Class

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

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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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Headteacher@Caldercuil-Nursery.glasgow.sch.uk

Gail Palmarini

Welcome Caldercuil Families

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning families. The children have settled very well over the first few days and are 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 Caldercuil 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 10:30 to 10:45 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 Caldercuil, 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 have 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 house 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. Houses will support different events for example: Sports day. House meetings will be held every three weeks on a Friday afternoon. Each house will have a captain and vice-captain from P7.

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.



Annual Data Checks and Permissions

Annual data checks, GDPR and Permission forms must be completed at the start of term.

Please sign up to the Parent portal to complete annual data checks.

GDPR and permission forms will come home with children at the start of term and we ask these are completed and returned promptly.

This is very important as it provides the school with up to date emergency contact information and any medical issues. 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 office and Miss Hanlon and Miss Campbell will be more than happy to assist

School Improvement

Our City, Our Learning, Our Future

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

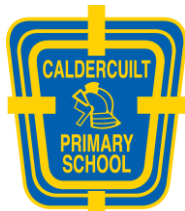
The document - All Learners, All Achieving - highlights how we will deliver our key purpose which is delivering high-quality education for all and challenges linked to the Council's strategic plan - Strategic Plan. It also follows on from previous work linked to 'Glasgow's Framework for Wellbeing and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

2024-2025 School Improvement Challenges:

Challenge 1:	Improve levels of achievement and rates of progress (Achievement and Progress)
Mission:	Utilise assessment consistently and effectively across establishment to provide effective feedback to inform next steps in a timely manner
Challenge 2:	Develop our curriculum to meet the needs of our school community (Networked learning organisation: Active & collaborative Learning)
Mission:	Develop a shared understanding and application of the Broad General Education through Active and Collaborative Learning
Challenge 3:	Build high-quality, inclusive practices, improving overall learner outcomes. (Engagement, Participation and Inclusion)
Mission 1:	Increasing staff and pupil awareness and understanding of Anti-racism and racial literacy
Mission 2:	Robust CLPL to become a Language Communication Friendly Establishment (LCFE) accreditation empowering high quality support enabling all children to achieve success within our nursery class and in line with the primary school



Caldercuilt Nursery Class

Staffing 2024-2025

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

Head Teacher: Mrs Gail Palmarini

Principal Teacher P4-7: Miss Jillian Ferguson

Early Years Team leader: Mrs Victoria McDonald

Depute Head Teacher: Miss Nicola Docherty

Principal Teacher N, P1-3: Miss Stephanie Orme

Teaching Staff

Primary 1 Miss Stephanie Orme / Mrs Deborah Cannon

Primary 2 Mr Alex Mclellan / Miss Hannah Ramsay

Primary 3 Miss Emma McMullen

Primary 4 Mrs Gail Hewitt

Primary 5 Mr Jonathan Lavers / Miss Hannah Ramsay

Primary 6 Miss Caitlin Callaghan

Primary 7 Miss Jillian Ferguson /Mrs Lesley Stevenson

Nurture Sunnybrook Station Miss Denise McEwan

CLOL for Literacy: Mrs Deborah Cannon

P1 and TIGs PEF CDO: Mrs Elaine Keiller

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

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 Supervisor:** Miss Ella Bell

Staffing Updates

As of 19th August I, Mrs Palmarini, will be absent from my post as Head Teacher for a few weeks. During this period Miss Docherty will be Acting Head Teacher at Caldercuilt to ensure continuity and smooth running of the school. To allow Miss Docherty time out of class to fulfil these duties we welcome back Miss Ramsay.

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Hanlon our valued clerical in the school office has secured a new 52 weeks position in Bearsden Early Years and will leave her current post on Friday 6th September. Miss Hanlon has provided over 5 years of dedicated care to all of our pupils, families and staff and we thank her for her valued contributions. We will miss her greatly, but I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new exciting post.

After 26 loyal years of working with the children and families of Summerston, Miss Ella Bell will retire on 12th September. Miss Bell has worked with hundreds of children and many even returning as parents. She has cared for them, nurtured them and ensured their safety whilst in her care. I have no doubts you join me in wishing her a safe, peaceful and relaxing retirement.

Parent Council

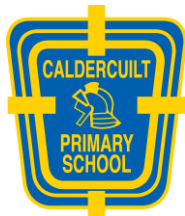


Our Parent Council meets termly throughout the year, everyone is welcome and we look forward to hearing your views and ideas. We would especially like to invite our new parents and carers from school and nursery to come along and find out what we do and how you can help the children at Caldercuilt. To contact our parent council please email them at caldercuiltparentcouncil@yahoo.com They can also be found on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/CaldercuiltParentCouncil/?locale=en_GB

Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting in October: **date tbc by parent council.**

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



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 waterproof jacket and sensible footwear every day. 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 nail extensions: 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
- Every last Friday of the month we have a fundraising non-uniform day. Please send your child with a small contribution and they can wear non-uniform on that date (30/08, 27/09, 25/10),

Dates and holidays:

All school holidays can be found here <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/4276/School-Term-Dates>

Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2024 (September weekend holiday)

Friday, 11 October 2024 (In-Service Day)

Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024 (October Week)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 20 December 2024

Monday, 23 December 2024 - Friday, 3 January 2025 (Christmas holidays)

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

Flu vaccines Wednesday 30th October 2024

Parents Evening will all be held on Wednesday 30th October 2024 and Wednesday 26th February 2025



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School Clubs and Activities: Throughout the year, there will be a variety of clubs and activities offered by the school and Active Sports. Some may be held over the lunch period, and others will be scheduled after school within the hall or playground. Information and permission slips will be issued in due course.

Parental Workshops and Activities: Last year, we ran many parental activities and will again host a variety this year. Parents will be invited to either learn the way we teach different aspects of the curriculum and also into their children's learning journey and participate in activities with them. We look forward to meeting our parents and families at these events, and again, information will be issued on dates and times of the different activities in due course.

Summerston After School Care: Summerston After School Care has been an important part of our community for over 29 years, 28 of those in which were operated from Caldercuilt, and are now based in close by St Blanes Primary. They are registered with the Care Inspectorate; all staff are trained in all aspects of childcare. Summerston After School Care will collect children from Caldercuilt each day. Their prices are £16 per day, and you can contact them on:
Main number 01415791045 Brian's number 07846 700375

We look forward to working with all children this session and welcome all of our families into school and nursery to join and support our learning activities.

Should you have any specific skills or areas of expertise you would like to share within school or nursery, please contact us on 01419450633 as the classes love having visitors from our own and wider community.

Please keep a watch on Seesaw and your children's bag for further information on school events.

Class teachers will communicate regularly throughout each week through Seesaw, and the school office can be contacted at any point if you have any questions or difficulties connecting to your Seesaw account, Parent Pay for lunches, or Parent Portal for annual data and information update.

Warm regards,
Gail Palmarini
Head teacher