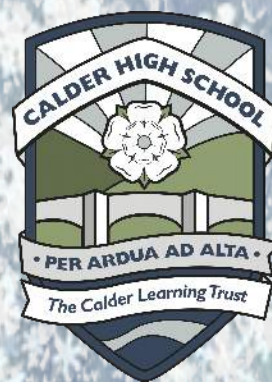


Calder Highlights

Winter Edition



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Happy Christmas from Mr Guise

Dear all and a warm welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter.

I hope that you get a flavour of the range of activities and events that take place alongside the routine of lessons and learning. This half term has seen the celebration of Year 8 and 9 students who have successfully graduated through the Calder Edge, a brilliant performance of 'Grease' by students across all year groups in main school and the traditional Christmas nativity, 'Hey ewel!' involving all the pupils from Calder Primary.



At the other end of school, Year 13 students are completing their mocks having submitted their University and apprenticeship applications. The Projects Abroad group are continuing apace with their fundraising for this year's volunteering trip to Senegal. Year 13 have settled in well to their new home in the LRC and have benefitted from improved access to a range of resources and staff to support their important final year. I am hoping that before the end of this I finally get to win a table-tennis match, having lost every game against them so far! I have put a table-tennis table on my Christmas list to try and get some practice in for the New Year!

The New Year will also bring with it teams of contractors on site for the next stage of the development of The Calder Learning Trust. The refurbishment of the Calder VI building to our new Calder Primary School is due to begin in January and then following swiftly on will be the building of the new teaching block. I am grateful to all the support from council officers, local councilors and our school community for finally making this work happen and look forward to sharing with you the grand unveiling!

So much of what happens in school, is as a result of the hard work and dedication of Calder staff. They never fail to surprise and impress with their commitment, passion and ingenuity in making Calder what it is today under the enormous pressures currently affecting state education. So, it was with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to two members of staff that exemplify this. Mrs. Lynda Blundell is leaving Calder to move back to Ireland to be closer to her family and prepare for the arrival of her second child. Lynda has been instrumental in the raising of standards at Calder and I am going to miss, not only her professionalism and excellence as a teacher, but also her friendship and support. The other member of staff is one of the many unsung heroes of Calder, Mr. Paul Wood. Paul is a one-man reprographics/printing/marketing designing and first aiding all-round Calder great who has secured a new post. He moves out of education to a local company designing and building bespoke safe spaces. We wish both Lynda and Paul the very best in their new ventures and hope that a little part of them will remain Calder.

As my own children tick off the days to the end of term and Christmas, I am struck by the change in their demeanor and marvel at how much nicer they are being, to each other and around the house. So unbeknownst to them I have already selected what their New Year's resolution is going to be, and that is to keep hold of a little piece of this festive cheer and 'be nice!'

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mr A Guise

Calder Primary News



Our Allotment



The children have been busy this term harvesting all their vegetables and fruits and clearing the site for winter. They have sold their produce to family and friends to raise money for our School Council project of purchasing new indoor playtime games and have also used some of their vegetables and herbs in cookery club sessions too. They also planted crocus bulbs around Redacre allotments and woods for Hebden Bridge Rotary as part of their work with Rotary International highlighting Polio eradication around the world.

Children in Need

Calder Primary held a 'do your thing for Children in Need' day where pupils dressed in spots, stripes, crazy hair and Pudsey clothing. The School Council also held a cake sale to raise money. Calder Primary made £98 towards the Calder Learning Trust total and their fundraising photos were also featured on the BBC Children in Need programme on the Friday night!



Anti-Bullying Week



The theme for anti-bullying week 2018 was 'choose respect'. Pupils started the week with 'Odd Socks Day', where pupils wore their odd socks to school to reinforce the message that we are all unique and equal and everyone should respect each other and their individuality. They took part in a variety of activities and assemblies during the week and learnt the odd socks song!

Cragg Challenge

28 children from Reception to Year 6 took part in the Collinge Climb as part of the Cragg Challenge weekend. Along with children from other local primary schools, they passed a special Cragg Vale Coiners baton from Royd's Ices in Mytholmroyd up to the top of Cragg Vale where they handed over to Calder High students to complete the climb to the reservoir. The relay was a great success, beating the time set for 2017 and showcasing what great runners we have in the Calder Learning Trust.



Remembrance

Pupils from across Calder Primary collected lots of plastic bottles and recycled them to make a beautiful outdoor poppy display for



Remembrance Day 2018. We also sold a variety of poppies, bracelets and snap bands, raising £76.48 for the Poppy Appeal. Pupils also took part in the 2 minute silence across the trust.



Calder Primary News cont...

Guy Making

Calder Primary held their annual Guy Making event in the theatre where pupils worked in their house teams along with help from their families and staff to create four unique Guy Fawkes models. Mr Nelson, who organises the Cragg Vale Bonfire, then joined us for a special Friday family assembly where he judged which Guy was the winner and would sit on top of the bonfire. This year Elphin house were victorious, but the other three Guys also joined around the base of the fire and lots of pupils and families went along to the community event. We also celebrated Mr Nelson's birthday as he turned 90 on Bonfire Night this year!

Singing on the Station



On Monday 3rd December, Calder Primary joined with the Mytholmroyd Station Partnership and other local schools to take part in the annual Singing on the Station event. Pupils entertained commuters and invited guests - including the Mayor of Hebden Royd and Santa Claus himself - with their carol singing in Mytholmroyd, on the trains and in Sowerby Bridge. Our pupils not only sung beautifully but also signed some carols too and received some lovely comments along the way.

Nativity

This year our Key Stage 1 Nativity is 'Hey Ewe' which tells the traditional Nativity story from the perspective of a curious sheep! Our Key Stage 2 pupils also performed the story of The Grinch and shared some favourite Christmas songs.

