



Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter

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Acting Head Teacher News

Hello and welcome back.

As I write this newsletter it almost feels like the beginning of the academic year not half way through the year when the sun is shining albeit the last couple of days it has been windy! I do love this time of year, new life, beautiful sunshine and daffodils – they always put smiles on peoples' faces.



The children have settled back into school exceptionally well and it lovely to see the buzz of learning in all its forms back in school. I can't thank you enough for supporting your child at home or getting them to school as busy keyworkers.

I like to take this opportunity to thank you all for adhering to the new changes that are in place. I am asking you to really consider whether you need to arrive so early and during the busiest times or whether you could leave it a little later during the quieter times. Quieter times with minimal queue is around 8:50 and 3:15. As long as your child is in school by 9am and collected by 3:20 then they are not late.

We have had reports that there are a number of parents congregating outside the shop on Calton Road, not socially distancing. Please can I ask you all to consider the impact that you are having on the local community and the safety of you and your family, this is also the same with parking illegally outside the school gates including on the footpath. As a school we constantly remind in various forms of communication around safety, sadly we have needed to contact the PCSO due to parents not taking these matters seriously.

We are aware that birthdays are special occasions, especially for the children. We can allow individually wrapped treats to be brought into school for children to share with classmates.

You will all remember during lockdown that there was a competition to design a new Head Teacher's certificate and a **STARS** certificate. I am very excited to share that Noah in Year 3 was the winner of this competition. Noah will be the first person to receive the new Head Teacher's award once it has been published for his amazing efforts.

Well done Noah and "Thank You" for a great entry. As a school community we have done wonders to get through the past 12 months and we look forward to the future with much optimism.

Jane Barker-Doe, Acting Head Teacher

Calton Playgroup News

We have been looking at technology, in particular torches. Torches have proved very popular and have enhanced the children's play. They have been great for development of their fine motor skills and strength. They created dens and tents where the darkened areas allowed the children time to discover how the torches work and that light can expand and detract the closer the torch is to the surface. "There's a spider web up there", "Look there's your shadow", "I can make pictures with my hand look it's got ears".

We also tried a little Forest Bathing in our Forest School session, which the children loved lying on their backs quietly tuning into nature and the surrounding environment. "I feel really sleepy", "I can hear the birds singing in the trees", "The sun is making me feel hot and happy". Why don't you try it and see? Please share your experiences with us (photos via email).

This week the nursery rhyme is:

**Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such fun,
And the dish ran away with the spoon**



Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager



Key dates for your diaries



2021

31st March	Y3 Roman Themed Day
1st April (Thursday)	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)
21st & 22nd June	School Nurses in for Reception Screening (Height, Weight, Vision)
30th June	Class & Playgroup Photographs
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

2021 / 2022

6th September	Start of term 1
27th Sept - 1st Oct	Y6 Residential to Condover Hall
22nd October	End of term 1
1st November	Start of term 2
10th November	Individual Pupil & Playgroup Photographs
17th December	End of term 2
4th January 2022	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
5th January	Start of term 3
18th February	End of term 3

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.

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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.**

Baby News - It's a boy!

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Sam Letts, Red Class Teacher, has had her baby. He arrived safe and sound on Thursday 25th February.



Congratulations to Sam and her family.

Red Nose Day Friday 19th March 2021

Children are encouraged to add an additional red item to their uniform on Friday 19th March, for Red Nose Day. This could include anything from a red badge, to a red wristband, red shoe laces or even red nail varnish. We will unfortunately not be able to wear noses on this day so this is a chance to find a creative alternative. A ParentPay link has been sent by text for donations.

We would like to wish both Abbie and Sebastian **huge congratulations** on achieving Distinctions in their most recent drumming exams. Such fantastic news and well deserved, especially for all their hard work and practise through lockdown with drumming lessons taking place online.

