

Calderwood Leadership Champions: Who are we?

	Miss Burton	Miss Stark	Mr Docherty	Miss Quinn	Miss Connor	Mrs Warden
	Head Teacher (HT)	Depute Head Teacher (DHT)	Acting Principal Teacher (PT)	Acting Principal Teacher (in Miss Connor's absence) (PT)	Principal Teacher (PT)	Principal Teacher (PT)
		Primary 5 - 7 	Primary 3 - 4	Primary 1 - 2 	Primary 1-2 	Nursery
Before Calderwood	Previously, I have been seconded to Education Scotland, was a PT, a Depute Head Teacher at Mid Calder PS and a Head Teacher in Pumpherston & Uphall Station CPS.	I did a degree in Musical Theatre before completing a PGDE in Primary Teaching. I have been a class teacher and Acting PT in Edinburgh, then moved to Midlothian where I was a PT for 2 years and a Depute Head Teacher for 7 years.	I have been a class teacher at Harrysmuir Primary and various other schools in West Lothian. I have been a principal teacher for 8 years. I moved to Calderwood in the Summer of 2025.	I have been class teacher at Windyknowe, Seafield and Peel primary schools before moving to Calderwood in 2022. I also taught abroad at an international school in Moscow, Russia.	I have been a class teacher at Uphall Primary and Peel Primary. I was seconded as West Lothian STEM development officer for early years and primary before coming to Calderwood.	I have been teaching since 2004 and spent most of my teaching years at Stoneyburn Primary School. I was PT at Stoneyburn Primary School and Addiewell Primary School before joining Calderwood Primary School.
Why did I want to be a teacher?	To make a difference! My teachers didn't always believe in me at school and I wanted to help children believe in themselves. Always, be that champion!	To inspire and to make a difference. I had several teachers who inspired me when I was at school. There were 3 generations of teachers in my family before me. I wanted to be that person who was able to make a profound difference in children's lives.	I have always enjoyed working with children and had positive role models during my own time at school. That inspired me into teaching. Seeing children grow and develop is a great feeling.	My main goal has always been to positively impact children's lives and help them reach their full potential. I have a very curious mind and have always loved fostering and encouraging this in others.	I have wanted to be a teacher since I was a little girl. I want to inspire and build everyone's confidence to find a love of learning and become lifelong learners.	I wanted to make a difference, to lead by example and inspire our young people to be the best they can be.
Hobbies	Spending time with family and friends, I often travel back home to Northern Ireland to see my family. I love spending time with my two God Sons and having adventures with them. I enjoy travelling and love holidays abroad. I like trying new restaurants, day trips and going for walks. I love going to the theatre to watch musicals.	Spending time with my family and friends, playing piano, listening to music, (actually just anything to do with music), skiing, ice skating, going to the theatre, watching live comedy, dining out and trying new recipes at home.	I enjoy playing and watching most sports. I am a football coach for a local West Lothian team. I enjoy watching films with my family and going on holiday with them. we love going to Florida and going on all the rides.	What I enjoy the most is spending time with friends and family. I play basketball for Grangemouth Galaxy and tag rugby for a team called "The Prisoners of Tagzkaban" in Edinburgh. I also enjoy running, running the Paris Marathon in 2023, and hiking. I am up for most outdoor activities, but when I am indoors then reading is my passion.	I love watching variety shows, I enjoy magic, I have an interest in circus skills (juggling/diablos/plate spinning). I like attending Comic Cons as I have a love of anything Superheroes (especially Batman) and sci-fi.	Spending time with my family and being Mum to my two girls. I help coach my daughter's football team and spend Saturday mornings either setting up football goals or driving to games across South East Scotland. I enjoy reading in the sunshine, walking, going out for dinner and having movie nights at home.

Favourite Quote	The best gift you could have given her was a lifetime of adventures. Lewis Carroll	"Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." Roald Dahl	"It's nice to be nice" Mr Docherty	Just be yourself, there is no one better Taylor Swift	Be yourself, everyone else is already taken. Oscar Wilde	"The only limit is your imagination." Big Hero 6
Favourite Book	Alice in Wonderland	The Shopaholic series by Sophie Kinsella	Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling	The Scarecrows Wedding Julia Donaldson	Matilda	Everything Roald Dahl
Favourite Musical	Wicked	Mary Poppins	We Will Rock You	Les Misérables	Phantom of the Opera	Matilda the musical
Favourite Song	Don't Stop Believing	Can't just pick one!	Freed from Desire – Gala (Especially at Scotland games!)	O-Zone - Dragostea Din Tei	You Can't Stop The Beat (from Hairspray the musical)	Walking on sunshine
Beyond the Dream means ...	That if you put your heart into it, you can achieve more than you ever imagined.	Learning has no limits - everyone should inspire, believe and achieve more than they thought was possible.	Being able to achieve your goals and ambitions and more.	Exceeding the limits of one's wildest imagination, expectations, or aspirations.	If you always try your best then the sky's the limit, you can be or do anything you want.	Anything is possible, especially the unimaginable!