Rotary Shoeboxes



Pupils and families again supported this worthy cause, collecting lots of Christmas shoeboxes for the Hebden Bridge Rotary Club to distribute across Eastern Europe.



Going for Gold

Calder Primary have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for 2018, in recognition

of the high quality sport and fitness activities our pupils take part in – both during curriculum time and in after-school clubs, events and competitions. We are one of only a few schools to have been awarded this in Calderdale, so it represents a great achievement particularly for such a small primary school! Some of the events we have been part of this term include: hockey, cross country, dance, tennis and Junior Sports Leader training.



Parent Teacher Association Update

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA Race Night in October; the evening was a great laugh and a successful night raising over £400 in support of school initiatives. On that note, I am pleased to announce the PTA received bids from the faculties listed below and agreed to fund:

- £680 to Art/DT to contribute towards silk painting workshops, a heat press and electronic equipment.
- £319 to the Science department towards the cost of visualisers
- £150 to the Maths Department to support enrichment trips
- £250 to the PE department to contribute towards new goal posts and nets



This is a substantial amount for our first donation and we hope with your support to be able to do it again soon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Chair, Sarah Eccles. We have a great team on the committee and, I am sure you will agree, have been very effective. There are many ways you can help, by attending a PTA meeting, supporting the events, donations direct to PTA via ParentPay or pass on your ideas and thoughts via email -

PTA@calderlearningtrust.com, - it all helps.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 31st January at 6.30pm in the Shoulder of Mutton in Mytholmroyd. More importantly, our next fundraiser will be the ever popular Fashion Night on Friday 1st March 2019, this is again in collaboration with the Overseas Project. Tickets can be bought from Hayley Morgan, Emma Byrne, Kate Drury or via ParentPay.

Thanks again and Merry Christmas from the PTA..

Kate Drury – Treasurer



Year 10 Students who go the Extra Mile

Alfie Pickles has helped to run an athletics club in the summer holidays and been involved in preparing and cooking food, (something he enjoys at home and as part of his part time job). He has been part of the football activities in school and will be on a camping weekend for his outdoor skills. He'd recommend the Duke of Edinburgh to everyone as it helps with practical and confidence skills.



Sophie Pang took part in a Tang Soo Do competition in Nottingham. Tang Soo Do is a form of Korean martial arts which combines elements of Shotokan karate, Subak, Taekkyon, and Kung Fu. Sophie won a silver medal for her fighting/sparring and a gold for her Basai forms which concentrates on exact sequences of movement. Well done Sophie!



Chloe Latham is a hard working student with an impressive set of sporting skills both in and out of school. She became interested in football as her Dad and brother are avid Newcastle fans. This led to her playing for a Huddersfield youth team. She also takes part in target shooting, running, rugby and swimming when she can. Her school work has now taken priority, but she still manages a paid position teaching young children to play tennis at Todmorden Sports Centre. She has an excellent record in school and will continue to succeed in her chosen field whatever it is.



Charlotte Priestley plays Baritone Sax with Hebden Bridge Junior Band and in November she won a trophy and was named their Young Musician of the Year in a competition which is held annually. She also plays for Yorkshire Youth Band.



Miss Fox

First Give at Calder



During the first two Learning for Life (L4L) Days this academic year students throughout Year 9 have been taking part in an initiative called First Give. This education programme is the culmination of an idea from a number of Foundations from around the UK. Students in each tutor group work through eight lessons developing their understanding of social action, charitable causes, issues and actions which can be taken. They then broke up into small groups within their form to prepare a presentation about an issue they wanted to tackle. Having delivered these within their Tutor Group a democratic vote is taken and one group's issue becomes the focus for the whole form.

The whole form worked together on either raising awareness of their issue or charity or instigated and took part in a fund raising event. The 'winning' team went forward to the Final held on Thursday 29th November in the afternoon. Eight teams were taken off timetable in the morning and rehearsed with a member of First Give during the morning before delivering their presentations to the whole of Year 9, invited guests from the various charities and panel of judges which included, Councillor Jane Scullion, Andrew Potterton from Leeds Enterprise Partnership, Isaac Jones from First Give and Mr Taylor, Deputy Head.

Mr Guise couldn't resist popping in to see the students' presentations and was able to join in the congratulations as our students 'performed' amazingly.

Well done to 9JPN who delivered the winning presentation and the winning charity was Smartmove who work with vulnerably house and homeless families throughout Calderdale. Smartmove will receive a cheque for £1000 from First Give to continue their work.

Mr Taylor thanked our students and told them that it was the best thing he'd seen at Calder and how proud he was of all of the students. It was an excellent afternoon and one which demonstrated what great things our students can do. **Mrs J Healey**



9MHD Charity Fundraisers

Recently form 9MHD has chosen a charity as a part of a Learning for Life day topic. The charity that we have chosen is St Augustine. Saint Augustine is a Halifax based charity that aims to help anyone in need. They often help asylum seekers and refugees with the basic skills to help them get around British daily life and get citizen ship even though there is an overwhelming amount of prejudice towards them. The help that they provide is simply amazing and they have made safe and secure place for hundreds of vulnerable people. They have multiple programmes including a language class and employability housing and welcome projects for those who have just arrived



here. One of the main facilities they have is the café that welcomes anyone. They encourage people from different cultures to share their cooking skills with everyone else.

We hope to raise awareness for this great charity so we can win £1000 and keep their amazing work going.

Mrs Halstead Form Teacher

9KSR Sponsored Silence

The students in 9KSR have been busy doing a charity fundraiser this week. On Monday 19th November, thirteen students took part in a sponsored silence to raise money for the Mental Health charity, Healthy Minds. This is part of the First Give project we have been busy completing during Learning for Life day which involves competing with other forms in a bid to win £1000 for our chosen charity. We chose Healthy Minds as we feel that mental ill-health is a social issue affecting many people in our local area.

