



# Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter

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## Operational Head Teacher News



This week happens to be Mental Health week, though if I'm honest looking after our mental health in these current circumstances should be a daily must!



Can I reassure you that it is okay to take a breath and take stock; if the learning for that day is not complete then just let us know. We know that you are doing your best and this is all we can ask of you.



When I look at our school vision **STARS**, I am immensely proud of all that this encompasses even during these times. We are all juggling and this takes **S**kill – you are not alone as in school we continue to juggle all that is expected of us too.

I am sure that you have heard that that the Government are expected to publish a plan week commencing the 22nd February for the country to come out of lockdown. We do not yet know what this looks like, however we will keep you updated once we know.

It is fantastic to see all that the children are **A**chieving. I thank you for sending in submission forms and work into the year group email so that we can see the great work completed. This is true **S**uccess and needs to be celebrated – we have put lots of work on our school facebook page of some super work and will continue to do so. Please take the time to see for yourselves.

Just to remind that **Tuesday 9th February** is Parents Evening (though during the school day!) via teams. You must ensure that you access this through eSchools and that you are using your child's name as a reference, otherwise we will not be able to admit you.

We will continue to make contact with you by telephone to check in to see how things are going, however if we are unable to make contact we will text asking you to call. I need to make you aware that we are doing home visits if we have cause for concern.

As this is the last newsletter before the end of the term; have a safe, restful half term and more than anything look after yourselves.



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



## Calton Playgroup News



We have been very busy looking at photographs that our friends have shared with us by email. They have been making Duplo models, drawing, playing in the garden and lots more. This week has been National Storytelling Week which has given us the opportunity to explore the children's creativity, try out new vocabulary and build confidence in speaking. We have read well-loved traditional stories and acted out the "3 Little Pigs" using story spoons and made up our own stories with the story stones. We have been on a listening walk which turned into exploring water and the weather. We encouraged the children to be quiet and listen, really hard to what is around them. We heard birds singing, children playing and the wind blowing in the trees. We saw black clouds moving very quickly in the sky; "It's going to rain" "It might thunder" "We will see a rainbow if it's sunny and then it rains" were some comments. There were plenty of shapes in the environment as well "Circles - they look like eyes" "Squares - I can hear water in there". "Look a big river" "It looks like a stream" they shout as we find a puddle running down the slope. "It's moving fast" one child throws a leaf into the water "It's got stuck" "Let's try a stick". We had such fun playing Pooh sticks and predicting if objects would sink or float. Why not try this at home?

Today is Children's Mental Health Day. This year's theme is **EXPRESS YOURSELF**. All the children and staff were invited to take part and dress up. Please send in photos of children who do not come in on a Friday and we can share them together. Nursery rhyme:-



**"Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream. Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily Life is but a dream"**



**"Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream. If you see a crocodile don't forget to scream"**



Have a lovely weekend and see if you can find the first signs of Spring appearing.

**Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager**



## Key dates for your diaries



### 2021

9th February	Virtual Parents Evening, 10am - 12pm
9th February	Virtual Parents Evening, 1 - 2pm
10th February	Virtual Parents Evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm
12th February	"Screen Free Friday!" see letter on the school website
12th February	End of Term 3 <b>Not an INSET DAY as taken on 04.01.21 instead</b>
22nd February	Start of term 4
1st March	Secondary School Allocation Day
8th March (midnight)	Deadline to accept Secondary School place
1st April	End of Term 4
16th April	Primary School Allocation Day
19th April	Start of Term 5
28th May	End of Term 5
7th June	Start of Term 6
14th - 18th June	Y6 Residential visit to Condover Hall (rescheduled)
5th - 7th July	Y5 Residential visit to Croft Farm (rescheduled)
7th - 9th July	Y4 Residential to Croft Farm (rescheduled)
16th July	End of Term 6

### Reporting Pupil Absences 01452 527689

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.

#### 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.**

### Art Competition 2021 WINNERS!

Thank you for all of your wonderful entries for 'draw through your windows'. Prizes will be handed out if already in school or kept safe with Miss Westerberg until you return.

Reception: Laila P

Year 3: Elliot C

Year 1: Jonah

Year 4: Poppi

Year 2: Lilianna

Year 5: Daisy F

Year 6: Amelia A and Owen T

### February Virtual Parents Evenings

**9th February 10am - 12pm and 1 - 2pm  
10th February 3.30 - 5.30pm**

**Slots can be booked on eSchools until 3pm on Monday 8th February.**

Meetings will be delivered through Microsoft Teams and a link to access your Parents Evening slot will be published on your child's Class page in eSchools.

