

Co-Head Teacher News

As Calton **STARS** we have recently focused on developing our "**Skills**" and demonstrating "**Togetherness**". Now in assemblies and on the newsletter we are thinking about the meaning of "**Aspiration**". When I was a Reception child (a very long time ago – see the photo!) I had an ambition of what I wanted to be when I grew up. Can you guess what it was? That's right, I wanted to be a teacher for my job. I realised my dreams and achieved my goals by having support from my family and schools and of course, working hard! We want the same for all our children here at Calton Playgroup and Primary School and work with you all towards this. I wonder what all of our children would like to be in the future? Aspirations don't only mean the paid work which you would like. You are not only the job you do, for example I think my most important role is being mum to my two children – even though at times they may disagree with me, I would like to think they appreciate what I have done and continue to do for them, even though they are now grown ups themselves!

With all of this in mind here is a link to a BBC clip about what a good life is. The children have seen it during assembly and I think it is useful to share with you all, it's not very long, I urge you to have a look.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-what-is-a-good-life/z4rxjsg>

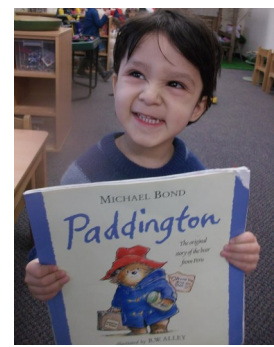
Sarah Bunce

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



Calton Playgroup News

What a busy few weeks we have had. We have continued learning about our feelings with the help of The Colour Monster and each other. We celebrated World Book Day on 3rd March and wanted to share just some of our gorgeous photos with you too! Vicky really impressed us in her full Mary Poppins outfit though she seems to have avoided her photograph being taken!



Next week we have The Big Walk and Wheel event, of which you can leave the children's bikes and scooters inside the allotment area. We have planting and Mother's Day activities planned and the school photographer is in on Wednesday morning at 9am for playgroup children. All playgroup children are invited to attend as arrangements will be made for children who do not attend a Wednesday morning to be dropped off at playgroup at the usual time of 8.50am and returned to their parent /carer straight after via the black gates that will be locked as usual at 8.55am. The process will take approximately 20 mins. More details will be emailed shortly.

All the best, **Calton Playgroup Team**

Key dates for your diaries



21st - 25th March	Big Walk and Wheel (<i>previously named Big Pedal</i>)
25th March	Y4 Diamond Class assembly, 9.30am
30th March	Y1 visit Multi Skills at Plock Court
30th March	CFA AGM, Garnet Hall, 3.30pm, all welcome
31st March	Reception/KS1 CFA Disco, 3.30 - 4.45pm
1st April	Y3 Emerald Class assembly, 9.30am
1st April	Y5 Wonderdome Experience (in school)
7th April	Y1 visit The Dean Heritage Museum
7th April	Y3 Explorer Dome (in school)
7th April	KS2, Y3&Y4 CFA Disco, 3.30 - 5pm
7th April	KS2, Y5&Y6 CFA Disco, 5.15 - 6.45pm.
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
25th May	Reception Height, Weight & Vision Screening (School Nurses)
26th May	Reception Height, Weight & Vision Screening (School Nurses)
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
22nd June	KS2 Sports Day 9.30 - 11.30am, parents invited
23rd June	KS1 Sports Day 9.30 - 11.30am, parents invited
24th June	Y1 Green Class assembly, 9.30am
29th June	Class photos
1st July	Y1 Orange Class assembly, 9.30am
13th July	Y6 production (time TBC)
14th July	Y6 Soak The Teacher (details TBC)
19th July	Y6 Fish & Chips and Disco (details TBC)
20th July	End of term
21st July	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
(22nd July is in lieu of Bank Holiday - Queen's Jubilee)	
9th November	Individual & sibling photos

Important information for Class Assemblies:

- **Entry and exit via Garnet Hall back doors** – parents and carers will come onto site via the gates next to the Reception Classes from 9.15am – 9.25am
- **No hot drinks are to be brought on site at any time please, including assemblies**
- **Pre-schoolers who may need a creche facility MUST be made known to Class Teachers in the days beforehand so that we can ensure provision is in place**

Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school before 9am (please press 1) 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 wherever possible.***

01452 527689 (please press 1) or email attendance@caltonprimary.co.uk to report any absences / appointments

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It's Disco Time!



Reception/Years 1 & 2 – Thursday 31st March 3.30-4.45pm

Years 3 & 4 – Thursday 7th April 3.30-5pm

Years 5 & 6 – Thursday 7th April 5.15pm-6.45pm

The cost to attend the disco is £3 per child.

Please complete the form on the letter and hand it in, with £3 payment, to CFA staff who will be under the Dutch Barn at the following times:

Monday 21st March 3-3:30pm

Tuesday 22nd March 8:30-9am

Wednesday 23rd March 8:30-9am

Thursday 24th March 3-3:30pm

Friday 25th March 3-3:30pm

Monday 28th March 8:30-9am

The deadline to pay for your child to attend the disco is **Monday 28th March 2022, 9am.**



Many thanks for your continued support
Nikki Bell CFA chairperson

DoodleMaths



Well done for working so hard on your Doodle Maths last week.