Staying silent throughout the whole day was a challenge for the students but they persevered and managed to raise a whopping £40.61. £8.70 was the most raised by one individual. Well done Leo! Students wore signs on the day explaining to their teachers why they were silent and each collected donations in a plastic wallet. At break-time and lunch-time, students could speak to allow them to order food in the diner.

Everybody put in a great effort. It was quite a surprise that even the most talkative people managed and we are all extremely proud of what they achieved.

Our next Learning for Life day is coming up and we have invited a representative from Healthy Minds to come in and provide us with further information about the charity so that our final presentations that will go before the judges are as good as they can be.

Maya and Katie 9KSR



Children in Need Day

Once again the annual Children in Need Day was actively supported by students at Calder High. The day was a non-uniform day for all year groups and a variety of fundraising activities took place at lunchtime. While Year 7 students completed their tutor group 'small change outline' other members of the staff and students fired penalties against a hapless Mr Zallmann in the gym. Good times were had by all and we raised £1123.35 for a very good cause. **Well done everyone!**



Riot Act Theatre and Road Safety

This month the whole of Year 7 attended a specially extended assembly to experience a workshop and drama production delivered by local based theatre group 'Riot Act'. This publicly funded organisation aims to promote Road Safety awareness to



young people. This is a particularly important issue as traffic accidents represent the leading cause of death for young people in the age group of 11-16. Students enjoyed the humorous way in which a serious message was delivered and impressed our visitors with their eloquence and willingness to participate in the workshop. Staff even noticed students discussing the assembly when crossing the road on their way home after school – job done! **Mr Washington**

Calder High Year 13 Overseas Project 2018

After 18 months of hard work and fundraising, nine Year 13 students and three staff members travelled to Cape Coast, Ghana in July to carry out two weeks volunteering work in a local school primarily with the three kindergarten classes.



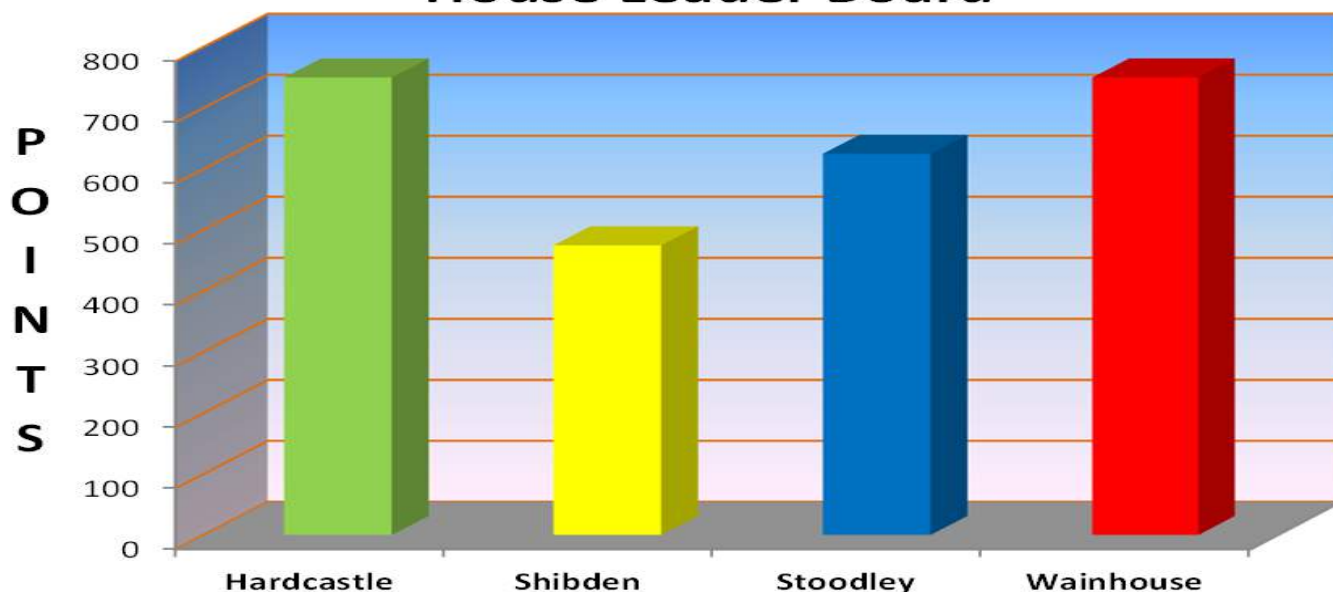
The student volunteers worked at the Mpeasem AME Zion Basic School on the outskirts of Cape Coast. It was an amazing experience with the majority of the work taking place with the kindergarten students. The school day ran until 1.30pm and we spent the whole morning teaching and playing games during break time with students from all classes. The teachers at the school were fantastic as they teach with such passion and enthusiasm. The majority of teaching English was done actively through song and dance with a bit of written work. Our students took the lead after the first day and thrived in the classroom, gaining an understanding not only in how to teach but coming out of their comfort zone and getting involved with students outside the classroom.

In the afternoons we donned our overalls and the whole group picked up their paint brushes to paint the outside of the kindergarten block. One of the older students in the school proceeded to design a mural for the outside of the block for us to paint. The local children were happy to help and we came back from washing paintbrushes to find them painting the walls as well.

