

Calderwood Primary Chronicle: 28/03/25

Every fortnight we will issue our chronicle to families via email and our blog.
All other information about Calderwood is on our [blog](#) and on [Twitter](#) we highlight our achievements.



Calderwood Commitments:

- **Champion Conversations (parent/carer consultations):** 2nd and 3rd April. Please ensure you have pre booked an appointment. **The booking system will close on the 1st of April.** Jotters will be available and the Scholastic book fayre (phone required for purchases).
- **Dress Down Day – Autism Awareness:** 4th April. Wear your Favourite Colour – No donation.
- **Terms Ends:** 4th April at 11:55am (P1 and P2 clans) and 12:00noon (P3-7 clans).
- **School Resumes:** Tuesday 22nd A

Calderwood Calendar:

- Updated: [2024-25 Calendar](#)
- **House Celebration:** 1st April for the winning House of the term – Roe House.

Calderwood Communication:

- **Anti-Bullying:** We have begun our Anti-Bullying focus this week with a session for the whole school (split into groups!) where the children and champions gathered together to share their views on what bullying is and how we can promote Anti-Bullying better at Calderwood. This will help to form our Calderwood definition of bullying. The Anti-Bullying focus will continue over the next few weeks.
- Since November, Emma Ballantyne, the school's Education Officer, has been based at Calderwood PS to support the leadership and management of the school during Miss Burton's absence at that time. This arrangement has been continuous in order to provide stability for the school and she will continue to undertake her role from the school and provide the senior leadership role for the school community for the remainder of this term and into next term. Mrs Page has joined the leadership team as Depute Head Teacher, recently being seconded as DHT from Peel PS, and will remain in post for the remainder of the academic session and will provide the maternity leave cover when Miss Stark takes leave from just after the Easter break. The Leadership Team continues to be supported by Miss Connor and Mrs Warden as Principal Teachers. The Leadership Team in place will provide continuity for the remainder of the session and any further updates will be communicated in the summer term and be discussed in advance with the school's Parent Council.
- **Absence from School:** If your child is going to be absent from school, it is vital that you inform the school office at your earliest convenience. This can be via phone call or email (wcalderwood-ps@westlothian.org.uk).
- If your child requires medication, please ensure this is handed into the office and the correct forms are completed. Children should not carry medication in their school bag.
- At this time of year, children can be inside all day with the cold and wet weather and are therefore in close proximity of each other for longer periods of time. This is just a gentle reminder to check your child for head lice periodically.

Sponsorship Spectacular:

- Please see the below information about the Parent Council's exciting Sponsorship Spectacular taking place next month!

Parent Council Sponsorship Spectacular: Choose Your Challenge. The Parent Council hope to raise money for digital resources, outdoor equipment and to replenish the school's collection of reading books. During the Easter holidays, pupils are invited to take part in creating their own sponsored challenge. They can be sponsored to do anything they choose: whether that's a sporty challenge, helping in the community or doing something creative. There are a few ideas in the [linked blog post](#), but pupils are welcome to create any challenge they would like.

Your child will come home with a sponsorship form next week. Please return this to your child's champion by Friday 2 May. The information on the completed sponsorship form will be used to decide the winners of the prize for:

- Most Challenging Idea
- Most Community Minded Idea
- Most Creative Idea

Please make sure the form includes the details of the challenge your child did, if they want to take part in the competition. All pupils, regardless of how much money they raise, or if they raise any money at all, are welcome to enter the competition.

Any sponsorship money raised should sent by Friday 2 May by bank transfer to:

Calderwood Primary School Parent Council
Bank of Scotland
Account Number: 22560568
Sort Code: 80-22-60
Please use your child's name and clan as the reference.

Please contact the Parent Council by email (calderwoodpspc@gmail.com) if you have any difficulties sending funds by bank transfer.

Calderwood Compliments:

- Blair clan put on a brilliant Clan Connects this morning. They then enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents/carers. Well done to Blair clan, and thank you to all who attended and to Ms Bryson for making this possible.
- We had a fantastic morning last week listening to some great presentations for our [Dragon's Den event](#). Our judges Gayle Duffus, Education Director at the Wood Foundation alongside Dr. Sam Clark from Heriot Watt were very impressed with the inventions, level of detail and quality of presentations given. Well done to everyone who took part and to our winners.
- Thank you to all members of our community who have donated games and toys after our plea. We really appreciate this.