



CALDERCUILT PRIMARY & NURSERY

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Caldercuil Nursery Class

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Lots of learning and activities

It is lovely to welcome everyone back after the spring break and we all look forward to lots of new activities and learning this term. Last term was busy at Caldercuil, and your children undertook 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.

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 Hamilton and Mr Matthews for running workshops for all our classes before spring break.

Thank you also to our parents who have been coming in for paired reading, we really value your contribution to help children develop a love of reading.

Primary 6 have been really grateful to Mrs McGowan for volunteering with them on a Wednesday to support their learning.

Thank you also to Ms Ross for providing funding at christmas which was used for farmfood vouchers to support some families.

Continual thanks to Mrs Stewart for always assisting at events and for supporting our swimming trips.

Finally thank you to all other parent volunteers who have come to support trips, learning or share with work experiences with our children.

Caldercuil 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 caldercuilparentcouncil@yahoo.com



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/> Mrs Clunie 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.

Final classes and teachers for 2025-2026 will be announced later in June

Class Updates

Nursery The children in the nursery have been keen to play outdoors, our outdoor play spaces are freely accessible- the children can choose to play indoors or outdoors at any time during their session.

As the seasons are changing the children have been interested in min beasts, weather and planting vegetable and flower seeds. The children have been establishing different areas to play in the garden through exploring the mud kitchen, water wall, digging and planting and physical play games.

Did you know that clearing the garden and tasks such as sweeping and raking-using large pushing and pulling movements and washing with soapy bubbles in large circular motions are all ways of developing the children's gross motor skills. Developing these skills are very important and key to helping the children learn to write, as is touching our toes and playing with playdough!

Indoors the children have been spending some time in the block play and art area developing their creativity and curiosity. These areas open up lots of opportunities for the children to develop their own ideas and imagination as well as developing skills for life through STEM.

We have been learning about different cultures and celebrations, we have talked about Ramadan and Eid this month with some of our children and families and we will celebrate Eid and Easter with some special stories, activities and treats.

A very special thank you to all of parents who have been helping us learn this month, especially to Mrs Baxter who has very kindly led six Bookbug sessions for us over March and April. The children and parents have had a ball during the sessions and the staff have learned a few new songs that we will certainly keep up!

Sunnybrook In Sunnybrook, the core group have been working hard on their targets. We have been exploring different themes like friendship, good choices versus not so good choices and kindness. Next, we will be exploring kind hands, what makes us special, and how to stay calm and focused. We have been working on our common words, alphabet work and CVC words. Next, we will be looking at sentence structure and having a go with writing. We have been counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. We are now using Numicon or explore numbers to 100.

The afternoon groups have been working hard to create Emotion Works Profiles. The Wednesday group are exploring friendship and conflict resolution. The Thursday group have started some therapy as art that focuses on self-identity and confidence.

Literacy Update It's been busy!

Ms Orme and Mrs Cannon enjoyed a training day with the National Literacy Trust who sent us lovely new beanbags and shelves for our library. We also took delivery of 500 brand new BOOKS! We can't wait to refresh our library with our new titles!



P1 enjoyed a special Bookbug Stay and Play session and were delighted with their Bookbug bags to take home. We loved the Sausage Dog counting story!



The Reading Ambassadors continue to recommend books to others and helped organise a special World Book Day. Thank you to all the staff and children who sent in their #readingselfies! The Ambassadors loved looking through these are getting ready to make a display with the photos! The whole school enjoyed a special World Book Day, 20 to 3, read with me booknic! The Reading Ambassadors were inspired by all the wonderful, relaxing, reading nooks in

classrooms! Well done!

We cannot wait to launch our new reading wheelbarrows next term! The 'Borrow Barrows' will be filled with books and available during lunch time with cushions and blankets to allow our children time to read and relax! Keep reading!



Primary 1 had a great Term 3. They have enjoyed learning about Scotland in particular learning the Military Two Step and performing this, well done everyone! In Music and Science, we have been learning about making different sounds and vibration, creating our very own drums as well as learning and performing with Primary 2 our "Glasgow Song". In P.E this term the Primary 1 class have been learning racket skills, collaborating and playing lots of different games together.

Primary 1 hosted their first Literacy Book Bug session this term. The children have all made amazing progress with their phonics and reading, applying what they have learnt to lots of different writing including describing different characters and settings. In Numeracy Primary 1

have had a busy term learning about Money, setting up a classroom play shop and cafe where learners enjoyed writing different (and sometimes expensive!) menus. Across Numeracy the class has also covered Fractions, Time and Data Handling this term alongside addition and subtraction.

As Primary 1 look ahead to Term 4 our topic will focus on exploring people of the past across Scotland and the wider World, linking our learning with our whole school's learning on anti-racism.

Primary 2 Last term P2 we're hard at work as they explored their Scotland topic. P2 learned about famous landmarks across the country as well as Scot's poetry.



P2 explored their local community as they walked around Summerston searching for the area's landmarks. P2 also completed a range of STEM activities as they were learning about materials and forces. We engineered a catapult using sticks and marshmallows to test our push and pull forces. We also worked hard in our maths and numeracy to learn our two- and four-



times tables, as well as division.



In writing, P2 wrote a range of reports on Scottish landmarks. We also worked on response writing to famous Scottish artwork.

This term, P2 will be exploring the history of Glasgow and inclusion throughout the country in their topic. P2 will also be growing seeds to explore the life cycle of the plant, which will link to their writing as they write explanation pieces. P2 will also be tackling fractions and symmetry in their Maths. There is plenty of exciting things coming to P2!

