

## Headteacher Update 10/2/2023

### “I love you mum; promise I won’t die”

This true story of Dan, a popular 16 year old who attended an illegal rave, took MDMA (ecstasy) and died tragically as a result of taking a lethal dose. S3 pupils recently attended a live performance of this play in our Assembly Hall by TiE It Up Theatre. The play lasted 50 minutes and was both educational and entertaining. This was followed by an age-appropriate information session about drugs.

To finish the session the actors improvised a scene where Dan was under peer pressure to quickly drink the MDMA dissolved in his water bottle. Audience members were asked how he could get out of the situation and the actors then acted out the pupil suggestions. This fitted in nicely with our MVP active bystander approach.

In December all of S3 had been given instruction in “**Call, Push, Rescue**” by the Senior

Leadership Class so when they were asked could you look after a friend, say put them in the recovery position, nearly every pupil was able to put their hand up.



### S3 Reaction

- “Kept us entertained with the four actors all playing random characters” Logan
- “I liked it because it was a true story” Lenny
- “I thought the 1st part was interesting, but I really liked the 2<sup>nd</sup> part because it was informative” Lewis.
- “Definitely book it again next year for the new S3s” Alanna

### Tracking Reports for S1 and S3

Reports went out on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February to all S1 and S3 pupils. We are keen that there are no surprises. In S1 we produce 4 detailed Tracking Reports, a Full report and we also have a Parents’ & Carers’ Meeting, very similar in S3.

Calderhead High School  
S1 Progress Report

RegClass 1B1



Calderhead High School  
S3 Progress Report

RegClass 3.3L1



In this latest S3 Tracking Report we give an indication of what SQA Course awards pupils are working towards.

For example

**Working towards level Nat 5**

## Prelims

Our S5 and S6 Prelim Exams are currently taking place from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. As well as two S4 National 5 Prelims, Applications of Maths and also Art and Design. In order to allow pupils the best chance to do well in their Prelims we only have exams on the five mornings. They can use the afternoon to prepare for the next exam. Prelim Exams are used if there are exceptional circumstances on the day of the SQA Exam. They also inform the estimate each school is asked to make to the SQA. We are very lucky that we can call on an experienced and excellent team of invigilators for both the Prelims and Final Exams.

## S1/2 Chess Champion

Congratulations to our 2022 Champion Billy Miller. Mr O'Donnell used a Swiss Style competition; everyone played a match in each round. The computer matched players of similar ability until we had unbeaten Champion.

It seems playing Chess during wet playtimes at Alexander Peden Primary School came in useful.



## Tree Planting

This week pupils planted 160 trees around the perimeter of the school. This was a mixture of Oak, Cherry, Silver Birch, Rowan and Beech. Last year we also planted about 120 trees on the South facing slope at the back of the school.

Most of the saplings that have been planted would have been seedlings in 2020 when this community lost people to COVID. As a community this small woodland reminds us of that time, as well as benefiting to the environment, habitat creation and social benefits.

## Key Dates

- Holiday Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, Pupils return 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Options evening Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Parent Council meeting at 6pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- S3 Parents' & Carers' Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March