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NEWSLETTER 2nd December 2021



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Reception Hunter W-S
 Year 1 Amelia L
 Year 2 Bethany C
 Year 3 Ava-Rose O
 Year 4 Theo A
 Year 5 Skyla B

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD



Alyssa W—Well done!

WOW WORK OF THE WEEK



Attendance Winners



Last Week's Attendance Winners

Whole School— 93.2% Unfortunately no-one won the Attendance Award as all classes were below our 96% attendance target.

House Points Winners = Hammerton—282 Points Well done!



Christmas Dinner Orders

Please could you return your Christmas Dinner orders to school by Friday at the latest, so that the kitchen staff can order the correct amount of ingredients for the meal. This has been sent out to EYFS and KS1 on SchoolPing, if you would prefer an electronic reply. Thanks

Christmas Event

We have set aside two days for Parents/Carers to come into school to celebrate Christmas with us. This will involve singing by the children and carols around the tree with parents/carers.

Monday 13th December

9.30am—10.30am EYFS Christmas Event for parents/carers in the school hall

11.00am—12.00pm UKS2 Christmas Event for parents/carers in the school hall

Tuesday 14th December

9.00am—10.00am KS1 Christmas Event for parents/carers in the school hall

11.00am-12.00pm LKS2 Christmas Event for parents/carers in the school hall



Please note, we will continue to follow local Public Health advice around visitors in school and these sessions are dependent on local advice permitting this. We will update by SchoolPing as necessary.

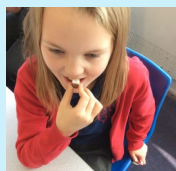
Church Links

This week in Collective Worship the children learnt about Service. Mrs Greenwood led this week.



Year 4

To support our English project, we just had to try a coconut to see what all the fuss is about in our class book.



Children loved dressing up as the Pharaohs and emperors of Ancient Egypt.



We have been estimating during our maths lessons and to hook the children into their learning, Mr Osborne filled a jar full of sweets and the children had to estimate how many were in it. This young lady guessed the number and she was only 1 away from the actual number.



Orienteering

Last Thursday, Mr Parker took a group of Key Stage 2 children to compete in an Orienteering competition at Savile Park. Everyone did really well, and the Year 6 team came second in the competition. Well done to everyone who took part!



YORKSHIRE FOOTBALL COACHING

AT CALDERDALE COLLEGE
FRANCIS STREET, HALIFAX, HX1 3UZ

STARTING FRIDAY 7th JANUARY 2022

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)

Group 1	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 4 - 5
Group 2	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 6 - 7
Group 3	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ages 8 - 9
Group 4	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Ages 10 - 13

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. **The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY FRIDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS-CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive a merit Trophy and course Certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including Penalty Shoot out, American Shoot out and Champions League Competitions.

The cost of the course is £6 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£24) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities including the large indoor sports hall.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT 'HALIFAX' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO:

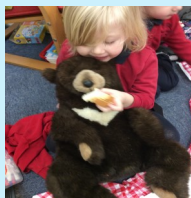
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Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Our 'busy job' last Wednesday was to make some delicious cheese or jam sandwiches for our Teddy Bear's Picnic. We followed a set of simple instructions and allowed the children to get to work with minimal adult support. We want our children to become independent in every aspect of their learning. Today's The Day The Teddy Bears have Their Picnic!

A day full of fun! We loved every second of Wellbeing Wednesday. The children were keen to eat their creations and enjoyed having the opportunity to talk about their special teddy with friends. We observed some beautiful conversations during our chat and snack.



Time Out Christmas Activities

Run by Calderdale's independent, user-led mental health charity Healthy Minds, Time Out is for all **10-19-year-olds** in Calderdale. With a focus on emotional wellbeing, we connect young people with activities, opportunities, learning and support. We offer group work and early intervention support, through our own delivery and collaboration with a network of providers.

Time Out Christmas Activities and Listening Line Update

Time Out is hosting two days of fun packed Christmas activities at the Orange Box in December. Project Challenge will be providing free lunches, including a Christmas lunch.

Monday 20th December

- Card Making, 10am-12pm
- Free School Meal, 12pm
- Potions and Magical Gift Making, 1-3:30pm

Tuesday 21st December

- Christmas and Chill Yoga, 9:30-10:30am
- Christmas Film Screening, 10:45am-12pm
- Christmas Lunch, 12pm
- Nightmare Before Christmas Party, 1-4pm. Ugly Christmas jumpers, creepy face painting, crazy games, nightmare karaoke, Scary Santa, and festive open mic.

There are also pantomime tickets from the Victoria Theatre available for families to apply for. More information and booking details will be available on www.timeoutcalderdale.co.uk soon. You can also email timeout@healthymindscalderdale.co.uk.



Active Advent

You may have heard of a company called imoves. They work with and provide 'active educational' resources to primary schools across the UK and beyond.

Each Christmas, they produce what they call an 'Active Advent' calendar which many teachers will use in school, during the last couple of weeks before the holidays. This year, in response to the devastating impact of the pandemic, self isolation and lockdowns, they've gone even further.

They've created a completely free 'Active Advent' calendar, designed specifically for kids, their friends and their families to enjoy at home. Just like the traditional advent calendar, an amazing new activity is revealed each and every morning throughout December - but with no chocolate in sight!

It's incredibly good fun, elf-y AND educational. And most important of all - it's 100% FREE. No catches, no hidden agenda, just a nice thing to do because it's the right thing to do. They are relying on contacts and 'word of mouth' etc to spread the news, and that's why we are sharing this information with you. You can join in literally 10 seconds at www.activeadvent.fun. Thanks



3 Good Things! – Gratitude Journal

To help us to support good self-esteem and positivity in school we are encouraging all children to have some time to reflect on the good things in each day.

Some children are producing a personal written journal, some children are reflecting in their minds and some children are doing this at circle time, together.

This is something that you can do at home too.

"Three good things" is a classic gratitude exercise where you can write down three good things from your day, whether big or small. Practicing gratitude regularly has been shown to increase positive emotions and improve well-being. If you would like a 7 day printed journal to try at home, please ask Mrs Hoyle who can provide you with one. You don't need to have one to practise gratitude and positivity, you can think of your own "3 good things" prompts.

An example of a journal....

Day 1

One good thing that happened to me today...

Something good that I saw someone do...

Today I had fun when...

Day 2

Something I accomplished today...

Something funny that happened today...

Someone I was thankful for today...

Health Update

Children with simple cold symptoms such as runny noses or sore throats **without fever** should not be tested for COVID-19, and can attend school if they feel well enough to do so.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 you should stay at home and arrange testing.

Please contact school to advise us of any absence.

When you receive your test result, **please email admin@elland.calderdale.sch.uk** with details before your child returns to school. If your child develops any of the key symptoms for COVID-19 in school, we will contact parents/carers and ask for you to arrange a test.

If someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFD or PCR), children and young people in that household, who attend school, are advised to stay at home. This absence will be authorised.

If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away.

If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms). If this test is negative, the child can return to school. If you develop symptoms, you must stay at home and arrange another test.

Symptoms
High temperature
New continuous cough
Loss or change to sense of taste or smell

Upcoming Events

Every Friday afternoon	Year 5 swimming
Tuesday 14th December	Whole school Carol Service at All Saint's
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 17th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas
Wednesday 5th January	School reopens for Spring term.

