



Hello everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed your Easter holidays. We have all settled back into a very exciting term here at Calderwood.

We are beginning to think about transition into our new clans. At long last, covid restrictions are starting to ease in schools, enabling us to (slowly) finally open our doors to our families.

We have welcomed 12 new children to our Calderwood family this term, a warm welcome to them all, we keep continuing to grow.

Kind regards,
Miss Burton

Spring Calderwood Connects

It was an emotional morning as we all joined together to celebrate the end of term 3 in our first ever assembly. Please see clips from the morning in our Sway.

<https://sway.office.com/0cU9VkmHUi3ICYoy>

Parent/ Carer Ethos Survey

Every year West Lothian Council collect information from parent/ carers about their child's school.

Please complete the survey below by 13th May.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Nk2amd9ihu>

School Lunches

The new school lunch menu can be found here:

<https://westlothian.gov.uk/school-meals-menu>

We may offer different alternatives to sandwiches due to allergies in the school, you will find these options on iPay.

Calderwood Tours

Our time is now ...

The moment we have been waiting for is here, it's time to share our new home with our families!

In the link below you will find information on how you can book a tour for your family.

We look forward to welcoming you all!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2022/04/28/calderwood-tours/>

Calderwood Communities Championships

We are excited to hold our first annual sports day on the afternoon of Thursday 26th May (weather permitting). After consultation with children, champions and families we have decided that this event will have two parts:

- Highland Games Competition: In our house communities
- Clan Races: There will be two races per clan, decided by the children and they will be opt in

Families are invited along to the event, we would request that we limit guests to two adults per family. As we start to move out of covid restrictions, towards whole school events, we want to support our children with this, as these events are very new experience for some of them.

On this date, children should wear their usual navy joggers/shorts, trainers and on top their house community colour:

- Sika – blue
- Red – red
- Fallow – green
- Roe – yellow

It would be fantastic if families could join in and wear their family house colour too!

More information about this event will be shared soon, so please save the date and watch this space.

Big Walk and Wheel Event

We are delighted to share that Calderwood Primary & Nursery came first place in this event! This is a huge achievement for our community, and reflects how we continue to encourage children and families to walk and cycle to school. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

As the winners we will be receiving a performance from the 3sixty bicycle stunt team!

<https://twitter.com/ibikewlothian/status/1511643767870263297?s=20&t=KJBmAm1Gw9F1hlmqG9iq6g>

Parent Volunteers

Another plea for parent volunteers!

We would like to start making a list of parent/carer/ close relative volunteers who can support us with trips, outdoor learning, Parent Council events, etc. This involves ensuring the volunteers have a Calderwood Primary PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme), therefore we would like to begin the process, so we are ready for when restrictions ease. Parents or carers who do career talks etc, do not need a PVG as there will always be a champion with them.

As the PVG process does cost, we would request that those parents/carers who can help are flexible with the days they can help and are prepared to work across the clans, not just the clan their child is in. If you think you can help please complete the form below and the office will contact you or place you on a waiting list.

<https://forms.office.com/r/TH6sZyhxWi>

Calderwood Clan Changeover

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year already, when we begin to start thinking about supporting our children to transition into their next clan.

We had a very successful meeting this week with our Parent Council Clan Reps in which we consulted about our plan for how we will make up clans for session 2022/23. You can find the information leaflet here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2022/04/27/calderwood-clan-formation-2022-23/>

If you have any questions, can you please initially contact your clan rep. We will also hold an information session on Wednesday 4th May at 9:30am, in which we will explain the leaflet to anyone who would like further clarity on the leaflet.

The meeting link is:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)

As the information leaflet explains that our P3 – 6 clans will move up as they are, today (29/04/2022) we have shared this information with our children:

- Ness will become Rannoch
- Rannoch will become Tay
- Tay will become Tummel
- Ben Lawers and Ben Lomond remain the same clan names

You can find this information here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2022/04/28/p3-p7-clan-changeover/>

We have not discussed clan changeover with the current Primary 1 and 2 clans, as the champions will now under go the process of allocating their clans for next session, using the criteria in the leaflet. This process will not involve us seeking information from our parents/ careers, as our champions know our children well.

We are currently consulting with our children, champions and families to find out how we can best support moving from one clan to the next. Please complete this parent/ carer survey to share your thoughts and ideas:

https://padlet.com/Calderwood_Primary/m25vn8fdb49hpmaj

We will use this information to create a transition programme which we will share with you. Those children moving from Nursery to Primary 1 will have a bespoke transition plan will be shared shortly.



