

Calton Primary Girls Football - On Thursday 17th November Calton went into their last league game versus Robinswood Primary knowing that they had a great chance of victory and finish the league games on a high. The first half saw many chances created but neither side could convert them, but Calton were playing with discipline and showed their "never give up" attitude.

The supportive crowd added to the atmosphere as both teams were evenly matched. At half time it was 0:0 and Mr Coughlin decided on a few tactical changes, to surprise the opposition. Although these changes gave Robinswood more space, Calton were actually creating more chances as the game started to open up. Calton got their reward as an attack was broken up by Robinswood, however as the ball left the box Sienna was able to catch the keeper off guard and score a very well taken goal from outside the box.

As Calton pressed for a second, even more space was created and Robinswood started to have decent chances, but Maddy was steady in goal and stopping all that came her way. Robinswood then capitalised on a defensive error to equalise. This did not stop Calton, as another tactical change saw more Calton attacking and Mia almost got the goal we were craving as she burst through – but her shot was cleared just millimetres from the goal line and as Portia powered in to follow up, her thunderbolt was also cleared off the line.

Calton had to settle for a 1:1 draw, in an entertaining game in which they were the better side for long periods and deserved a win for all their efforts.

Sienna was voted player of the match by her teammates.

We now take a break from playing matches, but will continue to train on Thursdays until 8th December before tournaments, friendlies and cup games commence in the New Year.

Calton Netball Team - Calton Netball Team have had a busy couple of weeks with two home matches being held on the Ribston Courts. The first home match against Brockworth saw the team really beginning to use the skills they have started to learn during training. They moved into spaces to pass the ball up and down the court, marked their opponents more closely, worked hard to intercept where possible and continued to demonstrate commitment and resilience in their effort to do their best. A tightly fought match with lots of shots at goal from both teams, but which eventually Brockworth won 5:0 Well done to Amelia who was voted Woman of the Match. This week the team took on the might of Harewood, again at home, in spite of the somewhat dubious weather. They continued to improve, using their skills to good effect and battling to stay in the game.

Unfortunately this effort and determination was not reflected in the final score of 11:0. Well done to Layla who was named Woman of the Match this week. They should be proud of the progress they have made so far this year as a newly formed team, I certainly am. Keep it up!

Calton Bake Off - The Calton Bake off competition for Children in Need was OUTSTANDING. The children made a monumental effort with their creations and the judges were blown away!

It was obvious how much time and effort had gone into making the cakes and we have never seen so many cakes! The judging was really difficult and to create a short list for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 felt impossible. From the shortlist the following were chosen.

Key Stage 1 the winners were:

Ameera 1st place



Logan 2nd place



Daisy 3rd place



Key Stage 2 winners were:

Shyla 1st place



Louis 2nd place



Khyan 3rd place



Mrs Bunce and Mrs Barker -Doe would like to pass on their thanks to all the children for the effort they put in, showing phenomenal creativity.

We can reveal that the grand total raised for Children in Need from the bake off and the non-uniform day currently stands at **£907.58!!** Thank you!



Primary Science Quality Mark

On Friday 11th November Kirsty Thomas and I represented our STEM team and travelled to "Think Tank" in Birmingham to collect our gold certificate for the Primary Science Quality Mark.

It was a wonderful evening which included the opportunity to visit some of the museum exhibitions and listen to speakers from the DFE, Concept Cartoons and a range of other Science Ambassadors. It was also an opportunity for us to reflect on our hard work and celebrate the of Calton in achieving this prestigious award.

Please look out for our wonderful certificate which will be displayed in the reception area.
Kirstie Norris – Assistant Head



Nurture - We are continuing to work on how we are feeling and think about how situations and our behaviour makes us feel.

We have finished our Autumn topic with an Autumn collage and made nocturnal bats.

We have made musical instruments from junk for our Sparkle Club when we make music and dress up.

We will be having a celebration of all we have achieved and to recognise our success and invite our grown ups to celebrate with us.



