

Capturing Calderwood:

Chapter Two: First Week



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It was so lovely being able to walk my son to his classroom on his first day and see him through the window in his classroom with his new friends and teacher.

What a fantastic week of capturing the hearts and minds of our new clans. Starting off the term with the children designing their own clan room spaces, wall displays and planning future learning experiences. All pupils have returned eager and excited to be back in school and we are looking forward to our journey together.

My daughter came running to me after her first day and said "mum, I've had the GREATEST day!" That's all you can ask for, isn't it? :) Thank you for all you do!

My daughter's reply to 'How was school today?' every day this week: 'Today was the best day ever!'

Dropping off our youngest for his first day of nursery, who was excited to join Calderwood alongside his sister who is now P2. The staff are so friendly and supportive and made his first week a great success.

I must also say pick up on Friday for P2 was much better than earlier in the week. Well done for recognising it wasn't working and making the change.

?? started in P4 after moving to the area. She's been nervous about it but her expectations exceeded and she had a lovely first week. Made loads of friends and she doesn't miss her old school at all. Thank you all the staff!

Such a warm welcome for the children 😊

?? has loved her first week at school - she says it's been lots of fun and was very sad Friday was only half a day! Everything seems to have gone really well, a credit to the organisation, transition events and hard work from the champions. Lovely to see the pictures from week 1 ❤️

The photos from week 1 with the frame are really good. We were able to compare it to ?? P1 photo holding the Calderwood sign. Please can you do something like this each year so we have a progression? Thanks

Seeing them with all their friends again and so excited for the day.

?? starting primary one, another milestone reached.

My daughter was so excited to go back to school on day 2 she was up at 6:30am, woke her Dad and I up, made her bed, got herself dressed, packed her bag and asked to go to breakfast club. Long may that continue!

It was lovely to see a 'proper' first day back in your own building this time. Seemed to go smoothly from a Tay and Thistle parent's point of view. Well done staff for hitting the road sprinting!!

I loved that we, as parents, were all able to see and photograph our P1 children in the cloakroom (being careful not to photograph any other children) and see them edge tentatively into their classrooms through the wonderful windows.

I can imagine that for the teachers and the children, this might have been a bit intense (being watched!) but I think everyone did an amazing job especially in the pouring rain! Typical.

Thank you, Calderwood.

As it was our first time, not only for me but for my daughter too we were overwhelmed, she's been excited all week about going to school which is amazing, she enjoyed everything she did, playing with all the new friends she's already made, drawing, playing in the sand and building is her favourite part of them all, couldn't be more proud and happier for her!

It was an amazing start of the new academic year. Congratulations to all the staff and children. Keep up the good work! All the Best!

He's literally come bursting through the door each day saying "mum it's been great today". He's so happy to be back.

I really liked the drop everything and read time.

I liked the caterpillars. They were wiggling about and were so funny.

I thought that the photo frames were a wonderful idea and something that all of the children will be able to treasure as they look back on their first experience at school.

Very nice