Currently, Mr Guests remote drumming lessons are continuing online. If your child has access to a drum kit and would like remote lessons in the interim before face to face lessons resume please email Mr Guest: **midlandsdrumlessons@gmail.com**

“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 Lacey, Ely, Imogen

Year 1 Alex, Ivy, Oscar

Year 2 Alfred, Rayyan, Lilianna

Year 3 Zack, Aahil, Demi

Year 4 Zaina, Tommy, Wiktor

Year 5 Jayden, Nikodem, Oliver

Year 6 Nathan, Ethan, Aaron



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Year R Lacey, Aditi, Ely, Hephzibah, India, Imogen, Emily, Oban

Year 1 Alex, Yogi, Theo, Ivy, Micah, Tirth, Eli, Jonah, Adam, Maneo, Oscar, Aayan, Victoria, Ali, Zachary, Jessica, Junaid

Year 2 Alfred, Rayyan, Ranish, Oliwia, Jack, Imogen, Trystan, Safiyyah, Lilianna, Cruz, Damian, Jacoby

Year 3 Zack, Almila, Aahil, Sarah, Harveer, Imogen, Demi, Noah

Year 4 Zaina, Benaiah, Ethan, Matthew, Tommy, Chloe, Anna, Wiktor, Rhemmy

Year 5 Jayden, Tobias, Nathaniel, Nikodem, Corben, Adnaan, Zach, Oliver, Kadie

Year 6 Nathan, Tyrese, Katie, Mason, Holly, Eesa, Aisha, Ethan, Luke, Jack, Charlotte, Caoimhe, Aaron, Lewis, Kaena, Sasha



Doodle English

Well done for working hard on your Doodle English.

Top Doodlers of the week

Year R David

Year 1 Tirth, Victoria

Year 2 Eesa, Rayyan, Olivia

Year 3 Zack, Harveer, Anuj

Year 4 Abigail, Zaina, Wiktor

Year 5 Tobias, Nikodem

Year 6 Ethan, Tyrese



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Year R Emily

Year 1 Jonah, Aayan, Jessica

Year 2 Isobelle, Ranish, Jack, Rafael, Damian

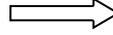
Year 4 Anna, Matthew

Year 6 Charlotte, Nathan, Mason, Katie

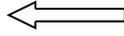
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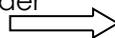
View we can see forest bathing



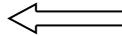
Spring is in the air



Teamwork giving a helping hand to our friends "pull harder"

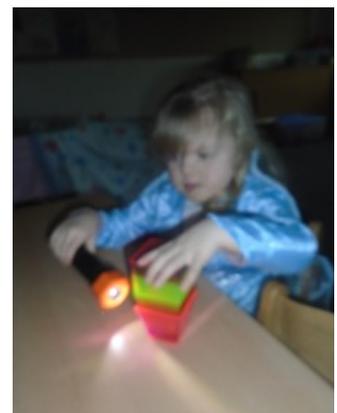
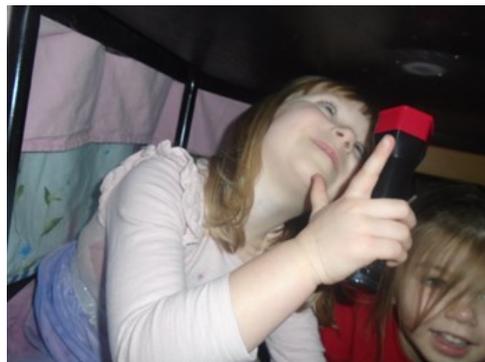


Connecting with nature



Torch Photos

"Wow look I can make it bigger" "This makes it work, you do it like this!"



Stranger Danger Alert

We have been informed of the following incident:

An adult female approached 2 Year 7 pupils, initially asked to borrow a student's phone, but was then confrontational.

Description: The female had blonde hair, tied in a ponytail and was wearing a red coat.

Location: near Tesco in Quedgeley. Incident number: 207 of 11/3/21

Any incidents should be reported to the Police via 101.

Please stay vigilant and stay safe.