



Hello everyone!

Welcome to our first Calderwood Chronicle of the new school year. The Calderwood Chronicle is our newsletter which keeps you up to date with what has been happening, our progress, relevant information for families, reminders, and future events. We would encourage our families to read it through to ensure they keep up to date with all things Calderwood.

We are only 10 days into our new school year and we have achieved so much already. We have welcomed 180 new children into our nursery and primary families, which I think must be a record for West Lothian Council. Well done to Mrs Blair for getting everyone enrolled. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through new routines and get all our online systems up and running.

We are so proud of our Primary 1s as they have settled into Calderwood life like they have always been here! They are all engaging in their learning experiences and are excellent at following all the routines.

Our original Calderwood children have been fantastic buddies for our new children, ensuring they find their way around. It is exciting to see our clans filling up. This year we have Leven, Linlithgow, Tummel, Thistle and Skye Clans for the first time ever.

During a Head Teacher meeting this week, our children from Ben Lawers and Ben Lomond gave our visitors a tour around the school. They commented on how articulate our children were at showing all of the unique features of our home and the leadership opportunities they have.

The champion team are all very excited about what we can achieve together in Calderwood, Chapter 2!

Miss Burton

C in the Park

Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to C in the Park. We raised £1181.62 for school funds, which we will use to purchase new literacy and numeracy resources for our nursery and school clans.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We have vacancies for lunch time supervisors to help indoors and outdoors at lunch times, these roles are vital to ensure we can keep all areas of our playground open for children to play in. The hours are 12:15-1:15pm, Monday to Thursday.

If you know anyone interested in these posts, please ask them to contact the school office on 01506 280060 or wcalderwood-ps@westlothian.org.uk

Parent Volunteers

We are 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.

We would request that those parents/carers who can help are flexible with the days they can support us and are prepared to work across the clans, not just the clan their child is in. If you think you can help, please [complete this form](#) and the office will contact you or place you on a waiting list.

Those parents/carers who received a PVG in 2021/22 do not need to reapply.

First Week Back

Have a look at some of our capturing Calderwood moments from our first week back.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2022/08/25/capturing-calderwood-first-week-august-2022/>

Jubilee Book

All our children will go home with a Platinum Jubilee Celebration book. The school received these free to mark the Jubilee earlier this year.

Bring Your Own Device: P5-7

Ben Lawers and Ben Lomond have been discussing Bring Your Own Device.

If you would like your child to take part in this opportunity, please complete the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/YVR0CkbSKA>

Simply Play

If you are signing up for Simply Play, we would request that you use the correct stage and clan for your child. It is also important that you communicate any changes to collection, to our office and Simply Play, to prevent any confusion at pick up time. [You can find more information here.](#)

After School Clubs

These will resume after the October Break. Watch this space!

Calderwood Can: Profiling

You can find out more about profiling at Calderwood in our profiling strategy [by clicking here.](#)

Primary 1 – 3: Seesaw

We are delighted to inform you that your child's Seesaw log in was in an envelope in their bag yesterday.

If you do not have a log in, this is because you have not filled in the Seesaw permission form which you [can find here.](#) Current Primary 2-4 children who were at Calderwood last session should now archive their child's learning profile from last session. [Instructions on how to do this are here.](#) Primary 4 children will move towards using Teams on Glow and will not access Seesaw this session. You can find information on how to use [Seesaw here.](#)

Primary 4 – 7: Teams

Children in Primary 4-7 clans use Teams for profiling and for documenting their learning. You can find out more about [Teams here.](#)

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will begin after the September weekend. We are hoping to form a group with children, champions and parents to help us develop our approaches to home learning.

Diary Dates

We are almost finished our school calendar and this will be issued next week.

Session 2022/23 Term Dates

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/school-holidays-22-23>

Champion News

[Meet our team by clicking here!](#)

As we start Chapter 2 of Calderwood, our champion team has also grown. All of our new champions have brought new skills and experience to our team.

Congratulations to Mrs Grieve (Miss Redmond), who got married over the summer.

Miss Swift had a beautiful baby boy, Jack, in the summer. We look forward to meeting him.

Congratulations to Mrs Love, who is due her baby in January. We will keep Skye families informed of who will take over from Mrs Love.

Parking

Unfortunately, our neighbours in Nethershiel Lane have had school pick ups parking in private parking spaces.

A reminder that if parents/carers are using our staff car park, you should use the first two lanes on the left, furthest from the school & nursery. The two lanes closer to the school are for school staff and planned visitors.

Medical & Allergies

If your child has short or long term medication that needs to be dispensed in school, please let the office know ASAP so you can complete the relevant forms. Medication should be dropped off at the office by an adult.

Routines

If your child is later than 8:45am, they should enter the school through the school office. If the PSW champs stay on the gates longer in the mornings, this takes away from their targeted support time. We would encourage all children to be at school for the start time of 8:45am.

We know that we are all human and forget things from time to time, however there are currently a large number of items handed in on a daily basis that are required to be handed on to children. Please try to ensure that children go to school with everything they need for the day.

Primary 1-3 families- please ensure the champion has dismissed everyone from the clan before you approach them for a catch up.

You can find information about all [our routines here](#).

Breakfast Club

It has been great to see so many of children making use of our Breakfast Club. If your child is eating breakfast, we would request that they attend by 8:15am as Breakfast Club closes at 8:25am.

You can find out [more information here](#).

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

[Please click here for a link to a consultation.](#)

Residentials & Excursions

[Please click here for a link to a consultation.](#)

Calderwood Couture

At Calderwood Primary, our school uniform is very important to us as it gives us our Calderwood identity, showing that we all belong to the one family. It also promotes equity amongst our children. You can find a list of all the different options by [clicking here](#).

Two days a week, your child should wear their Calderwood P.E kit to school, We would request that children follow the Calderwood guidelines and refrain from wearing branded items. A reminder of your child's P.E days are [here](#).

If anyone requires support with purchasing any items of uniform, please let us know. Families can also apply for uniform clothing grants through West Lothian Council by [clicking here](#).

Please ensure your child has all pieces of their uniform labelled. We already have a collection of lost property items with no names.

Our equity champs are currently creating a nearly new couture shop, allowing all families to access recycled uniforms for free or a donation. Watch this space!

First Week Photos

If your child has photographic permission, you can find their first [week photo here](#).

Lunches

New families will receive their iPay log ins today. This means that, from next week, all children should order their lunches prior to the school day and not in their clan.

Milk ordering has closed for this term and will reopen again for Term 2; October to December.

All children in Primary 1-5 can receive a free school meal, however, those children who are in receipt of free school meals entitlement can also receive free milk. You can find out more information by [clicking here](#).

In order to help our kitchen, we would request that you order a packed lunch for Fridays, if you would like one, by Thursday morning of each week.

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