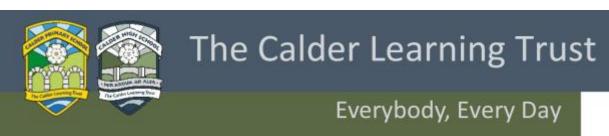


Calder Highlights Winter Edition 2020

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(Mr) Taylor Talks





Well this has been a very interesting start to my first term as Head of the Secondary Phase of The Calder Learning Trust. I can honestly say I could not have done it without the support of our fantastic team at The Trust, the students' resilience and the support from our parents to make the right decisions in these very testing times. Thank you to the anonymous parent that sent a hamper of sweet treats in a taxi to school with a thank you balloon, for staff, we will make sure staff receive these (see pic)

As the New Year and the availability of a vaccine approaches, we hope that life will get back to 'some' normality as soon as possible and we can resume the much needed support and opportunities that school cannot offer at this present time.

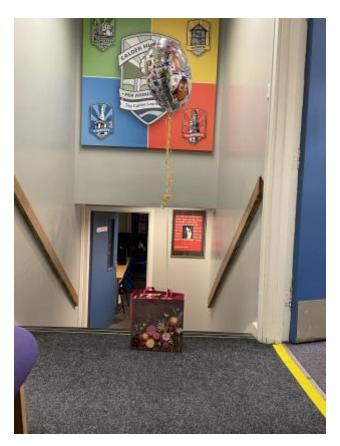
I've included, in the following photos, several highlights from this term which include some beautifully crafted seasonal sandwiches from Phoebe Pearson's Mum, staff still finding time to do charitable activities, a brass band finally established, students home working, the amazing receptionist/admin team and being lucky enough to work with Primary colleagues and pupils.

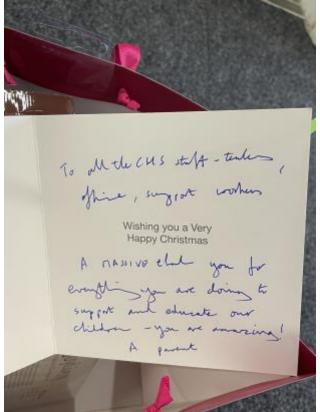
May I take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity with your comments regarding how we have managed over the last term and wish you all a Merry Christmas, happy holiday and a restful break over the Christmas season. I also wish you both happiness and health in 2021.

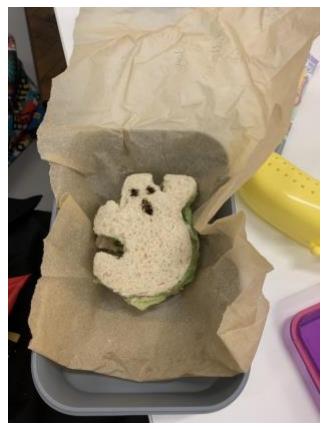
Mr Taylor

Head of the Secondary Phase

The Calder Learning Trust























Primary Matters













Calder Primary Class R and Class 1 performed the Nativity 'Whoops A Daisy Angel' outside in our playground. George and Skyla in Reception were Mary and Joseph, with the rest of Reception as sparkling snowflakes! Year 1 played the other Nativity characters and Year 2 were the narrators.



Key Stage 2 performed songs and carols, including signing Silent Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas, around the big Calder Learning Trust Christmas tree. The performances were filmed for the families to enjoy watching together at home.



This year we collected a record number of shoe boxes for Hebden Bridge Rotary 2020 Shoebox Appeal. This year the boxes will be given to families in need in Calderdale, ensuring children have Christmas presents to open on Christmas Day. Thank you to all the Calder Primary families who donated.