Road Safety Week by the Junior Travel Ambassadors (by Amelia and Layla, Calton JTA's) -

On Monday the Junior Travel Ambassadors performed an assembly to the whole school for Road Safety Week. We discussed what to act and came up with lots of ideas to help younger children understand how to cross the road safely. We introduced what JTA stood for and welcomed everyone to our assembly and explained that the assembly would be about road safety. Then we acted out our road safety sketch, showing how not to cross the road, before then showing how to cross the road safely. We wore Hi Vis jackets, had a Hi Vis bag and were wearing Hi Vis snap bands to show how important it is to be seen while walking near a road. We re-iterated the saying 'STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK'. So you STOP when you approach a road to cross, you LOOK both ways to make sure there are no cars, you LISTEN to double check there are no cars (because you might not be able to see one, but you might hear one) and finally you THINK 'is it safe now?' before you cross. Whilst you are crossing you need to remember to keep looking and listening. Mr Hutchinson, our crossing patrol member of staff, kindly came in and helped us, showing how bright he was, so that he can be seen by the drivers of the cars on Calton Road. Remember to use him when you are

crossing near school to be extra safe! We were lucky enough to have been given snap bands for everyone in school, which we distributed during lunchtime, so that every child could wear something bright to and from school especially during the winter months. Breaking News – see the poster competition elsewhere in the newsletter. Design a winter/ Christmas themed poster/card based on Road Safety and you could end up with them being professionally printed for your family and friends. Thank you to Róisín McGrath our Local Sustainable Transport School Engagement Officer who supported us with this.



Cold Weather - As it appears the cold weather is with us, please ensure that your child wears a suitable coat, hat, scarf, gloves to school. Children are outside during break and lunch time in all weathers. We appreciate your co-operation.

In the event of extreme weather causing school closures please follow the link below :
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools>

School closures are also listed on local radio stations.

Attendance Figures - The school attendance officer Mrs Short would like to say well done to Mercury 6 for achieving 98.3% and Emerald 3 for achieving 98% attendance week ending 18/11/16. She would also like to congratulate Iron 5 for achieving 99% and Zinc 5 for achieving 98.7% attendance w/e 25/11/16.

Year Group Updates

Red R, Blue R & Silver R - Reception have had a busy few weeks! In Literacy, we have finished learning all the single sounds and have now moved on to learning the digraphs (2 letters that make up one single sound). Please continue to support your child with their writing at home.

In Numeracy we have been using objects and number lines to find 1 more and 1 less. We then moved on to adding 2 groups of objects to find the total. We worked hard to record our addition as a number sentence, practising the mathematical symbols with our arms before we wrote them.



Last Friday was Children in Need. The children raised lots of money by coming into school in non-uniform, thank you for all your generosity! Many Reception children brought in fantastic cakes and biscuits to sell. It was clear that they had put in a lot of hard work at home with parents- the cakes looked amazing and Mrs Bunce thoroughly enjoyed judging them all! Well done to Ameera, who won the KS1 cake competition for her brilliant castle cake, it looked fantastic!

What we are learning about next - Next week, we will be carrying out Maths Passport assessments. Please check your child's Passport in their WOW book for their next target. In Literacy we will be continuing with our digraphs and looking at stories in order to discuss the characters and plot.

Green 1, Orange 1 & Purple 1 - This week, Year 1 enjoyed their visit to the cinema to watch Ice Age. All of the children walked beautifully to Gloucester Quays and back to school after the film. We would like to thank the parents that helped us on this trip.



In English, we have looked at writing instructions. We gave instructions to a 'robot' about how to make a jam sandwich. This made us think really carefully about how precise our instructions need to be! We also created instructions for what a new child in our class would need to do at break time. This week we have begun looking at a new story called Portside Pirates.

In Maths, we have looked at positional language in lots of different contexts. Ask us to show you what a quarter turn looks like! We have also focused on representing numbers in different ways, including writing numbers as words.

Year 1 Nativity rehearsals are now in full swing. We have all been working really hard with our acting, speaking and singing. Please help us to continue practising our lines at home.

