

## Head Teacher and Operational Head Teacher News



Look at this fabulous art installation which I am lucky to have on the wall outside my office – it appeared this week! (Thank you to the site team for working out how to get it on the wall). The canvases were created by the Year 6 children who left school in July this year. They had the opportunity to work with an artist and used new skills, worked in teams, achieved great results, respected each other and succeeded in producing a piece of work which will be enjoyed by so

many people for a long time. To think about the children and the journey they had whilst at Calton Primary School makes me feel very happy and proud – that although their last year was disrupted by the coronavirus restrictions they still were able to show how much they gained from being with us. With this in mind I can assure you all that whichever class or group your children are in they are having the best experience we can possibly offer during this time in our world history. As I sit in my office I hear beautiful Christmas song singing, P.E lessons using apparatus, energetic country dancing, excited children visiting the guinea pigs and so much more.

As this is the last newsletter before the Christmas holidays I would like to wish you and your families all the best for Christmas and the new year. I would love to be able to say 2021 will be beginning differently to how we are living life now but of course that is unrealistic. I also need to let you know that although we break up from school next week school still has a public health obligation to contact you if there have been positive Covid cases which may affect your children.

Whatever Christmas looks like for you all remember that Calton is filled with **STARS** and they will be shining with you constantly!

**Sarah Bunce, Head Teacher**



How our guinea pigs have grown! Take a look at the photos in the newsletter. They are exceptionally tame and love to be stroked by the children and adults. They have visited a number of classrooms over the weeks and continue to be a great support to the children. The youngest children have been a great help with cleaning them out with Miss Price.

Over Christmas they will be staying with Mrs Lee and no doubt will be visited by Santa! Have a great Christmas and I will see you all on Monday 4th January 2021.


**Jane Barker-Doe, Operational Head Teacher**

## Calton Playgroup News

We have been very busy this week making the most of the cold, dry weather playing with the hoops and chalking in the playground. Our gross motor movements have been working hard doing a lot of warm up exercises using the Sticky Kids CD and dancing to Christmas music. Children are finishing off their decorations they have chosen to make crowns, crackers, Christmas trees/cards and decorated pine cones. We have been problem solving and recognising numerals 1-10 which then led to children following their own interests by making pathways and using them as stepping stones.

On Fridays we have been having our Forest School sessions. The children are really enjoying their time outside learning new rules and boundaries. As well as exploring their new environment. A **BIG** thank you to all our parents for supporting us and sending children in with lots of layers of clothing, a warm coat /gloves and wellies (an extra pair of socks on helps too 🔥)

This week's nursery rhyme is: sung to "Twinkle Twinkle"

 **Snowflake snowflake in the sky, Love to watch you floating by, Down you fall upon the ground, Down you fall without a sound, Snowflake snowflake in the sky, Love to watch you floating by.**

On Wednesday 16th December playgroup will be joining in with the whole school for Christmas jumper day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

Wrap up warm and enjoy a walk, it helps to blow the cobwebs 🕸 away.

**Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager**

## Key dates for your diaries



### 2020

- 16th December Christmas Lunch for Pupils
- 16th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children
- 17th December Y1 Fairy Tale Ball
- 18th December End of Term 2

### 2021

- 4th January Start of Term 3
- 4th January Y3 Roman Theme Dress Up Day
- 15th January Deadline to apply to Shire Hall for a Reception place in Sept 2021
- 11th February End of Term 3
- 12th February INSET DAY, school is closed to pupils
- 22nd February Start of term 4
- 1st March Secondary School Allocation Day
- 8th March (midnight) Deadline to accept Secondary School place
- 22nd - 26th March Year 6 Residential, Condover Hall (rescheduled from Sept 2020)
- 1st April End of Term 4
- 16th April Primary School Allocation Day
- 19th April Start of Term 5
- 26th - 28th April Year 5 residential, Croft Farm (rescheduled from Year 4)
- 28th - 30th April Year 4 Residential to Croft Farm
- 28th May End of Term 5
- 7th June Start of Term 6
- 16th July End of Term 6



### Calton Primary School Term Dates 2021 / 2022

These are now on the school website under "parent info"

#### Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school office, before 9am, stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

**01452 527689**

#### Medical Appointments

We understand that hospital appointments need to be attended at times offered, however, **we ask that routine Doctor and Dental appointments are made out of school hours.**

### Wednesday 16th December Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day



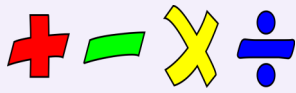
Please make donations to the Save The Children charity on their website for Christmas jumper day.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk>



**“Confident People Shining; developing skills for life, supporting each other in our team, achieving our best and always showing respect because successful learners are the STARS at Calton Primary School.”**

**Skills Team Achieve Respect Success**



# DoodleMaths



Well done for working so hard on your home learning.