As is tradition, we held our annual Christmas Tree Dressing event at the beginning of December, but this year a class at a time came to the hall to all add a decoration each. Our oldest and youngest pupils then turned on our Christmas lights together. We filmed the event for parents to watch and included our favourite song 'The Happiest Christmas Tree' which we usually all sing together. You can see it on our Youtube channel, along with our 'Welcome to Calder Primary' video tour for prospective pupils https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyEDcifbmkVrsEM2oatPLUA?view_as=subscriber









A photo of the Handmade Parade 'We are Here' project which we recently took part in. Everyone contributed to parts of the background and set including the sun, rolling hills and cardboard houses. The collaborative film can be found on the Handmade Parade's YouTube and Facebook pages.









It would be fair to say both students and staff enjoyed their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9th December

Mrs Lambert

Super Sevens

Hello Year 7, I want to start by saying how immensely proud I am of the fantastic start you have made to your secondary school life. In very difficult circumstances you have begun a journey with an attitude and approach that has made me truly proud to be your Head of Year.

During the school closure, the Transition Team and I worked incredibly hard to ensure that your start in September was as smooth as it could have been and that you were well prepared for the challenges we all faced. As a year group, you have all risen to this challenge and shown the Calder family that you are incredibly resilient.

As the first term is coming to an end, I hope that you have enjoyed yourselves, even though things have been very different to how they would normally have been. Hopefully soon we will be able to enjoy some extra-curricular activities, trips and group work too!

Finally, I want to say a huge 'Well Done!' to Libby Crowther, Fabian Caine-Knight, and Phoebe Glover who are our top three merit earners, as well as the many students who have zero negative comments so far. Hopefully this fantastic work will continue in to the New Year.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a well-deserved rest over the festive break.

See you soon!

Mrs McLaughlin



Exceptional Eights

Hello Year 8!

I may have only been here for half of it, but it's certainly been a crazy term! I've been so impressed by the way that you have all adapted to the changes in school and have risen to the challenges that this term has brought. From having to do all your learning in form bubbles, not being able to socialise with friends in other year groups, missing more active group and practical work and even having to return to learning from home for a while, it's certainly not been the ideal start to Year 8, but you have made the most of it and I know you will continue to do so in 2021.

Also, a big thank you needs to go to Mr Zallmann for the excellent work he did as He ad of Year 8 before October half term. You'll still be seeing him around a lot though, so don't worry about missing him too much!

Let's make sure that over the Christmas holiday we take all the steps we can to keep our family and friends safe and that we return in the new year happy and rested.

Take care of yourselves, stay safe, relax and I shall see you all after holiday.

Mr Pyrah



Notable Nines

Well done Year 9, you have shown great resilience since returning to school in September and it has been extremely rewarding seeing so many of you growing into polite, well-mannered and responsible

young people. I hope you continue to work hard and fully engage with all the exciting opportunities available to you in school.

Usually, we would meet as a whole year group in assembly to celebrate some of the fantastic achievements you have made over the last few months. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this for now but please keep an eye on your Class Charts as I will still be awarding merits to many students.

A huge well done Iris McDonach Wells (9SH1) who has gained the highest number of positive comments so far this year with a whopping 660! What an amazing achievement.

A very well done to the following students with no behaviour points this term:

Iris McDonach Wells, Christina Dole-Ayuso, Tom Owen, James Aitken, Danny Deavin, Joshua Drabble, Edward Hemmings, Eve Spensley, Joshua Antcliffe, Alfie Hackett, Eli Sunderland, Katelan Beauchamp, Charlie Pickens, Tilly Farman, Holly Booth, Edward Mortimer, Ruby Hargreaves, Connie Holdsworth, Evie Marie Ward, Anna Mason, Bailey Cooke, Cerys Scott, Hana Heaton, Imogen Noot-Williams, Ellis Cooper, Tibby Healey, Rosie Pritchard, Emelia Wright, Jenna Green, Ellis Law, Hayden Bellenie, Imogen Smith, Imogen Matthew, and Char Crawshaw.

Keep up the good work, stay safe, take care, have a lovely break and see you next year!

