

It has been another busy week for Calderwood, as we opened our Nursery! It has been a fantastic week celebrating with our youngest children. Thank you to everyone who supported with the organisation and donated towards the celebrations.

Children have started their new contexts for learning this week and you will find information about this in our learning letters.

The Ben Clans enjoyed a trip to West Calder High to experience the Digi Lab. They represented our school in such a positive manner.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Calderwood Fireworks!

Kind regards,
Miss Burton



Routines

A gentle reminder that there may be children crossing the entrance of the carpark to access the school, and drivers should take this into account when choosing to use the carpark. When using the carpark, please park in the spaces provided, not at the kerbside.

In this Sway, you will find information about the school day, drop off and pick up.
<https://sway.office.com/6GXWmBwk3IS7i7Gh>

Creepy Calderwood

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Creepy Calderwood event. The total raised was £230.30 and this will be used to help us prepare for our first Christmas at Calderwood.

UNCRC Parent/ Carer Survey

We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKRSWlnakAKdAtRhUdOsD7Q9UN04xV0pZVuDFRDNBMUdSOUQ4M0FHRFY3TS4u>

Home Learning Choice Boards

This week champions uploaded the term 2 home learning choice boards to Seesaw and Teams.

Primary 1 – 3 have been issued reading books home from our new reading scheme. As the first users of these books, we kindly ask that you teach your child how to look after them responsibly, and that they are returned on the day requested by your champion. Failure to do so, may mean other children will miss out.

Primary 4-6 will use their reading books in class and will have a personal reader for home.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2021/11/03/home-learning-choice-boards-term-2/>

Term 2 Learning Letters

As part of our Communication @ Calderwood strategy, please find below a learning letter for your child's clan. This will give you an overview of some of the learning taking place in and across clans from now until the Christmas holidays.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2021/11/03/term-2-learning-letters/>

Tempest Photos

A reminder that on 8th November, Tempest Photography will take individual photos of your child for you to purchase. There is also an opportunity for siblings across the school and nursery to have a photo together (unfortunately we cannot offer photos to those siblings who are not in our school or nursery). If you would like a siblings photo, please complete the form. There will be no P.E. on this day to ensure the children are wearing their Calderwood Couture for their photo.

Cost of the School Day

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2021/10/31/cost-of-the-school-day/>

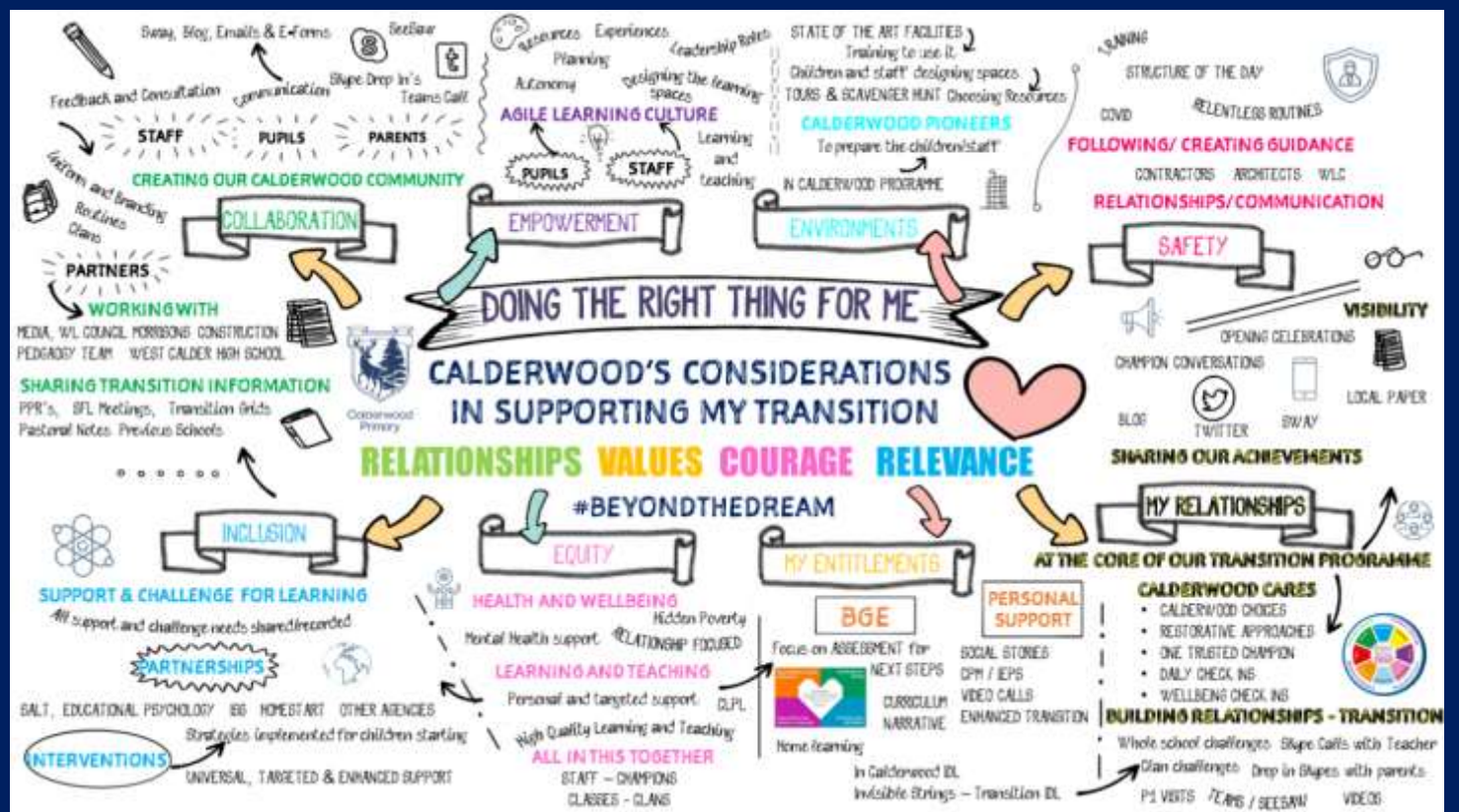
Capturing Calderwood: Validated Self Evaluation

