

Capturing Calderwood: Calderwood Christmas

Capturing Calderwood: Magic Moments from Carols around the Campfire (Nursery).

- Was lovely to come and do this.
- Fantastic and well done!
- It was great to see and learn more about the use of the fire pit as a learning tool. Mrs Laing explained some of the rules children have learnt regarding the fire pit which was reassuring. Seeing the children toast the marshmallows was a lovely touch. I'm really glad that ??? goes to a nursery that goes above and beyond with special events like this.
- Getting to spend time with my boy in his learning environment.
- Really enjoyed. Well organised. Thank you.
- A really lovely opportunity to come into the nursery playground with our son and celebrate the festive period with him. Really impressed with the facilities, staff and children, everyone did so well and it was so special to hear the wee ones sing.
- Thought it was lovely and Christmas-y to sing song around the campfire. The Champions were all great and enthusiastic. They did a great job! Thank you.
- Roasting marshmallows.

Capturing Calderwood: Magic Moments from Tinsel: The Nativity (P1).

- Really enjoyed it
- Fantastic performance from all children, you forget they are only 5 years old. Very well organised and rehearsed.
- I loved the way all the children had a speaking part in the nativity . They have learned so much within a month well done.
- Absolutely fantastic. Well put together. Will be great to get a copy of the filming.
- I thought the whole thing was really well organised and lovely, thank you so much! The kids were amazing! Getting the time to take photos at the end with the children was really special, and the choir did a fantastic job as well.
- So impressed with how well all the children did, clearly a lot of work went into organising the nativity. It was a joy to watch.
Lovely to enjoy the choir singing with a hot drink and mince pie before the performance.
- Absolutely brilliant! The kids and teachers all done a fantastic job!
- The nativity was fantastic. All the children were stars, beaming with pride on the stage. Well done to the teachers for planning and encouraging the children.
- We absolutely loved being able to see our daughter and her clan perform their nativity. The kids were so well behaved when not on stage, had obviously practiced lots and seemed to really enjoy it. We were so impressed with the set up on stage and the costumes too.
- Fantastic!! The staff and children did an amazing job. We're so proud of our wee one and the school in general. We also really enjoyed the performance by the school choir.
- The smiles on childrens' faces when bowing to the audience at the end.
- Very well organised, it was obvious a lot of effort was put in by teachers, champions and children. Very good for children in terms of boosting self-confidence and team building. Fantastic opportunity for parents to enjoy being around their children in such a nice occasion. Very thoughtful to offer teas and coffees, as well as mince pies. Also, nice to organise it on two different slots, so that all parents can attend depending on working patterns etc.
- The show was great and you could really see the hard work that the champions had put in to getting the children ready. It was clear that the children really enjoyed this too - from learning the songs to performing on the day

Capturing Calderwood: Magic Moments from Christmas Around the World. (P2-P7).

- Loved the performances, thought it was a great idea for each class to learn a bit about Christmas across the world
- Santa claus is coming tae toon was sang beautifully by all the p2 clan. Loved it!
- A great effort from all involved. The kids done an amazing job of their performance.
- Really enjoyed. Lovely to see all the classes doing different songs/shows.
- Such a wonderful, emotional show. Thank you for inviting us in, the kids done amazing and it's clear the work that went in and the bond the teachers have with the pupils also) which is so lovely.
- Wonderful, the kids looked so happy and were clearly having fun.
- Was just wonderful being able to be part of the Christmas Around the World. Such talent at Calderwood and lovely to see how confident the children are! What a lovely atmosphere this morning :0)
- Great session. Well done. Lots of effort.
- What a great morning getting to see all kids preforming and enjoying the Christmas spirit. Well done to all the teachers and kids.
- The kids did really well. Every clan was very well prepared. The confidence in kids also reflects the hard work champions must have put.
- It was lovely to be inside the school seeing how hard the children have worked in their show. All the children did amazing and were so clear. Well done Tay clan and all the other children.
- Everyone done a fantastic job with their songs and dance moves, especially learning the song in a different language. Was lovely to read about Christmas in Spain on the projector. Really enjoyed it.
- Amazing performances! Not too long... just right.
- Really nice.
- The kids and champs did amazing!
- It was lovely to see the children.
- We enjoyed the show and the concept of the show.
- Really enjoyed coming to watch the show, it was amazing. Teddy loved preparing for it and all the kids did so well. Nice to see how comfortable and supported they all are!
- Hearing the children singing with such joy and freedom.
- Lovely show! Very well organised and so nice to see all of the children taking part.
- Walking in the air played on the flute.
- Fantabulous achievement by the kids and kudos to all the teachers who helped them with all the practice to get the Scottish dialect and help them perform so confidently. Thanks again
- All the children did amazingly well!! It was lovely to be able to see all the different ages perform. I also enjoyed hearing the choir welcome us on arrival and hearing what the music classes had been learning.
- Well done to all clans! It was lovely to see the children really proud and enjoying themselves!

