



Newsletter 3 Friday 13th October 2023

To all of our families,

It continues to be very busy in school. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who volunteer to help with things like trips and clubs which all enhance the children's experiences. Thank you also for the Amazon wish list items that continue to arrive in a steady stream. The rain gauge that arrived today was particularly appropriate for the weather!

A few reminders:

With the weather finally getting cooler and wetter, please ensure children come to school with a coat every day.

Please do not allow children to play on the climbing equipment at pick up and drop off.

Please name everything! The lost property box is already over flowing. It is in the entrance foyer, so please come and have a look if you have lost anything.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at parent consultations next week. These will be in the hall where the children's writing and maths books will be available to look through. Autumn Term reports will not be provided this year, so please endeavor to attend so you can hear all about your child's learning.

Have a great weekend.

The Caldecote Team



We had a visit from our MP, Anthony Browne, today. He had to tackle some tricky questions from our Year 5 & 6 children, including 'Why does the cost of living keep on rising?'

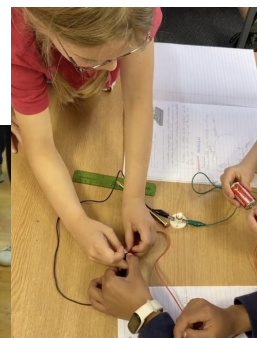
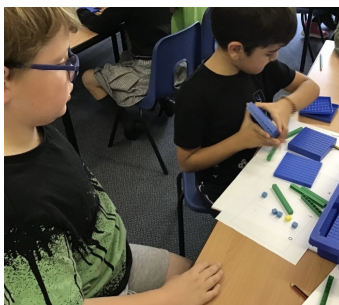
He then had a tour of the school and met with leaders. We shared our concerns about school funding and the lack of support for children who have additional needs.



**Remember to visit our X (Twitter) page
@CaldecoteSchool**



There are lots of recent posts with photos of all of the exciting learning that has been taking place across the school!





Values award winners:

YR– Parker Dean

Y1– Abriham Thandu

Y2– Ivy Masters

Y3–Hossain Tabatabaie

Y4– Wai Wai Fong

Y5– Preston Lee

Y6– Sabrina Chan

YR– Isla Ashmore

Y1– Morgan Winter-Robinson

Y2– Olivia Ayetan

Y3 – George Stewart

Y4 –Nell Lanckriet

Y5 – Theo Coughlin

Y6 – Omar Farid

Golden Table: Eden Tang, Hafez Tabatabaie

Golden Table: Vaishnav Pillai, Sebastian Adamcheski-Halson, Juana Jibin

Celebration Assembly

Kai Y1 received a football card for showing respect and good tackling in his football game & Freya Y5 received a medal for her good skills and listening in football. Eva Y4 received her 2nd Brownie badge for achieving more in her Brownie sessions and Tvarita Y5 received a badge and certificate for completing the summer reading challenge. Maria-Christina Y3 received her 5m front kicking swimming certificate. Well done everyone!



Celebration Assemblies

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

Blue Class-20th October

Green Class-3rd November (missed assembly)

Red Class– 10th November

Blue Class– 17th November

Orange Class-24th November

Green Class– 1st November

Purple Class– 8th December

Silver Class-15th December

Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs



The children have been spending the majority of their time outside in this welcoming warm sunshine that we don't normally get in October. There has been lots of football playing, roller skating and riding their own bikes and scooters along with Careclubs around the playground. The children have been playing in the sandpit with diggers, buckets and spades. When everyone has been inside the children have enjoyed making playdough to play with, cooking and cardboard boxes and pipe cleaners have been used to make models at the art table. The dressing up box is still very popular. Sitting on the sofas looking/ having books to read has been good to sit and unwind after a hard day of learning.



Dates for the Diary

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
Thursday 23rd November	Flu Vaccinations for children who missed the first one
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
Wednesday 6th March	Y3/4 Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 & 6 production

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): 1st November, 22nd November, 13th December

JTAs

The JTAs were pleased to announce the 'be bright be seen' campaign in assembly this week. Next week they will be looking out for those pupils that are travelling to school 'brightly'. This could be wearing a brightly coloured helmet, a brightly coloured coat or bag with reflective stickers. The pupils were reminded of the dark nights that are upon us and the importance of being seen in the dark. There will be a prize for one child in each key stage.