During the first weekend we were taken to Kosa staying at the Paradise Beach Resort. Here we relaxed; played beach games, ate and watched the sun set. This was an incredible experience as we stayed in little beach huts that were just metres from the beach. The following weekend we had the experience of visiting the Kakum National Park and completing the canopy walkway, a must if you are in the area. On the same weekend we visited Cape Coast Castle and had a guided tour around the grounds. This was a very interesting and emotional tour and our whole group gained a lot from it and understood more about Cape Coast and the area's involvement in the slave trade. We would definitely recommend visiting Ghana not only for the beautiful scenery and the activities but for the unforgettable people. All of the local people were very welcoming and happy. We had the luxury of staying with a host family who were friendly and warm. All our meals were provided for us and our experience was enhanced with our stay at their house. **Miss K Robinson**

House News

House Leader Board



Finished Events 2018

Year Group	Event	Month	Boys/Girls
Year 7/8/9	WoW word	Ongoing	B/G
Year 8	Bench Ball	October	B/G
Year 7	Bench Ball	October	B/G
Year 7	Orienteering	October 16 th	B/G
Year 8/9	Rugby Union	November	B/G
Year 8/9/10	Netball	November	Girls
Year 9	Football	November	Boys
Year 9	Poppy Appeal	November	B/G
Year 7	Football	December	Boys
Year 7	Football	December	Girls
Year 7	I.C.T. Task	December	B/G

Events For 2019

Year Group	Event	Month	Boys/Girls
Year 7/8	Chess	January	B/G
Year 8	Football	February	Boys
Year 8	Football	February	Girls
Assorted	Science Quiz	March	B/G
Assorted	Cake Bake	Easter	B/G
Year 7/8/9	Bake-Off	May	B/G
Year 10	Business Project	June	B/G
Assorted	Calder's Got Talent	June/July	B/G
Year 7/8/9	House Day	July	B/G



As all of you will know, this term has seen the introduction of ClassCharts within the school as a cost- effective and environmentally friendly replacement to the planner. More importantly, ClassCharts greatly helps teachers with their teaching, students with their learning and parents with keeping in touch. Rewards and sanctions are recorded with more precision and clarity, while students and parents benefit from having detailed descriptions of homework assignments with the added benefit of electronic attachments where necessary. Feedback from all stakeholders has been extremely positive. To date over 99% of students have accessed their account and over 650 parents have done so too. If you have not, please do contact the school for your login details as soon as possible. Perhaps most pleasing of all is the number of students that 'everybody, everyday' do the right thing. The names listed below are those students who have yet to get a single negative sanction. This is an incredible achievement – very well done to you all!



Kennedi Adams	8NOM	Tilly Farman	7KCS
Honey Andrews	8LHK	Saad Farooq	7KCS
Lizzie Ashman	11MHT	Jacob Ferguson	8MMN
Daniel Bagnall	8NOM	Louise Fielden	11PPN
Bella Bairstow	8RQY	Alice Foulkes	8NOM
Jude Baldaro	10MGD	Joss Francis	11GES
Caitlin Barker	8LHK	Rosey Galvin	7ACS
Evelyn Batty	8RQY	Alice Glover	9JPN
Meredith Batty	9RCN	Aster Gray	9RCN
Mahni Beck	8MHN	Oliver Griffin	7ACS
Harry Bedford	8MHN	Leela Guha	8MHN
Harrison Bennett	7COD	Ruby Hargreaves	7RFW
Kate Bennett	8GWB	Lola Harper	7COD
James Binns	11MHT	Erica Harrison	7NBN
Katie Binns	9JKN	Lacie-Maye Hart	7SEM
Tom Bolton-Gould	7RWN	Millie Hart	9KCH
Alesha Bottomley	7RFH	James Hartley	11LBL
Sam Bradshaw	9JPN	Rebecca Haworth	8MHN
Maia Brice	7KCS	Tibby Healey	7SEM
Jarrood Brooke	7KCS	Edward Hemmings	7ACS
Iliana Carcamo-Mccaskill	8RQY	Oliver Henderson	8MHN
Lucy Coneron	10SGY	Lily Heys	10TCN
Alfie Cooke	7RFH	Lula Hirst	7VHT
Millie Cooling	11PPN	Ben Hodgkinson	7VHT
Eric Cunningham	9JKN	Ione Howard-Simpson	10SGY
Hayden Davey	9KCH	Lola Howard-Simpson	8GWB
Beth Davies	9RCN	Esther Hulme	9JPN
Georgia Deavin	11PPN	Charley Hunt	7COD
Danny Deavin	7RWN	Saara Iqbal	9KSR
Daisy Deighton	8MHN	Ella Johnson-Renshaw	7RWN
Zac Diplock	9KCH	Ella Jade Joyce	11RHL
Christina Dole-Ayuso	7RFH	Ben Julian	7COD
Amelia Dootson	7RFW	Jane Kaimacuata	7RWN
Seamus Dower	11RHL	Aman Khan	8NOM
Ailbe Draper	7RWN	Alice King	8RQY
Mali Duggal	8RQY	Katie Kipping	7SEM
Jack Edmondson	10LHN	Olaf Klepacki	8NCR
Billie Elwen	7RFH	Hollie Knowles	10TCN
Harry Emmett	7RFH	Lilia Lane-Williams	8RQY
Isabella English-Burns	11PPN	Chloe Latham	10MGD