What we are learning about next - Next week in Maths, we will be focusing on using mathematical language that includes: more than, less than, equal to, fewer most and least. We will also be focusing on adding a one-digit number to a two-digit number up to 20. In English we will be continuing to work on the Portside Pirates.

Turquoise 2 , Magenta 2 Indigo 2 - In Maths, we have continued to improve our skills in multiplication and division using grouping, repeated addition and arrays. We have practised our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to help us with this.

In English, we have been writing letters to try and persuade Mr McGregor to allow Peter into his garden. We used conjunctions, and tried to think of good reasons why Peter should go in. We tried to think of emotive language, and used adjectives such as starving and dangerous, and adverbs like extremely and kindly. We wanted Mr McGregor to feel so sorry for Peter that he would allow him to eat as many vegetables as he wanted.



We have been learning about habitats in science and went into the school gardens to find mini-beasts in their natural habitat. We have also thought about different habitats around the world and what they provide for the animals that live within them.



Music has been fun – we learnt a new song! We thought about who was singing it, which instruments were playing in the recording and tapped along the beat with our hands. We have been having a great time designing and making finger puppets in D & T in order to prepare for making a hand puppet of Peter Rabbit. We tried a variety of joining methods including gluing, stapling and sewing.

Year 2 held an activity afternoon for parents where each child was given a cotton handkerchief to embroider with their initials or a simple pattern. The parents helped their child with the design and sewing. Everyone really enjoyed the hour, which went by very quickly! There were some beautiful examples of stitching.



What we are learning about next - In Maths we will continue to develop our understanding of multiplication and division. We will be dividing into groups and sharing equally.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/division/play/>

There is a fun division activity on the BBC bitesize site.

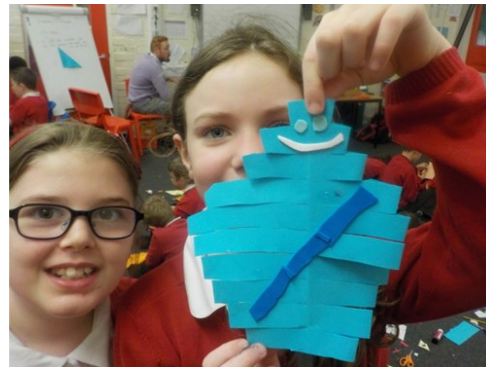
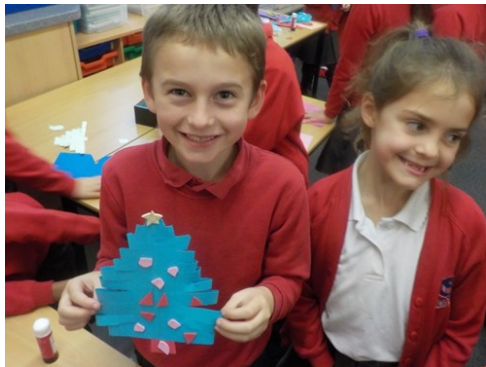
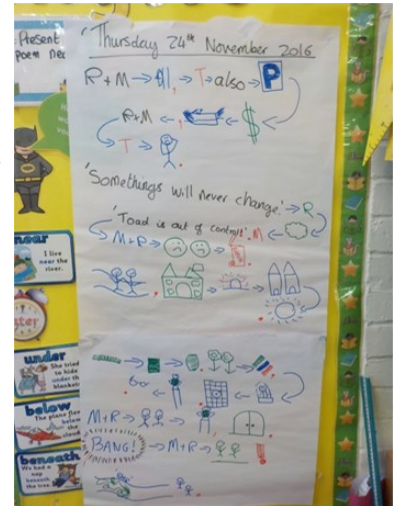
In English we will begin to learn about non-chronological reports. We will collect information and decide how to present our findings in a clear structured layout.

Year Group Updates

Sapphire 3 & Emerald 3 - Over the past fortnight we have yet again been busy and hard at work! In Maths we have cementing our knowledge of our times tables, especially 2X, 3X, 5X and 8X. We have been looking at these times tables in word problems and filling the gaps.