Primary 3 are enjoying settling into the final term of this year. In Maths we are learning about Measure and Place Value as well as consolidating our learning on multiplication and division. In Science and Art this term we will be learning about Biodiversity and Interdependence, growing our own food in our classroom garden and linking this learning to our writing.

In STEM we will also be exploring food chains, creating our own and utilising digital technology with our school iPad sessions to display our data in a variety of ways. For our writing we will be focusing on Explanation and Recount.

Our Health and Wellbeing focus will be on kindness, reading character stories linking to our Emotion Works learning on the different cogs and we will be creating our own characters relating to these. Homework will be assigned on Seesaw on Monday and to be completed by the Friday. Any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Primary 4 have enjoyed learning about Scotland and participating in a Scottish stay and play. We learned about Scots words, Scottish landmarks and tasted Scottish foods. Then we learned about the Romans.



We loved researching on an iPad, creating posters, making shields, designing mosaics and having play fights. We have had Coach Ross teach us Soccer 4's and Coach Iain teach us ball skills.

This term we are looking forward to learning all about space, anti-racism and outdoor learning. We enjoyed sharing what we have learned so far at assembly informant of the whole school.

Primary 5 have been focusing on thinking routines last term and showing their thinking in numeracy. They particularly liked the 'Headlines' thinking routine that we used to demonstrate our understanding of fractions. We have enjoyed using Magma Maths and have seen a lot of improvement using the many different manipulatives and tools within the app.

In literacy, our writing focus has been on persuasive writing using the P.E.E. model (Point, evidence and explain). The class have produced some excellent pieces of work and have really worked on their use of persuasive language and paragraph structure.

Our reading comprehension has been centred around the book 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. It is an emotional story that the class are really enjoying, and we are having interesting and thought-provoking discussions about it.

This book is closely linked to our topic of 'Conflicts & Wars.' The class have really enjoyed doing their research and understanding the meaning of conflict.

We have looked at the reasons for conflict and debated whether these reasons are ever justified. We have studied important historical figures from history, and in particular those from Scotland.

We have had a specialist in our class for the last five weeks teaching anti-racism. They class have been so engaged and are really leading the way in creating an anti-racist culture in our classroom.

This term, our focus will be on revision of a lot of the skills and knowledge gained from the previous terms. We will continue with our class novel until completion.

There will be a big focus on our class beginning to take more responsibility for their learning and becoming more independent.

We will continue our anti-racist journey and hope to have some things to share with the school at our next assembly.

We are really looking forward to our swimming block and hope to learn lots of new skills.



Primary 6 have been learning lots of fun and exciting things this term. We have had the pleasure of having Mrs Durning in class with us who has taught us lots of interesting things such

as writing responses, multiplication and we have enjoyed being 'scientists' with her. As a class we particularly loved making our own bubbles! We have been lucky enough to also learn some health and well-being and ball skills from Harry from Rangers FC.

We were busy at the end of this term with all of our fundraising for our trip to Pinkston after the Easter holidays. We are super excited for Soak the 6's and have been working hard on promoting the Easter raffle. This term, we also have Swimming lessons which we are looking forward to and Mrs Durning will be back with us after the holidays!

We are really looking forward to our trips to Pinkston basin for outdoor learning.

Primary 7 have been very busy this term. We have been organising the yearbook, writing our leavers script and song in preparation for our leavers' assembly.

We have been involved in the Dyson engineering project and shared our knowledge and love of STEM with the Young Leaders of Learning from Knightswood Primary School who visited the class to help us dismantle parts of the Dyson Hoover. Primary 7 also lead British Science week as well as our Anti-racism lessons throughout the school. We have also enjoyed trialling Magna Maths online and have achieved some fabulous scores on a variety of topics. Primary 7 were visited by Zee from Rangers Football club who talked to us about employability, skills and abilities that employers look for and about prejudice and stereotyping in the workplace. Our artwork this term has been outstanding which we have showcased on Seesaw each week.

This term will be a very busy time as we will have secondary school visits, sports day, lots of rehearsals for our leavers' show as well as focussing on our recount and explanation writing in literacy and volume, algebra and probability in maths and numeracy.

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 29th April 2025, we celebrate Glasgow's 850th birthday (special lunch menu)
- Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday)
- Wednesday 21st May whole school move up afternoon to meet new teachers
- Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day)
- Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)
- Tuesday 17th June whole school trip to Blair Drummond Safari (TBC)
- Wednesday 18th June Nursery graduation: all preschool children & parents 1:30-2:30pm
- Friday 13th June Sports day pm (if it rains reserve day is Friday 20th June pm)
- Monday 23rd June P7 Leavers assembly 1:45pm (Parents invited)
- Tuesday 24th June P1-6 prize giving ceremony 2pm
- Tuesday 24th June P7 leavers lunch
- Wednesday 25th June school closes 1pm (children can leave at 12:15pm unless they require a lunch)

Holidays

All school holidays can be found here

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/4276/School-Term-Dates>

May

- Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday)
- Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day)
- Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2025

School Term Dates 2025-2026

August

- Tuesday, 12 August 2025 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 13 August 2025 (In-Service Day)
- Thursday, 14 August 2025 (Return date for Pupils)

September

- Friday, 26 September and Monday, 29 September 2025 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 10 October 2025 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 October 2025 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 19 December 2025
- Monday, 22 December 2025 - Friday, 2 January 2026 (Christmas holidays)

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, please make sure your child has a jacket and sensible footwear. The school can provide waterproof jackets and 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 named prescription.
- 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/ upset.