



Newsletter 2

Friday 29th September 2023

To all of our families,

We can't believe we are more than half way through the half term. The busy weeks are whizzing by! We are seeing an increase in coughs and colds which is usual for this time of year. We are happy to have children here with a cough or cold as long as they are feeling well enough and don't have a temperature. We will look after them. We continually encourage good hand and tissue hygiene and ensure lots of drink breaks to keep hydrated.

Now the mornings are getting chilly and the weather is cooling, please ensure children bring a jumper or cardigan and a coat or raincoat when the weather is worse. We go outside for breaks and learning in all weathers.

It was lovely to see so many parents at KS2 Welcome Wednesday this week and we look forward to seeing EYFS & KS1 parents next week. There are lots of other events coming up so please check the diary dates on the following pages.

Have a great weekend.

The Caldecote Team

Welcome Wednesdays

Welcome Wednesdays are returning. These are an opportunity to come and see your child's classroom, look at some of their books, read with them and see what activities they are busy doing in morning sessions. We look forward to seeing you all.

Please come in with your child in the morning at 8:40am. You can stay until 9:15am.

Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5 & 6) : 18th October, 15th November, 6th December

Key Stage 1 (YR, 1 & 2): 4th October, 1st November, 22nd November, 13th December

Calling for Costumes!

Can you help? We are looking for any donations of old costumes or accessories that you may have to help with the children's topic dress up days at school.

The themes for this academic year are:

YR: Traditional Tales (Goldilocks, Big Bad Wolf, Three Little Pigs etc)

Y1: Space travellers

Y2: Tudor

Y3: Viking

Y4: Ancient Greek

Y5: WW2 Evacuee and Anglo Saxon

Y6: Shang Dynasty

If you have anything that would help with ANY of these costumes, please can you pass them to either a class teacher or the school office.

Many thanks!
Parent Forum



Values award winners:

Y1– Hafez Tabatabaie
Y2– Finn Lanckriet
Y3–Amelia Waters
Y4– Noelle Kwok
Y5– Gustaw Moj
Y6–Tiana Townsley

Golden Table: Daniel Roberts, Charlie Latham
& Joseph Izzard

Y1- Nihan Ozturk
Y2 -Sebastian Adamcheski-Halson
Y3 -Maisie Hawkshaw
Y4 -Sylvie -Mae Leung
Y5 –Freya Chilton
Y6 -Vinnici Ng
Hossain Tabatabaie, Marria Dzhelomanova
& Senih Ozturk

Celebration Assembly

Ellen Y5 completed her 5th KYU and received her purple belt in karate, Natasha Y3 and Freddie Y3 both completed their 4th KYU and received the purple & white belt. Lois Y3 got a distinction in her Imperial classical ballet exam and Megan Y5 also passed her RSL PQA stage and screen award grade 1 with a distinction. Ethan Y6 completed a “Try Dive” at the Southampton international boat show and really enjoyed it and Akira Y3 received a badge and certificate for completing her 50m front crawl.



Well Done All Of You!

Celebration Assemblies

Friday at 2:45pm in the hall—please come in through the front office

Orange Class-22nd September

Green Class-29th September

Purple Class-6th October

Silver Class-13th October

Blue Class-20th October

Red Class will join assemblies after October half term

Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs



The children have helped welcome and made sure our new red class children have settled in which has been lovely to see. We are very thankful for the donation of dressing up clothes, all of the children have loved using their imagination to make up plays for each other to watch. The children have also enjoyed playing with some multi coloured foam at the messy/ drawing table. We have spent a lot of time outside playing with bikes, scooters, climbing frames, sandpit and the playhouse.

Just a quick reminder you can now book your child/children in to the October half term holiday club, please return your booking form by no later than Monday 9th October to allow us to arrange staffing, any bookings received after this date will be subject to staff/child ratios.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th October	Y2 Cambridge Trip
Tuesday 10th October	Y5 Visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum
Wednesday 11th October	Non-Uniform Day- Rainbow Raffle
Tuesday 17th Oct 8-11am Thursday 19th Oct 4-7pm	Parent Consultations
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Training Day
Tuesday 31st October	Back to School
Tuesday 7th November	Y6 Trip to Cambridge Museum
Friday 10th November	PTA Disco
Friday 17th November	Y4 Trip to Harry Potter World
Friday 17th November	All years Flu Vaccinations
Friday 17th November	PTA Bag2School
Thursday 23rd November	Non-Uniform Day-Chocolates & Bottles
Saturday 2nd December	School Christmas Fair 2-4pm
Thursday 8th December	Pantomime Trip "Mother Goose"
Tuesday 12th December	PTA Break the rules day
Thursday 18th January	Young Voices at the O2 Arena London
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 & 6 production

[Blue Peter - Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge](#)

Introducing the exciting new Book Badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering the questions below! You can apply using our online form or by post. www.bbc.co.uk



Lunchtime Clubs

Please see below list of clubs available for all children at lunchtimes.