Ellis Law	7RFW	Izzy Scott	7KCS
Isla Lay	7NBN	Amal Shahid	8NCR
Rosie Leach	10LHN	Isobella Shaw-White	9JKN
Isla Lee-Grant	9KCH	Grace Shepherd	8MHN
Milly Lord	11MHT	Bruklin Skura	7RWN
Amelie Lord	8GWB	William Smee	8LHK
Jack Lord	8RQY	Imogen Smith	7RWN
Nona Love	7KCS	Sylvie Smith	7SEM
Madison Lund	8NCR	Ella Smith	8MHN
Jasmine Lund	9KCH	Eve Spensley	7ACS
Georgia Marsden	8SCS	Eleonor Spruce	9MHD
Ethan Marsden	9JPN	Sarvesh Sridhar	8NCR
Alexander McCalla	7ACS	Mollie Stout	7NBN
Reece Mcdermondy	11MHT	Eli Sunderland	7RFH
Chloe Mcqueeney	11MHT	Rosie Sunderland	8RQY
Aisha Mehtab	7RFH	Brooke Sutcliffe	7RWN
Omayr Mirza	11GES	Ruby Sutcliffe	8NCR
Charlie Moloney Wood	11GES	Megan Sutcliffe	8RQY
Joshua Morgan	9MHD	Jacob Swindells	7SEM
Edward Mortimer	7VHT	Louis Taylor	7KCS
Alice Myers	9JKN	Lauren Taylor	8NCR
Casey Naylor	8NCR	Pearl Terry	7KCS
Natalie Neale	8MMN	Shaneah Timewell	9AHN
Claudie Nicholson	9KCH	Heather Toye	9KSR
Imogen Noot-Williams	7RFW	Romana Truman	7RWN
Benjamin Ormerod	11JEM	Suzy Turner	8MHN
Tom Owen	7COD	Eleanor Tweed	8GWB
Iris Palmer	8SCS	Josh Wademan	8NOM
Sophie Pang	10CSE	Isabelle Walker	8SCS
Dexter Pearce	10CSE	Amelie Walker-Cotton	7NBN
Jade Pitchforth	11PPN	Evie Ward	7ACS
Demi Plaister	10SGY	Eve Ward	7KCS
Amber Poole	7VHT	William Waring	8MHN
Abbie Price	7RFW	Madeleine Whiteside-Smith	7RFW
William Priestley	11LBL	Alexandra Whitlow	8MHN
Mack Priestwood	9KCH	Joseph Whitworth	11MHT
Rosie Pritchard	7SEM	Alys Wiggan	7COD
Isobel Reed	9RCN	Molly Wilkinson	8MMN
Gracie Richards	9KCH	Emily Williams	8SCS
Eliza Richardson	7VHT	Jamie Willshaw	9KCH
Leah Ridings	10TCN	Cherry Wilmore	7COD
Lily Robinson	7RWN	Rosa Wilson	7NBN
Isabelle Rolls	9MHD	Jack Wilson	9JPN
Zoe Round	7COD	Tilden Windsor	9SMY
Liam Round	7KCS	Rose Winters	11PPN
Nadia Sajid	8NOM	Georgia Wood	8SCS
Isabelle Savage	8NOM	Jake Wood	9MHD
Skye Sayer	9KSR	Emelia Wright	7SEM
Katherine Scholefield	10TCN	Elizabeth Yates	7COD
Hannah Scholefield	11GES	Mala Yorke	8GWB

Christmas Celebration for Year 8 Leaders

The second Calder Edge Graduation took place on Tuesday 11th December in a packed theatre. Mrs Healey, organiser of the event, was delighted by the turn out of both students and parents. Having been welcomed with fruit punch and festive gingerbread, the guests of honour from 'Vision for Education' outlined the importance of employability skills that the Calder Edge promotes. Year 8 tutors also showed a real pride in their tutees and the achievements that they have made since the course started back in January. Since then, students have completed 10 tasks developing their Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication (LORIC) skills both in tutor time, lessons, extra-curricular activities and beyond.

Many congratulations to all those who have graduated and gained a certificate. Particular congratulations also to the Calder Edge Champions nominated by their tutor, many of whom are pictured below with our guests of honour. **Mr C Washington**



Vision for Education Calder Edge Champions
8MHN **Luqman Ali**, 8MMN **Jamal Shabaz**,
8GWB **Honey Cockcroft-Smith**, 8SCS **Isabelle Walker**, 8LHK **Caitlin Barker**, 8NCR **Eleanor Ritchie**,
8RQY **Mali Duggal** and 8NOM **Sabriah Saeed**



Grease the School Musical



"What happened to the Danny Zuko I knew at the beach?" With this energetic, bouncing musical, **Beatrice Webb** playing Sandy Dumbrowski introduces the main theme of summer love. Our Performing Arts students of Calder High transported us back in time where we experienced the excitement of friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in the 1950s.

The smooth Danny Zuko, played by **Elliot King** and his pals Kenickie (**Elijah Crowther**) and the T-Birds (**Tamsin Wickremeratne** and **Riley Nixon**) reunite for one last year of high school. Meanwhile, Frenchy (**Faye Greenwood**) welcomes sweetheart Sandy Dumbrowski to her group The Pink Ladies, which includes bad girl Rizzo played by Jess Paine, hungry Jan (**Gabbie Graham**) and the girly girl Marty played by **Tabitha Bell** who sang the iconic song 'Freddie My Love'. At the heart of the story is the romance between the popular heart throb Danny Zuko and the sweet new girl in tow, Sandy Dumbrowski. They had a secret romance in summer, but now back in the context of school, peer-pressure and cliques make their love a bit more complicated. Can Danny maintain his cool dude status and still make demure Sandy his girl? The whole gang of Year 7 to 11 students sing and dance around Danny and Sandy's romance through such hit songs as "Greased Lightnin'", "We Go Together" and "High School Hop".

