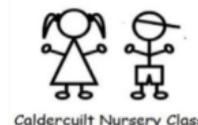




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You can follow all our exciting news for nursery and school on our Blue Sky feed:
[@caldercuil.bsky.social](#) and Glow blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/caldercuil/>

Keep in touch: Your thoughts and 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:

Headteacher@caldercuil-pri.glasgow.sch.uk
Headteacher@Caldercuil-Nursery.glasgow.sch.uk

Jillian Ferguson

Welcome Caldercuil Families

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all 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 'The Den' is our Inclusion Space. 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 at the end of the month.

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

Blackhill: Blue, Fox

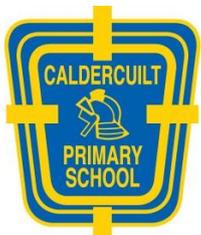
Broughton: Red, Wildcat

Invershiel: Green, Deer

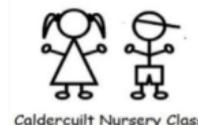
Children will be allocated into a house when they arrive, and we will endeavour where possible to keep family groups together. Children earn house points for meeting our 4 capacities and school values highlighted on our recognition boards. Houses will support different events for example: Sports day.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

Children's Working party Groups

Once a month, the children will 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, 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.



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Annual Data Checks and Permissions

Annual data checks, GPDR and Permission forms must be completed at the start of term. Please sign up to the Parent portal to complete annual data checks.

GPDR 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 Campbell and Mrs Clunie will be more than happy to assist.

School Improvement

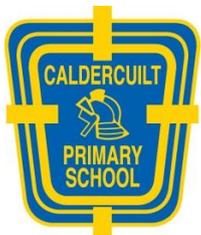
'Our City, Our Learning, Our Future'

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>

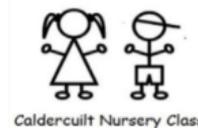
Caldercuilt Primary School and Nursery Class have 3 Grand challenges for school improvement over the next two years which are then broken down into mission statements as highlighted below. The mission statements are then simplified further with actionable points for school improvement.

2025 – 2026 School Improvement Challenges:

Challenge 1: Improve levels of achievement and rates of progress (Achievement and Progress: Adaptive Teaching).	
Mission	Improved teaching practice through describing and demonstrating how all learners are challenged and engaged in their learning regardless of their skill level, thus helping them achieve academic success.
Challenge 2: Develop our curriculum to meet the needs of our school community (Networked learning organisation: Active & collaborative Learning).	
Mission	Develop 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).	
Missions	Increasing staff and pupil awareness and understanding of ability and disability.
	Increasing family and community awareness and understanding of Anti-racism and racial literacy.
	Continue with robust CLPL for LCFE accreditation empowering high quality support enabling all children to achieve success within our nursery class.



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Staffing 2024-2025

The senior leadership team (SLT) is as follows:

Head Teacher: Mrs Gail Palmarini
Depute Head Teacher: Miss Jillian Ferguson
Principal Teacher P4-7: Mr Stewart Adam
Principal Teacher N, P1-3: Mrs Stephanie Deans
Early Years Team leader: Mrs Victoria McDonald

Teaching Staff

Primary 1 Mrs Deborah Cannon
Primary 2 Miss Chloe Campbell / Mrs Stephanie Deans
Primary 3 Miss Caitlin Callaghan
Primary 4 Mrs Gail Hewitt
Primary 5 Mr Peter Morrison-James / Mr Stewart Adam
Primary 6 Miss Emma McMullen
Primary 7 Miss Denise McEwan
PEF CDO: Mrs Elaine Keiller
Nursery CDOs: Miss Louise Collins, Mrs Joanne McDonald, Miss Sascha Wilson and Mr Dylan Ellis

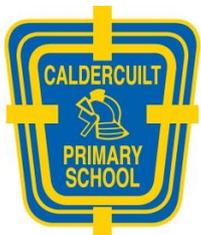
Support Staff

Support for Learning: Mrs Michelle Miller, Mrs Ann Cannon, Miss Kim Allison and Miss Colette McDonald
Clerical: Miss Davena Campbell and Mrs Maragret Clunie
Janitorial: Mr Harry Monaghan

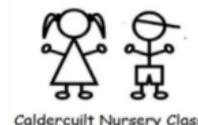
Staffing Updates:

Mrs Palmarini will be returning during Term 1, in the meantime Miss Ferguson will be Acting Head Teacher to ensure continuity throughout the school while Mrs Palmarini is absent.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Creighton and Mrs McFadyen who are moving on to new roles. We thank them for their valued contributions and dedication during their time here. We will miss them greatly, but I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success in their new posts.