Mr Hussain



Tremendous Tens

What a busy and unusual term we have just experienced! It was great to come back in September and see you all after 5 months away from school and I am really pleased to see so many of you have settled back in to the routine of school. When visiting lessons, I have been proud to see some really enthusiastic learning taking place, showing you are enjoying your GCSE option choices; I can tell most of you have really missed being in school for so long!

The Coronacoaster has not been without challenges though and I want you to remember that I am here to support you, whether you need help adjusting back to school life, need a chat at any time or you have any worries you would like to share –you can drop me an email, call in to see me in the office or ask your form tutor to let me know.

Please remember that our basic school rules have not changed and we do have some extra rules you need to be mindful of, such as, staying in your year group bubble at all times, wearing your mask (covering your mouth and nose) on corridors and in social areas and following the one way system. In the New Year, I would like to see an improvement in punctuality to school and any uniform issues rectified. You are required to wear your blazer (at all times), with a school jumper or school hoody underneath if you are cold, school shoes, a pleated school skirt of appropriate length and those top buttons must be fastened at all times! Please also be mindful that nail varnish and jewellery, other than a pair of stud earrings and a watch, are not permitted so you will be asked to remove bracelets, rings, nose rings etc.

Zero Behaviour Points

Well done to the following students who have not incurred any behaviour points this term:

Kennedi ADAMS, Daniel BAGNALL, Bella BAIRSTOW, Kate BENNETT, Asia BARMBY, Dillan BRATLEY, Rowan BRENNAN, Jasmine DU PLESSIS, Sam GOMERSALL, Leela GUHA, Umm-e HABIBA, Rebecca HAWORTH, Oliver HENDERSON, Aman KHAN, Alice KING, Jack LORD, Coral LUCK, Billy MARSH, Archie NAYLOR, Natalie NEALE, Nadia SAJID, William SMEE, Sarvesh SRIDHAR, Rosie SUNDERLAND, Ruby SUTCLIFFE, Isabelle WALKER, William WARING, Akasha WILKINSON-LAROSSI and Mala YORKE.

Highest Merit Achieving Students as of 8th December

Rowan BRENNAN 10WA1 623, Alexandra WHITLOW 10HA1 596, William SMEE 10SH1 576, Olivia JONES 10SH1 566, Tom MYNOTT 10SH1 564, Savanna MCLAUGHLIN 10WA1 563, Bailey ASQUITH 10SH1 560, Bella BAIRSTOW 10ST1 552, Amaad AMZAR 10SH2 550, Isabelle SAVAGE 10SH2 549, Sam GOMERSALL 10WA2 536, Saahyl ARAFEN 10WA2 534, Albie EARLE 10SH1 522, Madison LUND 10WA2 521, Kennedi ADAMS 10SH2 520, William WARING 10HA1 520, Rais SADIQ 10ST1 520, Lara HARRIDENCE 10SH1 519, Jude ENTWISTLE 10HA1 519, Jack LORD 10ST1 518, Sam CHESHIRE-NEAL 10HA1 517, Aimee BEST CORRALES 10SH2 517, Asia BARMBY 10HA2 516, Tom WHINNIE 10WA2 516, Ellis MCLOUGHLIN 10ST1 515, Olaf KLEPACKI 10WA2 514, Archie NAYLOR 10HA1 510, Jasmine DU PLESSIS 10HA1 508, Amira AKHTAR 10WA2 508, Persephone SCOTT 10ST2 505, Iliana CARCAMO-MCCASKILL 10ST1 504, Jimmy HIRST 10HA1 503, Hamaad JAVED 10ST2 503 and Amy FLEET 10ST1 502.

