

“Cost of the missed day”

When a pupil misses one day of school they miss out on up to 7 lessons. These lessons may be:

- the start of a topic where the new learning is being mapped out
- the practical part of a topic where the learning is reinforced by doing something
- the summary part of a lesson where pupils have the chance to demonstrate their understanding which will in turn influence the teacher plans for future lessons
- the part where pupils get the chance to develop key skills for the World of Work.

Pupil absence is recorded for each individual pupil. However, irregular patterns of attendance make it difficult for all pupils in the class to make progress.

Across Scotland, Pupils are in school for 190 days each session. If a pupil has a 90% attendance throughout the session that means they will have missed 19 days of school, 124 lessons. For a pupil with 80% attendance this is 38 days missed, 245 lessons.

At Calderhead we currently have 199 pupils who have an attendance of around 90% and 90 pupils who have an attendance of around 80%.

To improve these figures, I sent individual emails on Tuesday to let parents and carers know how many lessons their child had missed this session. I know the odd day here and there might seem okay but it all soon adds up making it harder for pupils to fulfil their potential.

Home Economics

Today we had our third Royal Navy Cooking Demonstration as part of our S2 Home Economics course. The two chefs have been brilliant with the pupils and have provided very engaging and informative demonstrations. They informed the pupils this morning that some of the raw ingredients had doubled in price since they started doing the visits.



Opportunities for Personal Achievement

With league fixtures about to restart the S1 Boys Football took on an S2 Boys select on Wednesday night. The official score from the referee was 6-2 to the S1s, however this has been disputed by the S2 players! The members of staff involved were really impressed by the skills on display and the large turnout.

We are hosting Coltness HS junior Girls team this afternoon for a friendly before the next festival on the 17th of February.



E-Sports

Community Learning and Development have organised for their Future Friday group to use the brand-new facilities today at Brave Juniors in Wishaw.

Supported Study

Reminder, for pupils that stay after school we provide transport for those pupils who would normally get school transport.

Pupil Council

I met with the Chair of the Pupil Council this morning; she presented a number of requests that had been discussed at recent meetings. All of which will be taken forward such as making repositioning the free sanitary products in the toilets.

Parent Council

The Parent Council have started a Facebook page. Parents and carers can join this by searching on Facebook and answering some questions. A regular part of these meetings is for a Principal Teacher to make a presentation on part of their remit. So far we have had presentations on how we track and share information about pupils, on how Social Subjects develops skills from S1 to S6 and how we are preparing pupils for a Positive Destination. The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd March at 6pm.

Parents' Meetings

The attendance for the recent S2 Parents meeting was the highest we have ever had and the percentage of Parents/Carers who came along to the S5 meeting was the 2nd highest for this stage. There is a very strong link with pupil exam performance and attendance at these meetings.

House	S1 Attendance	S2 Attendance	S3 Attendance	S4 Attendance	Cross Country S1	Orienteering S2	Quiz	7 a side Football	Feb Tokens	Total
Fleming	1	4	4	4	2	3	2			20
Wallace	4	3	1	3	1	4	3			19
Burns	2	1	2	2	4	2	4			17
Lochhead	3	2	3	1	3	1	1			14

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