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Class Updates

Primary 1

We are so proud of how well the children are settling into Primary 1! Over the past few weeks they have been learning classroom routines, making new friends and growing more confident each day. The first few weeks we have been learning new sounds, exploring numbers through lots of games, active activities as well as learning to write these. The story 'Our Class is a Family' is our class charter theme where all the children shared one thing they would do to help in Primary 1 and the importance of being kind and looking after each other. Our topic is *Our Community* and the people who help us. If you would like to visit our class to tell us about your job or if you know anyone who helps in our community, please get in touch! **Important Information:** Our PE day is on a **Wednesday. Friday** is our *Lending Library Day*. Please send library books back in bags each Friday. Children will visit the library to return their book and choose a new one to share with you at home. **Homework** – look out for your child's folder in their bag every week.

Mrs Cannon & Mrs Keiller

Primary 2

We have had a fantastic start to the term and the children have been settling back into routines with great enthusiasm. We are excited to share some of the learning taking place in Primary 2:

Literacy: In our writing lessons, we are focusing on character descriptions. The children are learning how to use interesting adjectives to bring their characters to life, and how to write in full, clear sentences. We will continue to build confidence in phonics and spelling, as well as reading fluency and comprehension skills.

Numeracy and Maths: Our numeracy work is centred around number knowledge and strategies. We are practising mental maths skills, number bonds, and different ways to add and subtract. The children are encouraged to explain how they solved a problem, which helps build confidence and flexibility in their thinking.

Topic: This term our topic is "Travelling Around the World". We will begin with a journey to France, learning about the culture, language, landmarks and traditions, before exploring other countries. The children will compare life in different parts of the world and think about how people, food, clothes, and celebrations can be both similar and different to our own. This is a very exciting project, and we will share some of the children's work with you soon.

Reminders -Toys: Please remember that toys should not be brought into school, as they can cause distractions or be misplaced. PE: On PE days, earrings should be removed before school where possible, for health and safety reasons. Pupils should also have comfortable clothing and suitable footwear. iPads & Showbie: We are looking forward to getting our iPads and Showbie up and running soon, which will allow pupils to access and share some of their learning digitally. More information will follow once this is ready.

Miss Campbell

Primary 3

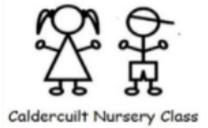
Primary 3 have settled extremely well into the new school year and what fun we have had already!

We have been revising some skip counting in maths and look forward to further developing our counting and numeral work and learning about place value and measurement during term 1. Our IDL is the novel *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl which we have absolutely loved reading so far! We have been describing characters of the novel using adjectives and will be progressing into writing character descriptions of the main characters. We have also enjoyed and are looking forward to STEM lessons that link with our novel. We have already made 'fizzy potions' which links with chemical reactions and the medicine that George is making for his Grandma in the book! Links will be made to measurement within maths and numeracy, and we will be investigating length, mass and capacity. Primary 3's PE day is Wednesday morning, and we will be using the MUGA unless weather dictates otherwise, so please ensure children arrive to school wearing appropriate PE clothing and jewellery is removed. This term we will be learning ball skills that include throwing and catching, rolling, hitting and small team games. Please could I remind that children require indoor shoes in school - thank you. I look forward to meeting you all at parents evening and I'm excited for the fun-filled term ahead!

Miss Callaghan



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Class Updates continued

Primary 4

P4 are settling well into class and are coming very well prepared for school with pencil cases and colouring pens. In class children earn gems for good work and behaviour. The winning group each day gets to have the class plants on their desk the following day. This term we are reading a novel called 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'. We will also read some non-fiction books about fireworks and celebrations involving fireworks. Our drama work will be based on this novel too. Writing will be focused on descriptive texts. We hope to do some more loose play and develop our ball skills too. We will revise our knowledge of the Emotion Works cogs and play games to develop our co-operation skills. We will be learning about stories in different religions and what they teach people. Our P.E. Day is Monday. Soon we will pick which Children's Working Party we want to be in.