100% Attendance

Saahyl Arafen, Bailey Asquith, Nile Ayub, Kate Bennett, Dillan Bratley, Rowan Brennan, Iliana Carcamo-McCaskill, Ben Clegg, Owen Ditchburn-Hughes, Albie Earle, Jude Entwistle, Jacob Ferguson, Amy Fleet, Joseph Fleet, Nathan Hanson, Erin Helliwell, Hamaad Javed, Olivia Jones, Kieran Langley, Elias Le Locat Lister, George Lilley, Jack Lord, Cerys Manfredi, Billy Marsh, Michael Matthews, Malachi McGrath, Harry Mulvaney-Johnson, Archie Naylor, Sam Ormsby, Finlay Penman, Damien Pudney, Grace Shepherd, Ben

Shields, William Smee, Madoc Walker, Charles Webb, Grace Wheelwright, Rufus Whitehead and Alex Whitlow.

Parents' Evening

The Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 12th January. This is an opportunity for you to speak to your child's subject teachers. This year the format of the event will be online rather than in person.

You will need to make appointments as normal using our parents' evening booking system which will open on Monday 14th December 2020 at 8am and close on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 3pm. Your child's latest tracking report will be sent to you on Wednesday 6th January 2021 in preparation for this event. Please click on the following link to make your appointments https://calder.schoolcloud.co.uk/

All appointments will be the usual 4 minutes in duration to allow parents maximum access to teachers of multiple groups. Should a more lengthy discussion be needed, this should take place at a later date. Please note, in addition to the normal appointments with subject teachers, you are also able to make an appointment with Mr Webb to discuss your child's completion of their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not he sitate to contact the Head of Year 10 Mrs Byrne. ebyrne@calderlearningtrust.com



Excellent Elevens

I say 'excellent' because that's exactly what you have all been during these not so excellent times. Firstly, you have all made me feel so welcome since starting in November, many of you have made efforts in helping me get to know you and showing me round the school when I look a little lost, so for that, a big THANK YOU! Above all, the resilience you have shown during your mock exams has been second to none. You have shown independence, determination and grit - three things that will really help future you. Many of you have asked for help when you needed it and many of you have offered your hand to those who asked; you truly are kind and empathetic people!

A very big 'well done' to the following students for having zero negative comments so far this year!

Esther Hulme, Giovanni Mezzadri, Joshua Holmes, Zac Diplock, Saara Iqbal, Malaika Hussain, Meredith Batty, Izzy Collins, Jocelyn Dewis, Cal Marsden-Turner, Philippa Wilson-Radcliffe, Isobel Reed, Jack Wilkinson, Claudie Nicholson, Aster Gray, Isobella Shaw-White, Chloe Hoyle, Alice Myers, Sam Bradshaw, Katie Binns, Ruby Doherty, and Hayaan Arafen (voucher).

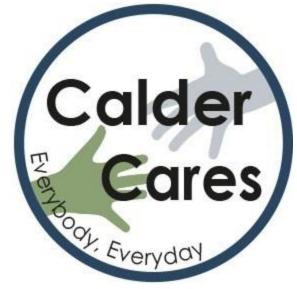
It's been a really uncertain and unsettling time to be in Year 11 (and to be Head of Year 11) and I know that we can definitely get through these coming months as a team. But for now, enjoy your Christmas break, relax and spend time with those you love the most. Come back in January refreshed and ready for your last few months as a pupil in High School. It will fly by so please make the very most of it!

Stay safe and happy!

Miss Armstead



Calder Cares





Message from Mrs Baxter - Safeguarding

Christmas can be a difficult time for some families, and maybe even more so through the COVID pandemic. We have a number of support sites and numbers to help you on our website - <u>Calder Cares</u>

Please remember we also have the noworries@calderlearningtrust.com email that is operational only during term time. Please see the link above if you or your family require any support over the holidays.

Calder Helps - Student Food Bank Action





Smart Move has very much been part of our thoughts as form tutors deliver SMSC presentations to all students about the impact of homelessness within our community.

Despite Covid restrictions, we were determined to continue our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal and as usual Calder students and their families have not let us down. Every form has been asked to collect non-perishable food items to be distributed on the last two Wednesdays of term. Rather than Smart Move coming into school we filled Mr & Mrs Healey's van with boxes and carrier bags to be transported to Smart Move's headquarters in Halifax.