Prior to the October holidays, Calderwood Primary had a Validated Self Evaluation from West Lothian Council. Mr Iain McDermott, our Education Officer, and Mrs Geraldine Armstrong, Quality Improvement Manager, had discussions with children, champions, parents/ carers and partners about our transition to Calderwood Primary. Miss Miller, Mrs Scott and I also shared our Calderwood journey with them. It was a very positive experience, which is reflected in our report. Bella and Matthew from our Ben Lawers and Lomond Clans, did a fantastic job of being tour guides for our visitors and supported with the learning walk around our clans. Thank you to all involved in the process, especially our champions and children.

I presented the report at Education Quality Assurance Committee this week, where we had lots of positive feedback and compliments from councillors and it was recognised we will be able to support other new schools in the future.

You can read the report here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2021/11/04/validated-self-evaluation-report/>



Communication

- Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/Calderwood_Pri
- Website: <https://calderwoodprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>
- School office: wcalderwood-ps@westlothian.org.uk
- School Office Number: Monday – Thursday: 8:15am – 4:00pm and until 1pm on a Friday: 01506 280060
- Nursery Office Number: 4pm – 6:14pm and during holidays: 01506 280070

Diary Dates

01/11/2021 – Term 2 Home Learning Grids Issued on Seesaw/ Teams, the blog and via email
01/11/2021 – Term 2 Learning Letters Issued on the blog and via email
08/11/2021 – School & Nursery Photos by Tempest – Individual & school siblings – No P.E on this day
09/11/2021 – Nursery flu immunisations
08-12/11/2021 – Poppies on sale (Organised by Ben Lawers & Lomond)
15/11/2021 – 19/11/2021 – Book Week Scotland learning activities
17/11/2021 – School flu immunisations
19/11/2021 – Book Week Scotland Dress Up Day (No Donation required)
19/11/2021 – Book Week Scotland Blogging Friday

03/12/2021 – Blogging Friday
09/12/2021 – Christmas Lunch
13/12/2021 – Bens Christmas Party
14/12/2021 – Bluebell & Bramble Christmas Party
14/12/2021 – PM – The Bens – Christmas around Calderwood
*15 & 16/12/2021 – Nativity (Mull, Shetland & Orkney)
*17/12/2021 – Calderwood Christmas Concert
17/12/2021 – Blogging Friday
*17/12/2021 – Parent Council: Virtual Christmas Fair
20/12/2021 – Ness, Rannoch & Tay Christmas Party
*20/12/2021 – Bluebell & Bramble – Calderwood has Charisma! (Talent Show)
*21/12/2021 – PM - Calderwood Christmas Choir (Amphitheatre)
*21/12/2021 – Ness, Rannoch & Tay: Spreading Christmas Cheer for our Community to Hear!
21/21/2021 - Mull, Shetland & Orkney Christmas Party

Nursery Calderwood Chronicle

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2021/11/03/calderwood-chronicle-nursery-edition/>