In English literacy we have been learning more about The Wind and the Willows. We have been creating actions, text maps and other methods to help us learn the story. The reasoning behind this is because we will be changing parts of the story to then create our own, using a range of techniques to improve the text. With Children in Need we looked at children who are not as fortunate as us and what we can do to help.

We have also been learning about the human skeleton and the importance of it. We have been looking at the skull, spine and ribcage and the importance of each of these to our body. On Wednesday we joined forces with Mr Breen's class to make Christmas decorations. As you can see from the pictures we learnt to work with the year 4's and spoke about our strengths and weaknesses.

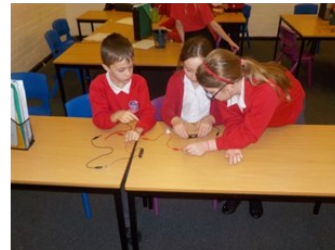
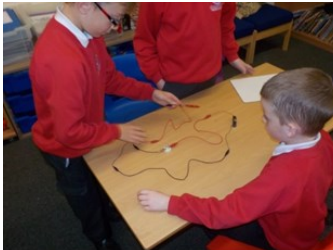


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Opal 4, Diamond 4 & Amethyst 4 - In Maths, we have been looking at multiplying two and three digit numbers using column multiplication. Equally, we have been thinking of which will help us complete multiplication mentally. Furthermore, we have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 1 and 0.

In English, we have been looking, in detail, at the different features of a journey text and how we can relate this to our own individual stories. We have been thinking about the problems that our characters will face and how they will be able to resolve them. We have, also, been writing the ending to our journey stories.

Over the last two weeks we have become scientists whilst looking at electricity. We have started to look at what a circuit is and what a power source is. Equally, we have been identifying the differences between what a conductor and insulator is and the materials associated with each category.



What we are learning about next – In Maths, we have finished our multiplication and division topic and we will start to begin to look at the area of rectilinear shapes.

In English, we will be looking at poetic features whilst studying different types of poetry. We will learn a poem, discuss what affect it has on the audience and eventually write our own poem.

In Science, we will be continuing with our electricity topic and we will be introducing Makey-Makey boards!

Year Group Updates

Zinc 5 Iron 5 - In Year 5 we are busy being creative whilst also making great progress in Maths and English.

In English we completed the innovation of our discussion texts, where we wrote balanced arguments on whether boarding schools were a good thing or not. This challenged many of us to show our innovation skills as we improved our writing.

In Maths, we have been continuing to look at division of three and four digit numbers divided by 1 digit. We then worked out division questions with remainders which many of us enjoyed.

We have started to become creative in our DT lessons. We have designed our own Edwardian headpieces, scarves and brooches. We are currently cutting out a template in either felt, cotton or silk, where we will then stitch our creation together. Measuring and cutting paper and material accurately have been skills we have been practising, so please test us on this at home. As these creations grow we will then add sequins and ribbons.

The year group have been busy creating our school Christmas tree decorations and also our Robin activities for the Christmas air. Many of Year 5 are looking forward to their performance at the fair.

Many of the children enjoyed the recent bake off competition where some fabulous creations were devised.



What we are learning about next – In English we be creating our own story map of a persuasion text.

In Maths we will start looking at statistics, interpreting graphs and reading timetables and schedules. Please help us by encouraging us to read the TV schedule or bus timetable.

Year Group Updates

Mercury 6 & Platinum 6 - In Maths we have just come to the end of our focus on multiplication and division where we have embedded our skills in carrying out the operations. We have investigated different ways to find solutions and practised a range of methods to help us improve our skills and efficiency. With these skills, we have applied them to word problems and solved problems involving missing digits.

In English we have now moved onto creating our own portal stories. Our stories will involve a main character finding an unusual object and going back in time. We have started this journey by learning a portal story titled 'The Gas Mask'. To support us when we write our own stories we have learnt 'The Gas Mask' off by heart and can recite it using actions. We have also used the story to identify different punctuation and grammar features, investigating which are most effective and practising these in order to take them forward in to our own stories.