We timed this well as the Smart Move Christmas party for vulnerable families was planned for Wednesday 16th December when our hampers were distributed..

As we break up for the holidays a second load of hampers was donated to Calder Community Cares.

Both organisations are delighted to receive so much food and have asked us to thank you for your generosity.

Mrs Healey

Future of Detentions - Bank of England Film





The Media Production Team are very pleased to have managed to get an entry together for this year's Bank of England Film Competition. This theme for 2020 was 'the changing workplace', so we decided to imagine what a virtual detention would be like. Well done to the girls of Miss Morley's Year 7 class, who had all just returned from self-isolation. Huge thanks also to Mr Draper, for his performance in what must have been a very challenging role of an "eccentric" English teacher.

Fingers crossed that we make it five awards in five years.

See the film here - https://youtu.be/N5CCCt8lCSI

Mr Middleton

Topical Talk - Introducing the New Student Podcast



I am pleased to announce that we now have a school, student-led podcast! Named Topical Podcast', it covers a different important matter each episode! The first ever episode involved Year Eight students Betsy, Ira, Sophie and Ethan explaining what politics is about and discussing why it is important for young people to know more about topical issues. The students did a fantastic job both scripting and performing and their efforts really showed in the final product.

You can access the podcast through the school website under 'students' then 'topical podcasts'. https://www.calderlearningtrust.com/high-school/students/topical-podcasts/. Please listen if you get a chance and share with family and friends!

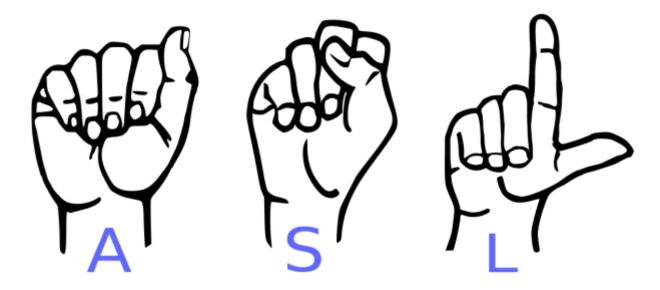
Every 2 weeks I will be organising and airing a new episode of the podcast, getting different students involved. It's a fantastic opportunity for student leadership and provides an insight into a potential media career! If any students want to get involved, please email topicalpodcast@calderlearningtrust.com.

Have a lovely Christmas break everyone!

Miss Savage



Sign Language Qualification for Top Student



Esme Howard 7SH1 has just taken her Level 1 BSL Sign Language Qualification. She is apparently the youngest person who they have put through this qualification and has happily signed happy birthday to 7SH1. Well done Esme!

Miss McVey

Calder's Star Baker - Tibby Healey



In the last few weeks of term, one of our lovely students decided that she would try to put an extra smile on every member of staff's face by baking. One morning Tibby Healey's mum came downstairs to find individually wrapped flapjacks on the kitchen table. Tibby announced that she would like them to be distributed amongst the staff at school. On hearing how much staff had enjoyed this extra special treat, she set herself a challenge to bake for the WHOLE staff at Calder. Tibby has followed advice to ensure that the flapjacks were made under strict COVID guidelines and every few days a secret elf has left individually wrapped Flapjacks on staff desks. Thank you Tibby from all of the staff at Calder, you have made us all smile at this difficult time. We never need a reminder about how amazing our students are, but this act of kindness has definitely put a smile on everyone's face this Christmas. You truly are a STAR baker.

Miss Gregory

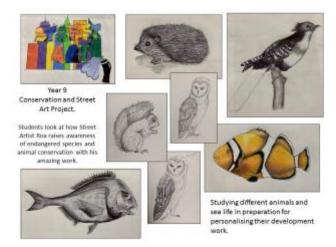
Student Rewards



We want to say a massive thank you to the team at 'Plenty of Fish' chip shop in Mytholmroyd for sending us 25 vouchers for a meal to reward students. It is great that local businesses are supporting our students.