These are run by either Year 6 children or parent volunteers. Children can sign up in class or turn up on the day depending on the type of club.

Teachers share details with each class.

	KS1	KS2
Monday	Sports	Craft Club Sports
Tuesday	Games—tag, hide n seek, etc	Craft Club
Wednesday	Parachute games	Sports Chess Club
Thursday	Sports	Sports

No clubs on Fridays

PTA

The PTA are looking for more volunteers to help raise money for the school. If you are interested in getting involved, please email:

caldecoteschoolpta@gmail.com

Amazon Wishlist

A BIG Thank You from all at Caldecote. We are grateful for all donations we receive from the wish list.

If you would like to purchase a resource to help enhance the teaching and learning at school, please use the link below. Please don't forget to add a gift note if you would like us to know who has donated. This is the only way of us knowing who has donated an item.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WJURQZLL9LZ4?ref_=wl_share



Wellbeing



World Mental Health Day 10th October

The theme this year which is set by the World Foundation of Mental Health is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

It's also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling.

A chance to come together with friends, families or colleagues, by holding or attending a Tea & Talk! <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/get-involved/events-and-fundraising/do-your-own-fundraising/tea-talk-world-mental-health-day>

Optimistic October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today
8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation
15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you
22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?
29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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With the Autumn Term well and truly underway, it has been a positive start to the academic year for the whole school community. Starting a new year group and, for some, a new school, can be a daunting and anxious time. We recognise this and work together to make sure that we provide a consistent, safe and happy environment for all. Don't forget to look in the parents section on our website for links to sources of support.

Orange Class have had a very hands-on couple of weeks! Last Friday, we had our governor Pippa join us. Pippa is an archeologist and she brought some of her prehistoric artefacts for the children to investigate. We learnt about the materials from the Stone Age and sorted the artefacts in various ways. This week we completed an 8 by 8 activity: cooking outdoors! We made a fire pit and carefully prepared vegetable kebabs to cook over the pit. They were very tasty and lots of children tried eating something new. Well done Orange Class for carefully using cooking equipment and trying new things!

Red Class have been listening to stories and re-telling the sequence of events. They have made drawings about the story of Handa's surprise and written graphemes to show initial sounds. They have been practising letter formation for the letters: s,a,t,p. In maths, they have been singing number rhymes, counting groups and beginning to write the numerals. They have been sorting objects by colour and size. They enjoyed going for a walk around the school grounds and looking for signs of Autumn.

Yellow Class have been working super hard in all their learning. They have been enjoying comparing numbers and quantities in maths and have been learning about noun phrases and adverbs through their English lessons. Their gymnastic routines are very impressive and they have been enjoying listening to African music and practising call and response rhythms. We are looking forward to building bug homes next week, please make sure the children bring in some resources for this by Tuesday.

This week we have been reading the story Wild. We have been using adjectives to describe the girl and thinking about her feelings throughout the story. In maths we have been working on recognising bonds for numbers within 10. We had a great art lesson gathering natural materials and making Andy Goldworthy inspired art.

Green class have got lots of River linked activities going on at the moment. At the time of this newsletter going out, a visit to Bourn Brook is taking place where we will be learning how to do field sketches and how to measure the flow of a river using dog biscuits and a mathematical equation! The children have been writing letters to Anglian water to persuade them keep our rivers clean and they have been busy learning about different poetic devices ready for writing a poem about a river – we might even collect some river vocabulary on our field trip that we can use!

Last week the children took part in their Bikeability training. All the instructors commented on how well behaved, courteous, respectful and kind the children were. The children had a fantastic time completing their training, despite some challenging weather conditions! In PE we have continued to look at WWII inspired dance routines and the children are now at the stage where they will be combining existing routines to create their own WWII inspired dance routine. In English we have continued to look at the features of instructions and the children will soon be combining this knowledge with their knowledge of Anderson shelters to write their own instructions as to how to build one. We are all very excited about the Careers Fair next week and our upcoming visit to IWM Duxford.

A crime has been committed...

This week Silver Class have been writing their mystery stories. They have been so excited to start them and even more excited to share these at our stories by twilight event! In maths, we have been learning about long multiplication and looking for patterns to help with their mental methods. Science has been all about how exercise affects their body and they created bar charts/line graphs based on their experiment. In art, they created paintings using their knowledge of colour to reflect mood as well as tint, tone and shades. They look fantastic!