## Top Doodlers of the week

**Year R** Madany, Oliver, Ayesha

**Year 1** Chloe, Shana, Ali

**Year 2** Mamadou, Rayyan, Lilianna

**Year 3** Almila, Sarah, Anuj

**Year 4** Shabibah, Sathvik, Wiktor

**Year 5** Courtney, Samuel, Gaywalin

**Year 6** Nathan, Luke, Aaron



## Doodlers in the Green Zone

**Year R** Madany, Zahid, Isabelle, Asma, Darcie, Ashton, Clara, Oliver, Rhona, Yousra, Olivia, Iggy, Corey, Michael, India, Ayesha, Emily, Oban, Laila, Hamza, Imogen

**Year 1** Chloe, Oliver, Alex, Shana, Jonah, Tirth, Adam, Crystal, Eli, Micah, Jensen, Ali, Aayan, Inaaya, Jessica, Isa

**Year 2** Mamadou, Ellis, Jude, Alexander, Mohammed, Eesa, Molly, Humaid, Daniel, Elaina, Alfred, Michael, Isobelle, Rayyan, Jack, Kurai, Praise, Oliwia, Maryam, Ranish, Trystan, Inayah, Imogen, Nathan, Lilianna, Leo, Jacob, Rafael, Damian, Liam, Isabella, Felicity,

**Year 3** Almila, Josiah, Alisha, Zack, Elliot, Fenn, Samuel, Logan, Sarah, Hanah, Shaba, Harveer, Imogen, Bayley, Kai, Jasmine, Filip, Anuj, Noah, Charlie, Felix

**Year 4** Shabibah, Zaina, Jona, Benaiah, Tamsin, Lexi, Jonas, Ethan, Matthew, Alexandria, Sathvik, Tommy, Gracemil, Apilesh, Rayaana, Chloe, Anna, Sebastian, Ethan, Wiktor, Dylan, Thomas, Harvey, Macie, Rhemmy

**Year 5** James, Courtney, Kaycee, Prathusin, Shane, Tobias, Noah, Nathaniel, Daisy, Ashanti, Samuel, Christopher, Adyan, Gino, Charlie, Nikodem, Melinda, Charlotte, Zahid, Maximilian, Adnaan, Lacey-Mae, Oscar, Elizabeth, Joel, Corben, Chloe, Inara, Kelsie, Zach, Zah'Niyah, Tia, Gaywalin, Keegan, Eliot, Maja

**Year 6** Nathan, Katie, Mason, Eesa, Daisy-May, Emily, Luke, Ethan, Charlotte, Aaron, Jai, Sasha



# Doodle English



Well done for working hard on your Doodle English.

## Top Doodlers of the week

**Year R** David, Yousra

**Year 1** Alex, Jensen, Victoria

**Year 2** Alexander, Rayyan, Lilianna

**Year 3** Noah, Jasmine, Zack

**Year 4** Zaina, Chloe, Wiktor

**Year 5** Tobias, Nikodem, Eliot

**Year 6** Luke, Nathan



## Doodlers in the Green Zone

**Year 1** Adam, Micah, Shana, Jonah, Aayan

**Year 2** Eesa, Inayah, Damian

**Year 3** Sarah, Benjamin, Bayley, Harveer, Samuel

**Year 4** Sebastian, Anna, Macie, Thomas

**Year 5** James, Nathaniel, Noah, Zach, Jocelyn, Charlie

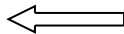
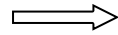
**Year 6** Ethan, Katie, Mason, Eesa



# Playgroup Forest School



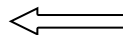
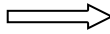
Playgroup were blowing bubbles & they froze – looking like glass baubles! (27.11.2020)



Exploring a burrow



A great example of collaboration between the children



Bubble blowing



## Year 1 Fairy Tale Ball - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

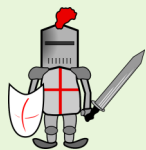


To finish off our topic of fairy tales in Year 1, we will be having a fairy tale ball on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to invite the children to dress up, following the theme of fairy tales.