On the day of your appointment, please click on the link a couple of minutes before your appointment time. The link will take you to a waiting area on Microsoft Teams. Please make sure you use your child's name so that the Teacher can easily identify you and admit you into the meeting. You will be asked to confirm your child's name at the start of the appointment.

**The Parents Evening slots are 10 minutes long and timings will be strictly adhered to.**

**You must be waiting in the virtual lobby area ready at your appointment time.**

*Please note that due to parents evening live lessons will not take place on 9th Feb*

**"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** Clara, Iggy, Hanna  
**Year 1** Lincoln, Ivy, Oscar  
**Year 2** Alexander, Rayyan, Lilianna  
**Year 3** Josiah, Sarah, Anuj  
**Year 4** Zaina, Shay, Wiktor  
**Year 5** Courtney, Nikodem, Lexxi  
**Year 6** Nathan, Ethan, Aaron



## Doodlers in the Green Zone

**Year R** Clara, Zahid, Lacey, Amorelle, Aditi, Laila, Madany, Iggy, Saniyya, Rhona, Olivia, India, Rowan, Layla, Yousra, Hanna, Imogen, Ayesha, Oban, Riley, Emily, Leo, Logan, Sophie  
**Year 1** Lincoln, Yogi, Eli, Alex, Chloe, Phoebe, Sofia, Esmae, Ivy, Louie, Riley, Micah, Tirth, Xavier, Adam, Sareah, Harrison, Shana, Jensen, Mikey, Jonah, Kodi, Emilia, Oscar, Aayan, Jessica, Savannah, Victoria, Summer,  
**Year 2** Alexander, Mohammad, Mamadou, Elaina, Austin, Isabella, Isobelle, Eesa, Rayyan, Ranish, Alexis, Oliwia, Trystan, Jack, Kurai, Olivier, Jace, Elissya, Imogen, Nathan, Rosalie, Jacob, Lilianna, Cruz, Felicity, Damian, Olivia, Isabella, Rafael.  
**Year 3** Josiah, Almila, Zack, Ayaan, Elliot, Samuel, Alexis, Abigail, Olivia, Faith, Sarah, Hanah, Tyler, Aahil, Harveer, Imogen, Mike, Nabeel, Anuj, Ky'Ontai, Noah  
**Year 4** Zaina, Shabibah, Benaiah, Magdalena, Caleb, Matthew, Ellie, Shay, Tommy, Jacob, Chloe, Ethan, Sathvik, Keira, Petra, Abigail, Christopher, Anna, Sebastian. Evie-Mai, Leyla, Wiktor, Draven, Sandra, Hayden, Julia, Rhemmy, Layun,  
**Year 5** Courtney, Ethan, Jayden, Tobias, Nathaniel, James, Kaycee, Maria, Tilly, Nikodem, Adnaan, Zahid, Lily, Corben, Charlotte, Adyan, Zach, Erasmus, Inara, Michela, Charlie, Lexxi, Maja, Millie, Ragu, Lily-May, Eliot, Keegan  
**Year 6** Nathan, Katie, Holly, Mason, Ethan, Luke, Charlotte, Jack, Olivia, Aaron, Evie, Sasha, Maizie, Martha



# Doodle English

Well done for working hard on your Doodle English.

## Top Doodlers of the week

**Reception** Aditi, David  
**Year 1** Yogi, Ivy, Victoria  
**Year 2** Alexander, Rayyan, Lilianna  
**Year 3** Olivia, Sarah, Anuj  
**Year 4** Zaina, Petra, Wiktor  
**Year 5** Ethan, Nikodem, Lexxi  
**Year 6** Nathan, Ethan



## Doodlers in the Green Zone

**Reception** Emily  
**Year 1** Shana, Sareah, Jensen, Adam, Aayan, Jessica  
**Year 2** Isobelle, Eesa, Nathanael, Jack, Chloe, Jace, Imogen, Cruz, Damian, Eva-Rose, James  
**Year 3** Zack, Harveer, Bayley, Nabeel  
**Year 4** Chloe, Ethan, Christopher, Sebastian, Anna, Evie, Thomas  
**Year 5** Isobelle, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Tobias, James, Ellouise, Charlie, Corben, Inara, Elizabeth  
**Year 6** Katie, Mason, Olivia, Luke, Caoimhe

# Playgroup Forest School



Investigating mud

Exploring frozen water



Bark rubbing

Mud painting



# Playgroup Listening Walk

The stream in the playground

Circles (EYES)

Squares in the environment

Fast moving black clouds - "rain clouds"

Lines in the sky. We heard "an aeroplane going to the airport"