Wellbeing

It is never too early or too late to start looking after our mental health.



Anna Freud

Who they are?

Anna Freud is a world-leading mental health charity for children and families.

What they do?

They work in collaboration with children and young people, their families and communities and mental health professionals to transform children and families' mental health.

Self-care for all parents and carers

For many parents and carers, finding time for yourself can be a challenge as you juggle family and relationships with your home and work life. This can be especially true if you are supporting a child or young person with their mental health.

Check out their website for tips and resources: <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/family-wellbeing/self-care-for-parents-and-carers/>

Helping Children Manage and Understand Anxiety

Anxiety is a feeling of worry or fear that is experienced as a mix of thoughts, feeling and physical sensations. It manifests in a surprising variety of ways in part because it is based on a physiological response to a threat in the environment, a response that maximizes the body's ability to either face danger or escape danger. So while some children exhibit anxiety by shrinking from situations or objects that trigger fears, some react with overwhelming need to break out of an uncomfortable situation.

The more commonly recognized symptoms of anxiety in a child are things like trouble sleeping in their own room, separating from parents or avoidance of certain activities. Visit our Mental Health & Wellbeing area of the website to find out more: <https://www.caldecotepriaryschool.org.uk/>

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



Orange Class have had a great couple of weeks. We have moved on from learning about the Stone Age and started learning about the Bronze Age. We have looked at artefacts from the Bronze Age and in DT we created roundhouses. In English, we have been combining our writing and RE learning to write explanation texts about the festival Eid al-Fitr. The children have researched how and why Eid is celebrated this and used key features of explanation texts in their writing. In maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction. We have now learnt how to add and subtract 3-digit numbers which we have practiced with manipulatives and written methods. Keep up the good effort Orange Class!

Yellow class have been enjoying taking their learning outdoors and have been planting bulbs, designing and making bug hotels as well as some outdoors maths work. They had a super trip to Cambridge last week and enjoyed visiting some of the places that they had been learning about in their History lessons.

This week Purple class visited IWM Duxford. We had an excellent time learning about land and air warfare during WWII. We learnt about the different types of planes, the Battle of Britain and how plane technology has developed over time. The children behaved excellently well and were a credit to themselves. In maths we have been looking further at division and multiplication linking this to problem solving. In English we are writing and editing our Anderson shelter instructions. In History the children fully enjoyed reenacting the Battle of Britain.

They have been drawing pictures of their homes and the people they live with, working hard to include details such as their house number and the flowers in their garden. We have also been working hard on using both a knife and fork in the dinner hall at lunchtime.

Please remember to ensure all long hair is tied back for school as it gets in the way of learning!

This week we have been looking at addition in maths and how the two parts can be either way round in the sum. In DT we have started to look at how to make trees and what would be the strongest material to use from a selection provided. In PSHE we talked about what to do when we have a worry and how telling someone can help us feel better.

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in Green Class. The church and the river trip was a huge success! The children have had so much to say. This week, we started writing and recording our fieldwork findings. We discussed the trickling brook rather than the rampaging river of Bourn. While they walked, walked and walked, one of the highlights was the opportunity to ring the church bells. We were so grateful to everyone who helped with the trip. We continue to think about insulators, conductors and electrical circuits. The children have all informed us that to save electricity they are going to turn the lights off in the winter months. Keep us posted with how many of them remember! Thank you for all the raffle contributions.

Silver Class have had a busy week this week. We started it by sharing our mystery stories at our twilight event and ended it with heart dissections and a first aid workshop ran by the British Heart Foundation. In English, we have now started on our explanation texts so that we are able to explain how the circulatory system works and in science, we shared their presentations they made in computing about how to keep a healthy heart/body. We looked at the effect of exercise, diet and drugs. Relating to this, in D&T, Silver Class looked at a range of packaging and compared food labels, considering whether these were healthy or unhealthy options. Lots were shocked to see how much sugar was in certain types of foods.