Mrs Hewitt

Primary 5

The first two weeks have flown by in Primary 5 and the pupils have adjusted brilliantly to the new classroom surroundings and new class teacher! We have kicked off the year in numeracy and maths with a refresher around place value and digital value, whilst also beginning lessons in the topics of time and shape. Our class novel this term is written by Michael Morpurgo and is titled 'Why the Whales Came'; our focus will be on building our summarising skills when reading different texts and considering the themes used by authors. Our IDL focus will be on exploring different countries around the globe, considering the traditions, cultures and languages spoken by its citizens. We are very fortunate to have two P.E. slots a week in term one, with one lesson taking place on Thursday mornings and one lesson taking place on Friday mornings, as part of the classes' swimming sessions at Glasgow Club Maryhill. Please remember to send your child into school on Fridays with suitable swimming kit, a towel and P.E clothes. I really look forward to meeting you all during parents evening, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mr Morrison-James

Primary 6

Primary 6 are thrilled to be back at school and are certainly ready for a new year of learning and opportunities. We have already been busy working on our Health and Well-being topics. Revisiting children's rights to create our class charter and growth mindset, encouraging each other to aim high, learn from our mistakes and embrace challenges. We will continue our IDL exploring inspiring children from the past and present with a chance to develop research and presentation skills. We have also already started using Showbie our new online resource and look forward to continuing this digital literacy journey with the app. This term we hope to explore using numbers app online to link with our maths and numeracy learning. Don't forget to sign up to the parent platform to view our ongoing portfolios of good work. We are excited to engage in leadership opportunities this year and have already appointed JRSOs for the session. Finally, PE will be on Tuesday for us this term. Please ensure appropriate clothing and footwear are worn for all weathers and no jewellery. I look forward to working with you all - Thank you for your continued support.

Miss McMullen

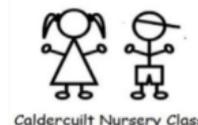
Primary 7

Primary 7 have been embracing their new role as leaders of the school. They have shown great responsibility by being respectful buddies to the primary 1 children and by taking on helpful roles around the school. In Numeracy, we are exploring the number system focusing on key values, times tables and addition and subtraction. In Maths, we will be working on information handling by gathering data from other classes and using this information to design and plan a small business within the school, such as a tuck shop or a stationary shop. In Health and Wellbeing, we have been learning about friendship and conflict resolution, and we will continue to explore the theme of respect – both in school and in the wider community. Our Topic this term is Divided City. Through this, we will be exploring important issues such as sectarianism and encouraging thoughtful discussion and understanding.

Miss McEwan



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Information and Reminders

- Please ensure your child arrives on time for the start of school, this is important to allow for routines and structures to be in place, so the children settle into their daily activities quickly.
- For 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**.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Jewellery, piercings and nail extensions: The Glasgow City Council Policy aims to keep all safe during physical activity. Please ensure you child can remove their own jewellery and do not have nail extensions on PE days.
- Please remember to pre-order your child's lunch on Parent Pay to prevent confusion and upset.
- The first 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.

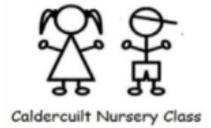
Dates and holidays

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

- **Flu vaccines** – Tuesday 23rd of September 2025
- **Tempest Photography** – Wednesday 22nd of October 2025
- **Parents Evening (1)** - Thursday 23rd of October 2025



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Clubs and Activities

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.

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: Parents will be invited to learn the way we teach different aspects of the curriculum 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 30 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 £18 per day, and you can contact them on: 01415791045.

We look forward to working with all children this session and welcome all 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 0141 945 0633 as the classes love having visitors from our own and wider community.

Please keep a watch on Showbie and your children's bag for further information on school events. Class teachers will communicate regularly through Showbie, and the school office can be contacted at any point if you have any questions or difficulties connecting to your Showbie account, Parent Pay for lunches or Parent Portal for annual data and information update.

Many thanks,

Jillian Ferguson