Mr Taylor

Year 9 Art





Year 9 are rising to the challenge of working on different surfaces impired by German artist Evol in their latest project.

They have been looking at images of endangered species inspired by the Street Art of Belgian artist floa.

Students have to consider the challenges of working on the urban canvas.







Calder High Alumni Art Success

Alfie Kungu | Black History Month

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To Affie, black history is a rich mix of warmth, brightness and colour. Community spaces like markets and carnivals are the places that embody this feeling, with old and young faces bustling and blending



Alfie Kungu is an ex Calder High School student who has gone on to become a big name in the art scene. His work was featured in an ITV advert earlier in the month to celebrate Black History month.

https://www.itv.com/itvcreates/articles/alfie-kungu-or-black-history-month https://youtu.be/btCmgc2XYwI

Duke of Edinburgh Award update





This term has been a very challenging and there is no doubt that students who have been doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award have also been affected.

In previous years we would have launched the award to the current Year 9, but during the current climate, this has not been possible. Hopefully, as things improve, it may be possible to do at some point in 2021. Details of the Award for future participants are now on the school website to help both students and parents understand how it works.

Students in Year 10 have had access to a computer room to continue work on their three sections on eDoFe. More students are now completing sections and getting Assessors' reports filled in which is very encouraging. What is frustrating however is the number of students who arrive in IB1 having forgotten their password or username. For these students, please work through the forgotten password section on eDoFe, and an e-mail will be sent with your new details.

D of E are now giving out a new award, The Certificate of Achievement, to all students who complete all three sections. This has been done as the expedition element is not an option at present; such an award however is still well worth having and is nationally recognised by higher education and employers. Please continue to work on your sections over the holiday period so that we can have more students in Year 10 with this award. I will also be available to talk to parents and students about D of E at the forthcoming Year 10 parents' evening in January.

Please have a good break but keep sending me details for your Duke of Edinburgh achievements. Let's get these sections completed so that we can make the most of our time in the computer rooms after Christmas.

Mr Webb, D of E Leader.

House News



House competitions took place in the week before Christmas in unusual circumstances. Due to the fact that Year 7 and Year 8 were in form bubbles and not allowed to mix with other form groups, the

competitions had to be different to how we would usually run them in P. E.On a positive note, it was great to be doing a range of competitions in P.E that had mixed sex classes.

In Year 9 we were able to mix form groups and have a normal competition, albeit outside in the winter elements due to our gyms now acting as changing rooms.

The Year 7 and 8 competitions were in the sports that we had been doing this half term, namely, Softball and Touch Rugby. In each lesson, each form group was divided into four teams and each team played the other teams. The aim was to score as many Tries (Rugby) or Goals (Handball) and compare these scores to all the other form groups, the winning House being the House who scored the most goals or tries over the course of the week, with all the scores from each Year group being added together.

Considering that form groups were playing members of the same house except in Year 9, each lesson was very competitive and closely fought out with some excellent skills and techniques on display. With the back end of the week being very Hardcastle heavy in terms of form groups, it was clear that the other three houses would be able to forge ahead early on. This was the case with both Wainhouse and Shibden, the current House leaders, storming ahead. By the close of play on Wednesday, Wainhouse had a commanding lead with Shibden second, Stoodley third and Hardcastle languishing in fourth place.

Thursday and Friday contained classes with more Hardcastle form groups although they seemed to have left themselves far too much to do. With Hardcastle being the most successful house since the new House system began, having won the Calder Cup twice, this would be an interesting last couple of days.

With a really competitive closing session Hardcastle nearly made a miraculous comeback, but not quite!

The overall results for the assorted House competitions are therefore as follow.

1st Wainhouse 493

2nd Hardcastle 384

3rd Shibden 362

4th Stoodley 290

A massive well done to all those who competed, especially Wainhouse who gained some badly needed points towards the Calder House Cup. Well done, have a great Christmas.