Top Doodlers of the week

Reception Sufyan, Aras

Year 1 Asma, Hephzibah, Hamza

Year 2 Mihaela, Tirth, Joey

Year 3 Lilianna, Ranish, Rayyan

Year 4 Tharuneka, Harveer, Mamadou

Year 5 Rhemmy, Leyla, Zaina

Year 6 Lily, Tobias



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Reception Dissani, Jacob, Liyanah, Mohid, Phoebe, Sufyan, Zane, Aiden, Aras, Henry, Huma, Oscar

Year 1 Asma, Cameron, Iggy, Imogen, India, Zahid, Ziyaad, Ely, Hephzibah, Layla, Lexi, Madany, Maryam, Aadam, Darcie, Dulcie, Hamza, Isabell, Olivia, Rhona, Thomas

Year 2 Mihaela, Alex, Eli, Jonah, Tirth, Aayan, Joey

Year 3 Austin, Damian, Isabella, Lilianna, Aalyan, Imogen, Jacoby, Ranish, Eesa, Jude, Kurai, Rayyan

Year 4 Almila, Tharuneka, Alexander, Bayley, Israel, Harveer, Sarah, Demi, Emmi, Mamadou

Year 5 Jonas, Christopher, Caleb, Rhemmy, Leyla, Tamsin, Julia, Dylan, Matthew, Rachel, Wiktar, Zaina

Year 6 Elizabeth, Kelsie, Lily, Tobias













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













Free



Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme Easter Holidays

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £30 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover both the two weeks of the Spring holiday. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

For parents who have already signed up, if more of your children have become entitled to free school meals since you applied, please contact us so we can update their amount, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers is now open until the 4th April. Voucher emails will be sent out between **6th and 7th April**. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by then please get in contact with us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit the [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#) page on our website.

HAF Project
Children and Families Commissioning Hub

Governing Board update

Following the 2 day visit from Ofsted in December Calton's Governing Board as part of the school's leadership and management team have analysed and discussed the report, in depth. We are working closely with the school and Local Authority, overseeing action plans, reviewing proposals as well as monitoring the progress. Whilst this is still in the early stages, we can already see positive outcomes from the work that has taken place to date.

Emma Richardson, Chair of Governors



Spring has sprung in the allotment in our memory garden which is supported through Winston's Wish bereavement support.

Families Gloucestershire Magazine Mar/Apr 2022

Here is the link to the current issue of Families Gloucestershire Magazine Mar/Apr 2022.

The magazine features activities and ideas to keep children occupied over Easter as well useful information and advice on parenting.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesgloucestershiremarchapril22?fr=sMmU1ZTQ3MjI4MjI>

Drumming Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play the drums please contact the drum tutor, Phil Guest, by email midlandsdrumlessons@gmail.com

Lessons take place at school during the school day



Sports News

Girls Football



Calton 3 Churchdown 0

We are in the final of the Girls Knock out cup!

On Wednesday, our girls headed out into the pouring rain to face Churchdown Junior School. Despite the soggy weather, the girls were in a fantastic mood and as always, they showed a remarkable sense of togetherness and team spirit. This showed clearly when we took a two goal lead in the first half. The second half was little tougher as the other team really stepped up their game, forcing our goal keeper to make multiple saves but we continued to press forward at every opportunity. This soon paid off with another goal and allowing us to end the game with a 3 - 0 win! We played superbly and I was extremely proud of their work ethic. We now head to the final on the 1st April!

We would be really grateful for your support at the final! **The final is on Friday 1st April at Longlevens Junior School with kick off at 5:30pm.** We would love for as many people as possible to come along and cheer our girls on.



Boys Football

The boys football team played their semi final against Field Court Juniors and won an exciting but nerve racking game 1-0.

The boys demonstrated great team work and controlled the game well. Sam scored a good goal and the team continued to create chances, but weren't quite able to score any more. They defended well as a team and communicated excellently, whilst Mr Coughlin might have been nervous the boys didn't show any nerves and continued to pass the ball around well and using the space to their advantage.



We move onto the final on 2nd April with our opposition yet to be confirmed. The boys should be very proud of themselves and deserve this after such a stop start season.



Big Walk and Wheel 21st March – 25th March 2022



We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in the Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel which begins on **Monday 21st March** (previously known as the Big Pedal).

We will be competing against other schools both locally and nationally. There are some great prizes for the winning school, so we do hope that we can win!

All children who walk, ride or scoot to school will receive 5 space team points for each day they do! Furthermore, there will be a **bling your bike competition** where children can decorate their bike or scooter at home. From the entries, the winners from each Key Stage will be announced. Each year group will have a specific day to ride their bike and scooter supervised outside on the playground for a set amount of time. Please try to ensure that your child's bike or scooter is in school for this.

Please ensure your child rides their bike safely and that a helmet is worn at all times.

Parking of bikes and scooters

Playgroup and Reception on the inside of the allotment fence

Year 1 in the front of playgroup wall on the playground

Year 2 outside Garnet Hall on the KS1 playground

Year 3 by the fence behind the Onyx

Year 4 in the alloy courtyard

Year 5 under the Dutch barn and bike shed

Year 6 along the fence outside the quiet area

Monday	Playgroup	Year 3
Tuesday	Reception	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 1	Year 4
Thursday	Year 2	Year 6



Gloucester Schools Sport Network are launching a **Commonwealth Games Art Poster** virtual Art Competition, the theme is the values of the games which are; Humanity, Equality, and Destiny.

We want inspirational designs, with uplifting messages and captivating ideas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGbCAC9DEEQ>

Humanity

We embrace all Commonwealth athletes, citizens, communities and nations

Equality

We promote fairness, non-discrimination and inclusion in all that we do

Destiny

Through impactful, high-performance sport, we help Commonwealth athletes, citizens and communities realise their aspirations and ambitions

Closing date is 1st April