An impressive cast of 70 students from Year 7 to 11 all came together to produce a fantastic, unforgettable performance which had the audience in stitches, not to forget **Josh Wademan** who played the comical character of Vince Fontaine. We would like to specially thank students for their hard work for playing in the band **Karl Dexter Pearce**, along with teachers Mr Dobson, Miss Peers, Mr Keegan, Miss Cocker who helped support this with lunchtime, after school rehearsals and commitment to the show. A massive thank you to all students involved in the show from leading cast, chorus, dancers, singers to the amazing technician team (**Will Prestley** and **Tilden Windsor**). None of this production would have been able to happen without any of the cast, so thank you for all the hard work and commitment you have brought to the show over the last 10 weeks. Finally, thank you to all the teachers involved and expressive arts team providing set design, photography, costumes, props. We are all very proud of the work ethic and resilience of the students here at Calder High School. Well done! **Miss Cocker**



History Trip to Berlin



Twenty nine GCSE History students flew from Manchester airport in the very early hours of October 26th and arrived in Berlin (very sleepily) at around 10am. From there the students were taken to their brand new hotel which was situated right next to the East Side Gallery and were able to take in the views of some of the most famous graffiti in the world – even though it had just begun to rain. During their four day stay in the capital city students saw many of the renowned Berlin landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Holocaust Memorial, the Luftwaffe building, Museum Island and what's left of the Berlin Wall. Students were able to gain a real feel for the city itself and helped us all understand German customs and culture – however a nine mile walk on the second day didn't go down too well with some of the students, but it did mean an earlier bed time for everyone that night.

The group also travelled outside of the city to one of the first concentration camps build by the Nazi Party and learned of the harrowing experiences of some of the prisoners there. From here students then visited the stadium used for the 1936 Berlin Olympics and were informed of its long and controversial history, as well as the more modern uses of the stadium which grabbed the attention of many of the football fans in the group.

On the final day students were able to gain an understanding of the importance of the Reichstag building, both during the Nazi period and its current use – however some members of staff did not enjoy the walk up the glass dome as much as some of the students!

The group had a fantastic experience and the History department hope to return again next year with the current Year 10 cohort. **Miss Woffenden**



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



The Duke of Edinburgh Expedition that took place with Year 11 students on 20th/21st October was part of a Pilot scheme which the D of E have been running over the course of the last few months. With the help of three members of staff who gave up part, or all of their weekend, the expedition took place in excellent conditions with the weather being kind to us throughout.

The seven students involved were Eliot Wood, Hannah Scholefield, Tessa Stocks, Tess Robinson, Amy Coaten, Henry Richardson and Jude Booth. These students have been regularly attending Monday expedition preparation meetings and have shown a real determination to be successful. We set off from Calder High School at 10am on a bright Saturday morning. The group worked well together and it was soon clear who the strong navigators were. Nearing the end of Midgley Moor, where the path drops down to Pecket Well, I could see that the group had left the Calderdale Way and taken an alternative route. This was an interesting choice, but proved also to be a good one in that it helped to build the confidence of the new navigators, Jude and Henry. The only major navigational issue all day was when Mrs Clay was unable to find Heptonstall Church where the group had decided to have lunch. She did, in fact arrive just as the group were setting off to continue the walk!

To avoid the road towards Popples Common the group were asked to navigate using footpaths to the Footbridge where the Pennine Way and Calderdale Way meet. This they achieved with little fuss. They arrived at The New Delight at 4pm and were delighted to have the entire campsite to themselves.

Staff had already pitched tents early on Saturday morning so were able to observe the students as they set up camp. It was interesting to note that although they had the whole of the campsite to choose from, they selected a slightly hilly part of the field and then two of the tents were pitched with the opening facing downhill, albeit not much of one!

Camp games mainly involved card games in the one, three person tent that the three boys were to share. This went on until about 5pm when they decided that they should consider food before it went dark. Most pairs had decided upon a pasta themed meal with either a sauce of some kind



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition cont.

or a tin of fish. One group was far more adventurous and included chorizo, crème fraiche, pasta and other freshly chopped up ingredients to add to the dish! Very impressive Eliot!

Mealtime finished at around 6-30 and students went back to playing cards. They amused themselves after tidying up the cooking stoves and sorting out the tents. They were asked to go back to their own tents at 10pm and did so without any fuss. I cannot say that they were asleep until after midnight but they were generally quiet and respectful.

On day two the group were awake and chatting at 6.30am. They seemed in good spirits and were quickly up and making breakfast and drinking tea. After some last minute packing away of tents, the group were ready to leave at 8.40. They met in front of the New Delight pub and decided who would be the first navigators. Their first task would be to find the Pennine Way which would take the group up on to Heptonstall Moor. I was roadside support on the Sunday so headed off to the next road crossing point at Widdop Road Carpark. In reality I parked up and walked up to watch them navigate on the moor top as it was quite misty. They made no mistakes and Amy and Tess continued to navigate down to the carpark.

From New Bridge the group had a fifteen minute break before taking on the climb up to Pecket Well. I drove up and watched them cross before continuing my way to Calder High School, parking up and walking back on the route to meet them for the final stretch.

The group were in great spirits and arrived back at Calder High School at approximately 12.45pm. They had navigated well throughout the two days and walked strongly, especially on day two with slightly lighter packs. Congratulations go to Amy, Tess, Tessa, Hannah, Eliot, Henry and Jude.

Finally, massive thanks to the staff that helped out. Without them giving up their weekend it would not have been possible. **G Webb Duke of Edinburgh Leader**



 THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Proud of our Young People

Our Head Boy & Head Girl, Josh Brier and Lucy Gilling, attended the Mytholmroyd Remembrance Day Parade on behalf of the school on Sunday 11th November. Along with many other students they joined a huge number of people who wished to show their respects by marching through the village to the Memorial Gardens.

Lucy and Josh laid a wreath on behalf of Calder students watched by former students and their families and current students in the Scouts, Police Cadets and Brass Band.



Remembrance Bunting



1918-2018 First World War Armistice Commemoration *"Lest we forget"*

Calling all schools, societies, clubs,
craft groups, individuals, everyone!

Create a Poppy!