The P.E. competitions this week have just finished and adding these to the form quizzes since September, the following are the ongoing scores;

Shibden 1st 2200 points

Hardcastle 2nd 2100 points

Wainhouse 3rd 1400 points

Stoodley 4th 1300 points

Mr Webb















Staff Vs Students



Staff v Students - Thanks to everyone who have sent us their distances for the staff v students competition. The kids are really enjoying it and the feedback from parents has been really positive.

The totals so far are close:

Students = 231.1Km

Staff = 267.51Km

House totals

Wainhouse = 96.38Km

Shibden = 178.7Km

Stoodley = 16Km

Hardcastle = 114.15Km

Staff are in the lead so far, so please can you continue to send us your distances over the Christmas holidays. Deadline is January 29th.

KS3 Interhouse - In the lovely Calderdale weather, this week we have held interhouse rugby and handball competition for KS3. We are half way through the competition and the results so far are:

1st Wainhouse 461

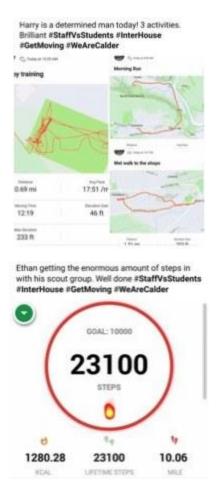
2nd Shibden 329

3rd Stoodley 238

4th Hardcastle 93

Thank you - This half term has certainly been challenging, but we just wanted to say a huge thank you and well done to all the students at Calder High School. From Year 7 to Year 11, pupils have shown real resilience over the past few months and have been outside in all weathers. They have been extremely understanding and supportive of the challenges we have faced in providing a PE curriculum during the pandemic. From playing rugby in a swamp to having to get changed in the gyms, to constantly cleaning equipment, they have just got on with it. We would also like to thank parents for their consistent support throughout the last few months, it really has been appreciated. Have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year. From the PE department.

Mrs Atkin



2 out of the 3 amigos at it again. Ready and raring to go #StaffVsStudents #InterHouse #GetMoving #WeAreCalder



PTA Virtual Christmas Fayre



Thank you to all parents who have already logged on to support our Virtual Christmas Fayre. Your support has already raised a considerable amount of money for the PTA. If you have yet to do so, please use the following link: https://paypal.me/pools/c/8tFdZTUXef

In addition, the raffle has now been drawn, so if you have bought tickets please check your e-mails to see if you are a winner!

Going forward, let's hope that 2021 is a more settled year for us all and that we will be able to meet up in person again and discuss how we can best support the school. In the meantime, have a very Happy Christmas!

Mr Washington

Happy Christmas!

















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CORONAVIRUS: YOU HELP CAN STOP THE SPREAD





Wear a mask





If you need support to self-isolate call 01422 392890.

For further information on coronavirus visit: calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus





COVID-19 vaccination

People most at risk from the coronavirus will be vaccinated first. Your GP practice will invite you for a COVID-19 vaccination when it is your turn. In the meantime continue to follow all the guidance to control the spread of the virus and save lives.

- Do not contact the NHS for an appointment until your GP practice invites you.
- The Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine which is being used for vaccinations in this phase has a 95% success rate for people of all ages, genders and ethnic groups.
- MHRA, the official UK regulator, has confirmed that this vaccine is very safe.
- As with all medicines and vaccines a small number of people could experience side effects but most are mild and short-term.
 Even if you do have symptoms of COVID-19 after the first dose, you still need to have the second for the vaccine to be effective.
- You may not be protected from COVID-19 until at least seven days after your second dose of the vaccine.
- The Pfizer vaccine is vegan and vegetarian. If further vaccines are approved information will be published about known allergens or ingredients that are important for certain faiths, cultures and beliefs.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is not recommended for women who are pregnant.
- Anyone suffering from a fever-type illness should postpone their vaccine until they have recovered.

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For further information on coronavirus visit: Calderdale Calderdale Council Clinical Commissioning Group