Any other comments:

- Great variation of events to get parents included.
- Thanks to all involved in making Christmas magical for the kids.
- Thank you to all the Champions for their ongoing support given to our boys and I hope you all have a relaxing and wonderful Christmas break!

- Appreciated the two nativity performances giving parents opportunity to arrange time from work to attend. Hope to see some films and pictures of the performance to share with other family (grandparents etc) that couldn't attend.
- The school has really gone above and beyond. We can't thank you all enough! Hope you all have an amazing Christmas.
- Thank you.
- Thoroughly enjoyed the "Around the world" event today. A massive well done to all involved.
- It has been such a treat after two years of lockdown to see a Nativity and musical concert. Pupils performed at both with great confidence and pride in their work.

You said ...	We already do ...	We will do ...
<p>Not on a day ??? was in so he was quite sad he didn't get to take part as even if he had been well this week he would have been at his other childcare. Would like more sessions so all children can take part on the days they are in.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as it was not on one of my son's regular nursery days he got extremely upset as he thought we were going to leave him there for the rest of the day.</p>	<p>All families were invited to attend, including those who do not attend nursery on that day.</p> <p>Over the course of the year, events are different days.</p> <p>As it takes three champions out of the ratio for fire pit events, it is not sustainable to do it over several days, like we do with other events.</p>	
<p>The nursery campfire was lovely but it would be nicer if the parents could have sat with the kids and not stand behind them. It felt a bit like we were all standing watching the champion who was signing instead of singing with our children. The focus was not on the kids as we were behind them.</p>	<p>As this was the first time using the campfire with parents and children, parents standing behind was chosen as we wanted to ensure stringent health and safety, this was also so the parents could see how we use the campfire with the children safely.</p>	<p>We will look at the risk assessment to see how it can be made more inclusive in the future.</p>
<p>Provision of more tickets for Nativity.</p>	<p>Every child had the opportunity for 4 tickets.</p>	
<p>I only wish the p2 age group had more time to do a longer performance as it was so short. We missed out on the nativity last year to see it live in the audience, so it would of been nice to see them be able to see them do a bit more. 😊 appreciate this is hard with so many clans and pupils!</p>	<p>The Primary 2 clans took part in a Nativity at Calderwood last year. This was filmed and issued to all parents.</p>	

<p>Disappointing that only one parent allowed, yet saw quite a few who had 2 but they just walked in separately and didn't sit next to each other.</p> <p>Could we have more than 1 parent please?</p> <p>Even if we did it over 2 days?</p> <p>Would have liked both parents to be able to attend.</p> <p>Might there be an opportunity for the school to ticket the event so that spare capacity can be maximized and it may provide a further opportunity for those that can to provide voluntary contributions?</p> <p>You need to allow space for more people to attend, minimum both parents.</p>	<p>This was the first event children have performed on stage to a larger audience for 2-3 years, we wanted to take their health and wellbeing into account.</p> <p>It is also the first big event we have had at Calderwood, that's why we invited one guest per family, to see what the experience would be like.</p> <p>In contrast, for the Nativity, we used an ordering system for tickets for families, however not all families used this and then requested tickets to be issued at the last minute.</p> <p>It wouldn't be possible to run an event like the Christmas Around the World twice due to Christmas being such a busy time, Arena availability, organising 300 children , etc.</p> <p>We are trying to put a Sway together of the clan performances.</p>	<p>We will look at this for the next event.</p>
<p>After missing their P1 nativity last year, not being able to take photos or video was also disappointing, especially</p>	<p>Primary 1 had a nativity at Calderwood last session and a video of it was sent to families, along with a photo of the child in their costume.</p> <p>Not all children have photographic permission, that's why you can't take photos or film at school events.</p>	
<p>Could the school consider doing an evening performance in the future to allow more parents to attend.</p>	<p>Our Scottish Celebration in February will be in the evening.</p>	
<p>It would have been nice to have the opportunity to take pictures with the nursery and school children after their performances too since we were not allowed to during the performance.</p> <p>They said there would be photo opportunities but there were none as children taken off stage and away.</p>	<p>As there was 300 children taking part in Christmas Around the World, it wasn't possible to incorporate photo opportunities, like we do at smaller events.</p> <p>We are trying to put a Sway together of the clan performances.</p> <p>This was a mistake at the beginning, apologies. It unfortunately, wouldn't have been possible to organise for 300 children to have their photograph taken with their families, at this larger event.</p>	<p>We will look at how the nursery can incorporate this in the future.</p>
<p>Personally I would like to see or hear a few more traditional songs or stories about the Christmas story. I.e. a nativity about the birth of Jesus or some child friendly carols such as Little Donkey or Away in a Manager.</p>	<p>Each clan picked what they would like to learn about in conjunction with their champion.</p> <p>Primary 1 took part in a Nativity.</p>	