

Co Head Teacher News

How many times do you see pigeons in the area? I think I can guarantee that whenever I walk to school it is the one type of bird I see! Carrying on with my KS2 assembly theme of nature in this country we played 20 questions to guess that I was thinking of a pigeon (I was actually "wearing" a pigeon too – on my necklace)! The children needed to ask more questions this time but they were great ones – we had words like herbivore from Y3 children and eventually established that pigeons are omnivores.

I told the children to look out for a challenge in the newsletter in order to earn Dojo Points and here it is:

Create a poster or similar showing an A – Z of British birds

If you would like to rise to the challenge – whatever year group you are in - then please get all entries to school by Wednesday 3rd November.

In the meantime please enjoy the wildlife around us, whatever it is and wherever you are, listen for the birds singing and the signs that Autumn is here. We live in a beautiful world and whilst it is easy to see the things which seem wrong with it the more we notice the great things the more it brings us joy! Happy nature spotting.
Sarah Bunce

Sarah Bunce & Jane Barker-Doe, Co-Head Teachers



Calton Playgroup News

We have had another busy week and spent a good deal of our time using the outdoor areas watching the leaves on the trees change colour a sign of Autumn. We have been busy in the allotment weeding and digging preparing the soil for new plants. We have also been looking at the flowers and how they have changed into seed pods, which we have collected ready for next year. At Forest School we have been learning the rules and boundaries while sitting together in base camp. We have been exploring the area to find the best hiding places for when we play "1,2,3 Where are you"? We have taken risks climbing fallen trees and swinging from branches. Inside playgroup we have been discovering shadows and reflections using the torches as well as playing on the light box observing how the crystal stacking blocks change colour. Mark making using various materials and making wonderful creations with the play dough.

Reminder All children need to bring a named coat to playgroup and wear layers as the weather is getting colder now.

This week's song:



***A little old lady with a pointed hat,
Knocked on my door with a rat-a-tat-tat
I peered through the window to see who was there,
And off on her broomstick she flew through the air***



Could I ask you to email or send in a family photograph for our family board? The photographs encourage speech and language as well as listening skills and turn taking.

Juliet our lunchtime partner will be leaving on Thursday. We'd like to thank her for her support at playgroup and wish her good luck in her new venture.

Enjoy the changing of the seasons. Have a lovely weekend and perhaps go on a leaf hunt.

Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager

Key dates for your diaries



18th October	Y4 visit Cadbury World
19th October	Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 5.30pm
20th October	Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 6.30pm
21st October	Y3 Sapphire & Emerald Classes visit St Mary de Crypt Church
22nd October	Y6 Platinum Class assembly, 9.30am
22nd October	End of term 1
1st November	Start of term 2
2nd November	Y2 Magenta Class visit Skill Zone
3rd November	Y2 Indigo Class visit Skill Zone
4th November	Y2 Turquoise Class visit Skill Zone
5th November	Y6 Titanium Class assembly, 9.30am
10th November	Individual Pupil & Playgroup Photographs
12th November	Y2 Magenta Class assembly, 9.30am
17th, 18th, 19th November	Flu vaccination at school for all pupils (school nurses)
19th November	Y2 Turquoise Class assembly, 9.30am
23rd November	Y6 Height & Weight, School Nurses
26th November	Y2 Indigo Class assembly, 9.30am
17th December	End of term 2
4th January 2022	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
5th January	Start of term 3
12th, 13th January	Reception Height, Weight, Vision, School Nurses
14th January	Y5 Zinc Class assembly, 9.30am
21st January	Y5 Copper Class assembly, 9.30am
28th January	Y5 Iron Class assembly, 9.30am
4th February	Y3 Sapphire Class assembly, 9.30am
11th February	Y3 Ruby Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	Y3 Emerald Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	End of term 3
28th February	Start of term 4
11th March	Y4 Amethyst Class assembly, 9.30am
18th March	Y4 Topaz Class assembly, 9.30am
25th March	Y4 Diamond Class assembly, 9.30am
8th April	End of term 4
25th April	Start of term 5
27th - 29th April	Y4 Residential, Croft Farm
20th May	YR Yellow Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	YR Blue Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	End of term 5
6th June	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
7th June	Start of term 6
17th June	Y1 Purple Class assembly, 9.30am
24th June	Y1 Green Class assembly, 9.30am
1st July	Y1 Orange Class assembly, 9.30am
20th July	End of term (22nd July is in lieu of Bank Holiday - Queen's Jubilee)
21st July	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils

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.**

A nurturing, inclusive learning community that enables everyone to be their best

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Virtual Parents Consultations

**Tuesday 19th October 2021
3.30-5.30pm**

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www.caltonprimary.co.uk

Booking is now open and closes at 3pm on Tues 19th Oct

You will be need to book your Parents Evening slot on eSchools. Log in to eSchools from the home page of the school website **www.caltonprimary.co.uk**

The consultations will be delivered through Microsoft Teams and a link to access your Parents Consultation slot will be published on your child's Class page on eSchools.

The Parent Consultation 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.

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.

If you need support in accessing your eSchools page and booking a slot, the office will be happy to provide assistance on 01452 527689

FREE weekly coffee mornings at Calton every Tuesday 9am -10.30am

Drop children off and then go straight to Onyx.

All parents / carers welcome. Toddlers and babies welcome.

A chance to meet other parents, enjoy free coffee and biscuits

and each other's company.
See you there! Mrs Stella Smithson



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Stranger Danger

We recently received Information from Shire Hall about a possible incident in Gloucestershire.

Stay safe when out & about.
Remind children not to talk to strangers.



Playgroup & School Photographs

Wednesday 10th November 2021

We have the school photographer coming in on Wednesday 10th November to take individual pupil photographs. Playgroup children who are in on that day will also have their photograph taken. If your child does not attend playgroup on this day & you would like their photo taken, please speak with Jackie, Playgroup Manager.

Open Events for Sept 2022 intake

Reception Intake Meetings

Calton Primary School warmly invite prospective parents (Sept 2022 intake) to attend one of the following:

Monday 8th November 10 - 11am

Wednesday 10th November 2 - 3pm

Tuesday 16th November 10 - 11am

No need to book, just turn up!

We look forward to meeting you in November

OPAL

OPAL play at Calton continues to grow and we request if you have any donations of any of the following we would love to take them off your hands.

Please ensure they are all in working order;

- ride on toys
- outdoor paints
- small toys
- scooters
- pots and pans
- plastic buckets and spades



Sports Premium

What is Sports Premium? Each year Calton receive a Sports Premium allocation that we use to support the children in becoming more active and enjoying their play within the OPAL experience. This money helps provide more opportunities for fun, both as physical activity and team building experiences within play and PE. We continually replace and add to our equipment, provide opportunities to experience different sports and activities from our external partners.



FREE GARDENING EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR SCHOOL

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

What is "It's Good to Grow?"

"It's Good to Grow" is a schools programme to inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce.



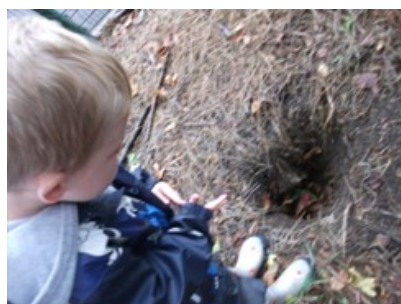
Playgroup Outdoor Learning

"I can do it, I can"



"I did it, look high I can swing high,

"Look what I found!!"



"You can't find me"