To be displayed in Halifax Town Hall
during Remembrance Week

Poppies can be crafted out of any material:
paper, wool, metal, plastic, wood, fabric, glass, clay, etc.
Size: to fit on a window sill
Bunting will also be welcome

Exhibits to be judged by
The Mayor & Mayoress of Calderdale

Drop your poppies at the Town Hall on Friday 2nd November 2018 between 5 & 7 pm
For more information contact Cllr Marilyn Greenwood 01422 374090
or email councillor.mrgreenwood@calderdale.gov.uk



Year 11 visit Alke Schmidt Exhibition



In October our Year 11 students were lucky enough to be invited to attend an exhibition and artist led workshop based on the work of Alke Schmidt at Bradford Industrial Museum. It was an exciting day where they learned about the work of the artist. She has been inspired by textile production and the neglect of the workers involved. The students created expressive drawings from the work during the workshop which led by Bradford based artist Naseem Darbey, who specialises in stitch drawings in both two and three dimensions.

Upon their return to school students created exciting canvasses inspired by the artists work and textiles influences. The students had a fantastic day and learned greatly from the experience. The work produced will make part of the portfolio of work for their GCSE course. **Mrs Oldham**



Youth Rise Rooted With Live Wild



Youth Rise Rooted was a pilot project run by Live Wild, a local Wilderness Education Organisation based in Calderdale. (www.livewild.org.uk).

The project was designed to work with teenagers in the outdoors to enable them to build practical skills in bush craft and nature awareness alongside improved social and emotional well-being. The programme combines the therapeutic environment with a nature connection programme of learning that supports the young people to address difficult issues around identity, self-esteem, grief, belonging, friendship and self-expression. Using a range of activities and games which included tree climbing, den building, fire making, whittling and sitting still and alone for short periods of time, the young people were able to explore new areas of interest, develop new skills and find confidence in things that they had never had the chance to try.

The programme included 14 boys and 14 girls from years 8 and 9 from Calder High School. It took place once a week from September and culminated in an exciting 3 day camp at Heightgate Hostel near Todmorden in October just before the half term, where all the skills that the young people had been learning were put into practice. They planted over 100 trees as part of a land restoration programme which was part of the project aims to generate social action for change. They also experienced a night quest where they each chose a spot outside on the hillside and sat still and alone at dusk for 1 1/2 hours. It was very challenging for some of them but the stories around the fire afterwards revealed a beautiful sense of accomplishment, joy, pride and connection.

Feedback about the project from all the students was very positive with most reporting a greater love for the outdoors, greater sense of connection to the local woodlands, improved self-esteem and identity, better friendships and a desire to do more activities in the outdoors in the future and be part of a sustainable future.

Leona Johnson from Live Wild says "hopefully this will be the first of many. We strongly feel that all teenagers will benefit from supported time in nature, where they get to push their boundaries and explore appropriate risk taking in a safe way. They also get to contribute to society in a healthy way. As a way of balancing the overpowering domination of screen based culture, through this programme they have been able to develop a better sense of who they are and what they want in the world, with time to reflect and just be themselves in the natural environment".

This project was made possible through funding from Pennine Prospects and Community Foundation for Calderdale. For More details about the project email Leona at info@livewild.org.uk

Sheffield United Football Club Academy

During this term, Mr Guise and I visited the Sheffield United Football Club Academy to see how the club works alongside schools to give their young players the best advantage to experiencing life as a football whilst being a full-time student. Two students from Year 8, Nile Ayub and Billy Blacker, play for the Academy meaning they have at least 3 training sessions a week with matches across the country at the weekend. The boys travel to the Academy after the school day, showing true commitment to their passion of football. **Mrs Byrne**



Going for Gold

Calder High School is very proud to have its own international wrestling champion in Year 7! Incredibly, Danoush Jowker in 7KCS has won six gold and one silver medal in just the past 8 months. Danoush, who trains four times a week at Manchester Wrestling Academy, is a member of the national under 13 wrestling team and has been British Champion in his weight category (27-28kg) for the past two years. Danoush's success is testimony to his dedication and hard work. His achievements so far in sport have been nothing short of amazing and we wish him further success in the future.



PE Round-up

Cragg Challenge

In September, a number of students took part in the second Cragg Challenge organised by Cragg15, a community group. The group was formed to continue the impact and enjoyment from the Tour de France racing through Mytholmroyd and Cragg Vale in July 2014. Students took part in the Collinge Climb, this involved children from local primary and secondary schools working together to get the baton to the top of Cragg road in the quickest possible time. In 2017 students set the time of 43 min and 9 seconds, which was going to be difficult to beat. This year the students smashed the time and completed the event in just 35 minutes and 47 seconds. A fantastic achievement by all those involved, congratulations!

Participants were: *Katie Kipping, Anna Mason, Imogen Noot-Williams, Amelie Walker-Cotton, Lily Senior, Annabel Gosling, Challa Abhisaun Reddy, Elizabeth Yates, Nona Love, Alexander McCalla, Danny Deawin, Harry Hartley, Ellis Law and Savannah McLaughlin.*



English Schools Fell Running Championships



The championships were hosted by Giggleswick Grammar School, near Settle. The Year 7 boys team produced our best ever performance, finishing 2nd Nationally. (pictured: **Caleb McNulty, Charlie Pickens, Seth Howson, George McFie** and **Tom Owen**).

Other excellent performances were from Maya Brunt and Joe Hobbs both in Year 9 and both came in the top 20 nationally. Ben Thomson, our only Year 10 was sick afterwards, so well done Ben.

GCSE PE Assessment Weekend

In November, GCSE PE students spent the weekend at High Adventure as part of their practical assessment. Over the 3 days, students took part in a number of both cycling and climbing activities which included a 10 mile bike race a speed climb and the tricky bike rollers. Students worked extremely hard over the whole weekend showing determination, resilience and perseverance which resulted in some excellent practical grades.