This could include any character from a fairy tale – princesses, knights, pigs, wolves, Red Riding Hood, Jack (from Jack and the bean stalk)

- any character you like!



The day will be filled with lots of fun, dancing and games.  
If children are anxious about dressing up, they can come in own clothes.





# Cross Country Stars

## GSSN Virtual Cross Country Championships

Year 4, 5 and 6 entered the GSSN Virtual Cross Country Championships and we took the top spots in most year groups from across the county.

**Huge congratulations** to all our super fast runners – you really are **stars** and make us very proud.



### Year 3 Roman Dress Up Day - Monday 4th January



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January Year 3 will be starting their Roman theme. We would love it if your Y3 child was able to come to school that day dressed in a Roman theme.

If they are unable to then school uniform would still be required.



### Christmas Cards



Please do not send Christmas Cards to school after 16<sup>th</sup> December if possible. Any Christmas Cards received after this date will be bagged at school and given to children to take home to be opened (at home) on 21<sup>st</sup> December in alignment with our COVID guidelines. Please can children bring in a named plastic bag to take cards home in.



### Year 6 Dance Event

Year 6 have been very busy working on their dancing skills over the last few weeks. With their tremendous efforts, whilst staying socially distanced, they learnt a routine, recorded it in their own bubbles and then merged it together.

This has then been entered in to the Gloucester Schools Sports Network dance event showing we can still get involved even during the pandemic!

**Well done Year 6.**



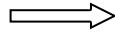
# Guinea Pigs



← Pretzel and Rainbow



Guinea pigs having a sleep over with Miss Newnham's family



← Guinea pigs having a sleep over with Mrs Barker-Doe's Family



Millie, Emily, Kodi and Ziyaad helping clean the guinea pigs out with Miss Price  
They were amazing. How lucky the guinea pigs are!



### Coronavirus measures

If your child has a new continuous cough or a high temperature (defined as over 38) or a loss/change to sense of smell/taste, please keep them at home, isolate and get a test. Please contact 111 online for advice.

This advice also applies to staff.

Should you need to self isolate, please note that every Year group uploads their home learning/Class lesson every week to eSchools for you to access whilst at home.

### Covid-19 School Update

Please see below the email address for reporting of C19 cases over the Christmas period. This email address will only be monitored between Saturday 19th December 2020 to Sunday 3rd January 2021.

***If your child has a positive case of C19 during the school holiday, or has to isolate, please send an email to [reporting@caltonprimary.co.uk](mailto:reporting@caltonprimary.co.uk)***

We request that all parents and carers wear a face mask/appropriate face covering when entering the school site to deliver or collect your child. It is important that if you are unable to collect your child, the adult that is collecting is informed of this expectation. All staff members who are outside at the beginning and end of the day, will also be wearing face masks.

**We also wish to remind that it is imperative to observe social distancing guidelines at all times when on school site, or when waiting to enter it.**

Arrival times are 8:40am -9:00am and collection times are 3:00pm-3:20pm. After these times the gates and/or doors are closed and you will need to wait outside the main entrance socially distanced to drop off or collect your child.

Thank you for your support.

**For more information and detailed guidance from the Government regarding Coronavirus measures visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)**

### Calton Virtual Learning

Parent information for the new Home Learning provision can now be accessed by using the link [bit.ly/CaltonVLE](http://bit.ly/CaltonVLE).

Any child who is self-isolating, including that of waiting for test results, will need to complete learning via eSchools until they return to school.



### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We previously reported how important it is not to park on the yellow markings outside the front of school. **This includes the yellow zig zag and single yellow lines.**

Signage is on display at the front of school to emphasise the rules and anyone parking on the markings could face a fine.

We are monitoring the situation and the number plates of regular offenders will be passed on to the police.

Can we also remind everyone to be considerate of our neighbours when parking on Calton Road.

**Let's work together to keep our children safe on their journey to and from school.**

Thank you for your support.

# Winter & Christmas Craft Packs

Come and grab your free Winter or Christmas Cre8 Craft Pack from Gloucester Library to take away and make at home over the month of December.

With lots of colouring and activity sheets, as well as two fun crafts to make. Packs come prepared for two age groups; Pre-school & Primary.

*Proof of library membership is required. There are a limited number of packs available and they will be given on a first come first served basis.*



For more information about craft packs, events, story times and other Gloucester Library news you can now join our Facebook group:

**'Cre8 at Gloucester Library'**

Gloucester Library, Brunowick Road, GL1 1HT  
01452 426973