Our topic time has been filled with yet more art! We are finally finishing off our 'Art Nouveau' creations and have sculpted clay in to lamps and mirrors and bowls. Some of us have added shades on to our lamp stands using Paper Mache or fabric. Completing our designs we have used paints to add colour. We have also found a great use for paper bags which makes them more interesting and will look lovely on the Christmas tree in Garnet Hall!

During 'Anti-Bullying week' we celebrated difference by looking at what makes us different to everyone around us and discussed what our own perception of normal is. We listened to a clip of a boy who is disabled and tried to imagine what life may be like for others. We tried to create a paper plane with a disability—we found some harder than others.

In PE we are coming to the end of our term learning the skills of netball and have been perfecting our throwing and catching skills whilst considering how we move around the court. The two Year 6 classes have now come together to be involved in small matches so we can put all our skills to the test.



What we are learning about next – In Maths we are moving onto fractions and will be exploring all the different things we can do with fractions, including finding equivalents, simplifying, adding and multiplying.

In English we are continuing with our portal story by innovating 'The Gas Mask' with our own characters, objects and settings and writing these out using the 5 stages of a story.

Dates for your diaries

5th December 2016	Christmas Panto—Dick Whittington	All Day
6th December 2016	Year 2 Christmas Experience	
9th December 2016	School Disco	
	Key Stage 1	3.30-5.00pm
	Key Stage 2	5.15– 6.45pm
13th December 2016	Reception Christmas Performance	9.30am & 2.30pm
14th December 2016	Christmas Lunch	
15th December 2016	Year 1 Christmas Performance	9.30am & 2.30pm
16th December 2016	"Wear your Christmas Jumper to School Day"	
	End of Term 1	
19th December 2016 - 2nd January 2017	Term 2 Break	School closed to Pupils
3rd January 2017	School Re-opens	8.45am
12th January 2017	Open Morning - whole School	9.30 - 10.30am



Come and look around our school and see what we are doing!

Open Morning (for reception new intake Sept 2017)
Tuesday 15th November 2016—9:30am—10:30am

Open Afternoon (for reception new intake Sept 2017)
Wednesday 16th November 2016 2:00pm—3:00pm

Open Afternoon (Whole School)
Tuesday 22nd November 2016 —2:00pm—3:00pm

Open Morning (Whole School)
Thursday 12th January 2017—9:30am —10:30am

Open Afternoon (Whole School)
Thursday 12th January 2017 —2:00pm—3:00pm

Open Afternoon (Whole School)
Wednesday 3rd May 2017—2:00pm—3:00pm

Open Morning (Science Week)
Thursday 22nd June 2017—9:30am—10:30am

Open Afternoon (Science Week)
Thursday 22nd June 2017—2:00pm—3:00pm

We would like to invite current Parents/Carers and other family members to see what the children are learning.
Also come along if you have a pre-school child and would like to see what we offer.



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St Barnabas Church

- Christingle service Sunday 4th December 4pm
- Messy Christmas 17th December 10-12 in our church halls
- Crib Service Christmas eve 4pm
- Come along join us!



Christmas Card Competition!



Modeshift STARS, Think Travel and Gloucestershire County Council are running a Christmas Card Competition! Take part and win a chance to get your design **professionally printed**, so you can give it to all your friends and family for Christmas! It will also be included on your school website, as well as the Thinktravel and Modeshift STARS website, Facebook and Twitter pages! There will be 1 winner from each school.



To enter the competition, design your Christmas card in the box below, making sure you include the following:

- At least one of these: walking, cycling, scooting or any other form of active travel! Your design can show how much fun travelling healthily can be!
- Have a Christmas/winter theme! For example, snowflakes, a religious message or a Christmas tree.
- Have bright colours, black and white or have glitter – it's up to you!
- Draw in the space provided below – try not to go out of the lines, and make sure the logos at the bottom are not covered!
- Please hand this piece of paper back to your teacher BEFORE Monday 5th December



Good luck!

Name: _____ Age: _____

Class: _____ School: Calton Primary