The 10 miles cycle race concluded with an exciting battle for first place between **Diarmuid Pritchard** and **Kyle Statham**, with Kyle just beating Diarmuid to the line. **Emily Kaye** performed well throughout the weekend and was awarded with Student of the weekend by the High Adventure Instructors. Well done to all the students who attended, you were a credit to the school.



Netball

It has been an absolute superb first half of the season for the netballers with record numbers attending week in week out and record numbers representing school. All students have

progressed well in their positions and other positions. It has been really pleasing to welcome so many new Year 7 to the squad and fantastic to see new students taking it up in Years 8 and 9. The season runs until Easter 2019 so there are plenty of fixtures still to be played including tournaments for Year 7 – 9. Please continue the good work and keep attending training.



PE Round-up cont...

Football

This year Calder High School has been in a strong Calderdale football league. It consisted of the top 7 schools in Calderdale, with fixtures starting the first week in September and finishing in early November.

The Year 7 lads played 9 aside and had a very impressive start beating Brooksbank 3-0.

Throughout the season they managed to win 2, draw 1 and lose 4. In the cup competition they beat Brooksbank again and have now progressed through to the quarter finals.

Our Year 8 team continued the progress of Year 7. They have won all 7 league games, scoring 40 goals and only conceding 8. They had to show great character and resilience during the games against Brooksbank, Rastrick, Ryburn and North Halifax who all put up a great fight. The Year 8 team will hope to emulate last year's success in the cup as they are the current holders. They have a bye in the first round and will play the next round in early 2019.

The Year 9 football team had a good season winning 4 games, drawing one and losing 3. They were extremely unfortunate in the 3 games that they lost, with each game losing by one goal. We feel that if we had a little more composure and converted some of the chances in these games, then we could have challenged for the title at Year 9. We now have a first round cup fixture against Crossley Heath at home, which is an opportunity to right a few wrongs as this is one of the teams that we lost to in the league. We look forward to welcoming Crossley Heath in early 2019.

The Year 10 team has had a challenging year as they played very strong competition. They put in some good performances but didn't manage to convert their opportunities and score the goals needed to win the games. They have played the first round of the Calderdale cup and were beaten by Brighouse 3-0. As the Year 10 team progress into Year 11, they will not play in a league format due to GCSE examinations and therefore will just be entered into the Calderdale cup in 2019.

Hockey



"I am over the moon to announce that Year 8 student Honey Cockcroft-Smith has been selected to play netball for Calderdale. Honey had to go through a challenging selection process which was both exciting and nerve-wracking but with a fantastic outcome! Honey plays for the school netball team too and trains with the Calderdale squad every Wednesday. Well done Honey, you deserve every success!" **Mrs Byrne**



Just like the netball, we have had record numbers attending training and representing school at the U13 age group (Years 7 and 8). The team gained their first win of the season with a 3-0 win which was brilliant. Some fantastic team play allowed Honey Cockcroft-Smith to get her first hat-trick in hockey. A huge well done to all involved and ready for the second half of the season after Christmas.

Izzy English-Burns has been selected to play for West Yorkshire Hockey after a number of successful trials. She has already played in her first county tournament where they did exceptionally well, winning 4 out of 5 games and only conceding 1 goal. **Mrs Atkins**



Calderdale Cross Country Championships

This year's Calderdale Cross Country Championships took place at Crossley-Heath on a very cold November afternoon.

Calder High School took three teams to the event, A Year 7 Boys team, A Year 8/9 combined Girls team, a Year 8/9 combined Boys team, as well as three Year 10 students who wanted to run.

Overall there were some fantastic performances on the day with many runners finishing in the top 12 which gives them automatic qualification to the West Yorkshire Championships in February.

In the Year 7 Boys race, Charlie Pickens was second, George McFie was fifth, Tom Owen was seventh and Celeb McNulty was twenty second.

In the Year 8/9 Girls race, Maya Brunt finished third, Savanna Mc Cloughlan was seventh, Amber Marsden was fifteenth, Megan Moston was thirty sixth, Millie Skelton was fifty fifth and Vari Tahir was fifty seventh.

In the Year 8/9 Boys race, Joe Hobbs was eighth, Leon Cruz-Wareing was ninth, Joe Gibbons was fifteenth, Malachi Mcgrath was nineteenth and Harry Mulvaney-Johnson was twenty first.

The three Year 10 Boys also ran well with Jude Baldaro finishing first in the Year 10 Boys race, Alfie Hudson was twelfth and Farrell Brown was thirteenth.

What was really encouraging to see was the fantastic effort that the students put in to the races.

In some cases it was hard work and effort all the way through the race but in other cases it was a result of hard work and training that has paid off. This was certainly the case for Charlie Pickens, George McFie, Tom Owen and Maya Brunt who have been beasting themselves in training throughout the year at Calder Valley Fell Runners on Tuesday evenings, as well as racing most weekends. To have 50% of the students that we took to the event qualifying for the West Yorkshire Championships is also an excellent result. Well done Calder, a really good performance.

Mr Webb.



It is with some sadness that I have designed and edited my last newsletter for Calder High. After many years of working at Calder High it is time for me to spread my wings and look for some new challenges. Over the years the newsletter has grown from two or three pages to last year's Summer Edition stuffed with an epic forty. I have been able to report on sporting success, musical prowess, championship debating skills, overseas trips and projects, too many fundraising events to mention and even a criminal conference! I would like to thank all the staff who have made these newsletters possible by giving me the pictures and text; I will even miss having to nag some of you for them though.

So after introducing many new staff to you through the newsletters, it is finally time for me to tell of one leaving as I say a fond farewell to Calder High. I shall miss you all. **Mr Paul Wood**