Routines

In this Sway, you will find information about the school day, drop off and pick up.
<https://sway.office.com/6GXWmBwK3IS7i7Gh>

We would request that at the end of the school day, children exit the playground and not play on the equipment, to enable our champs on the gate to lock up in a timely manner. This also follows our Covid guidelines of quickly exiting the playground after pick up.

A lot of our children are keen to play on the grass areas which can be muddy and damp at times. A gentle reminder that if your child wants to play in this area they should have a pair of outdoor shoes (that they can keep in school) - wellies or old trainers with a change of socks. This will help ensure they are comfortable during clan time and prolong the life of our carpets.

Magic Miles Fundraiser

Just wow! We are once again truly overwhelmed with the generosity of our community. The amazing amount raised will be used to purchase resources to support outdoor learning and teaching for the nursery and school. We will share this with you once we consult with the children and champions.

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for organising and to everyone who took part in the event. You can find some of the highlights of the event in this blog post.
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2022/04/22/calderwood-magic-miles-2022-2/>

Parent Council Fundraising

We have recently used funds from fundraising to purchase:

- Scottish poetry recital trophies
- Robust iPad covers for nursery to P3
- Fischy Music programme to support assemblies and health and wellbeing

East Calder Gala Week 5th – 11th June

The various Heats and Finals for the many trophies to be won will all be completed in the park in East Calder, off Main Street during the week all starting at 6.30pm

Saturday 11th June: Gala Walk: We have been invited to walk as a nursery and school. The dress theme is 'Decades', children and adults are encouraged to dress up. Children will be the responsibility of their families at this event.

P1-4 P.E. Survey Reminder

To support the West Lothian HWB central team strategy, please complete the Sport and Physical Activity form below to provide insight regarding the physical activity of your child. This will be key to supporting and informing developments and future work across Health and Wellbeing, Active Schools provision, the delivery of PE and out of school opportunities.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKZe-9nvWm85PknH7UUVOHypUQzdUTzdWVVBDMDMBVVIhZUDUxU0gwWlpKUS4u>

The Ben Clans have completed the survey during clan time.

Term 3 House Winners

Congratulations to Sika Deer Community who won the house points last term. They have decided on a fancy dress party on Friday 29th April.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2022/04/21/sika-fancy-dress-house-party/>

Engineering Award

A huge congratulations to this child in Ness Clan for their STEM achievement:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2022/04/27/we-have-a-winner/>

Clan Structure 22/23

Clan	Class
Downstairs	
Mull	Primary 1
Orkney	Primary 1
Shetland	Primary 1
Skye	Primary 2/1
Bluebell	Primary 2
Bramble	Primary 2
Upstairs	
Linlithgow	Primary 3
Leven	Primary 3
Rannoch	Primary 4
Tay	Primary 5/4
Tummel	Primary 5
Ben Lawers	Primary 6
Ben Lomond	Primary 7

Champion Update

We are currently in the progress of recruiting an Acting Principal Teacher for August – December.

Miss Miller will continue to be responsible for Nursery and Primary. The new Principal Teacher will be responsible for Primary 2 – 3.

Miss Swift our Champion in Bluebell will be leaving us on maternity leave to have her baby, at the start of next session. We will be looking to recruit a teacher during this time.

As our school is growing we are also currently in the process of recruiting 4 new teachers, using the West Lothian recruitment process.

Finally, we have recently placed an advert for supervisor roles to support with Breakfast Club and Lunch Time supervisors, please share the link with member of our community.

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/west-lothian-council/jobs/supervisory-assistant-x-9-calderwood-primary-school-45448-271487>

Family Event

We are organising an event for Friday 17th June, 1:00pm - 3:00pm to held in the school grounds.

We would currently like to keep the theme of the event a surprise for our children but begin to plan it. If you have access to or know anyone who could support with some fayre like activities please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/y2x15FSiXH>

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

2nd May – Bank Holiday – School and nursery closed

Week beginning 3rd May – Termly Learning Letters and Homework grids issued

5th May – Inservice Day – School closed

9th – 10th May: 4:30 – 6:30pm – Calderwood Tours – Please book a time slot

11th May – Parent Council Meeting

23rd May – School Closed (Nursery open)

26th May at 1pm – Calderwood Communities Championships – Sports Day – (weather permitting!)

3rd June – School & nursery closed

9th June – School reports Issued

13th or 14th June – Ben Lawers/ Lomond Lowport Excursion

17th June – 1pm - Save the Date – Whole school event

24th June – Last day of term for school