



# Caldy Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Mon	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Weds	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Thurs	12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	School Play
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	School Play
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	School Play

## FOOTBALL

The Year 8 team played magnificently against SFX. They showed great determination in coming back from being 2-0 down at half time to force extra time and a penalty shoot-out. Unfortunately our team lost on penalties 4 – 3. Congratulations to all the players – their attitude and behaviour throughout the whole competition has been outstanding.

## HOCKEY

It was an excellent day on Wednesday this week at the NORTH of England HOCKEY U16 and U18 finals at the University of Leeds.

The First team came second in the U18 tournament. This was a remarkable achievement for such a young squad to finish in second place in the whole of the North of England and that augers well for next season.

The U16 squad won the North tournament and so qualified for the National finals at the new national hockey stadium at Lee Valley south of London towards the end of April. An excellent achievement!

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We have received 7 nominations for our current parent governor vacancies (x3) and therefore we must now hold a ballot. The ballot papers have now been printed and will be sent home with students on Monday. If you do not receive your documentation please contact Mrs Ellis at the school.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

**JAMES HOLLOWAY (11BX)** has been selected to play for the Wales U16 hockey team during the Easter weekend away versus Switzerland. Many congratulations to James and we wish him a successful and enjoyable trip.



**JACK BRODERICK (11HT)** has been with St John Ambulance for over 10 years, firstly as a Badger then from the age of 10 as a Cadet.

As part of his duties as a Cadet he has been participating the Grand Prior award scheme which runs in a similar manner to the Duke of Edinburgh awards. The award consists of 4 levels; bronze, silver, gold and the Grand Prior award. In order to gain each level he has had to participate in a wide range of course which aim to provide him with key knowledge surrounding the organization, the community around him and first aid skills.

He is now qualified with a BTEC in peer education and regularly spends his free time assisting other cadets to work towards their Grand Prior Award.

He also provides first aid assistance at a variety of sporting events, community days, carnivals and music festivals.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 he has been invited to a Royal reception hosted by St John Ambulance to be presented with his Grand Prior Award and the accolade of 500 service hours to the community and organisation. This is an outstanding achievement of which Jack should be justifiably proud.

## FUNDRAISING FOR REFILWE

**Thank you to everyone who helped us at the recent bag pack. A fantastic £865 was raised.**

- A midnight hike up Snowdon in aid of Refilwe will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9.00 pm from Pen y Pass youth hostel. If you are interested in taking part please contact Mr Kavanagh at the school.
- Cake sale Thursday 2nd April at break time in the hall.

## EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS

We are currently recruiting for examination invigilators. Please visit the school website for further information.

## YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING - FEEDBACK FROM QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the Year 7 Parents Evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. The attendance rate was 97.14%, which is outstanding. At the parents evening we issued a questionnaire, based on the Parent View questionnaire that many parents have already completed online.

- Of the 175 students in the year, 170 sets of parents attended.
- 54% of parents completed and returned the questionnaire.
- The results are published below.

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
My child is happy at school?	76%	24%	0	0	0
My child feels safe at school?	60%	38%	2%	0	0
My child makes good progress at school?	63%	37%	0	0	0
My child is well looked after at school?	62%	38%	0	0	0
My child is well taught at the school?	70%	30%	0	0	1%
My child receives the appropriate homework for their age?	48%	48%	1%	0	3%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved?	48%	47%	3%	0	2%
This school deals with bullying effectively?	38%	28%	3%	0	31%
The school is well led and managed?	61%	37%	0	0	2%
The school responds well to any concern I raise?	50%	28%	2%	0	20%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress?	50%	45%	3%	1%	1%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	86%	13%	0	0	0

## SCHOOL PLAY

This term's play is 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare'. We will be presenting 37 plays in 97 minutes. Some of them will be a little abridged. This comedy was a huge hit for the Reduced Shakespeare Company and ran for several years in the West End. Our performers are all in years 7 to 11.

Tickets are now on sale from G3, the drama studio and online. Adults £8, Students £5, Family ticket (2 adults 2 students) £20. Performances are on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March at 7.00 p.m.

## RUSSIAN TRIP

In February 2015 a group of 20 students from Calday visited Russia for a week. First we went stayed in the City of Moscow. While there we explored many sights including the Kremlin, Red Square and Christ the Saviour Cathedral. These allowed us to gain an understanding of the history of Russia from the 1812 Napoleonic Invasion of the City all the way until the period of Perestroika and the end of Soviet Russia in 1991.

After spending a few days in the Capital we took the overnight train to Saint-Petersburg where again we saw some of the sights. We spent a lot of time on Nevskii Prospect, the main avenue which splits the city in two. On one day, the group visited a Russian School located in the district of Chornaya Rechka. Here we met a group of students who showed us around and discussed some of the history of the school. At one point, the group was split up and we all attended different classes. My group joined a History lesson where we discussed and explained common phrases in Britain and Russia.

One of the true highlights of the trip however is the ability to put our language skills to good use, from ordering food in a café to asking for directions on Nevskii Prospect everyone had the opportunity to use their knowledge of Russian in an authentic environment. Overall the 2015 trip to Russia was a fantastic experience and I encourage anyone studying the language to visit the Country when the Department make plans for their next visit.

Written by Dan Webster



## GIVE BLOOD – SAVE A LIFE

It's amazing what you can do in an hour. By giving a single blood donation you can save or improve up to three people's lives. You will help to treat patients with cancer and anemia's, after accidents or childbirth complications, and during surgery.

Platelets take a bit longer to give and you can give more regularly but it is also vital. You will be providing vital clotting agents to patients with cancer, serious blood disorders and those who have undergone transplants; helping up to 3 adults or 12 children.

Every day hospitals need around 6,100 blood donations and 330 platelet donors. You can make the difference.

Register and book your appointment today in your area:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2- 4pm and 5.30 – 7.30pm**  
**Westbourne Hall, Westbourne Road, West Kirby, CH48 4DH**

Visit: [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)

Calling 0300 123 2323 to book an appointment

Search: NMSGiveBlood

## MESSAGE FROM MR LAMPREY

In the last couple of years, staff, students and parent have been very generous supporting the various charities I have run for. Last year I set myself the target to run 1000 miles as well as raise money for Teenage cancer. This year I am hoping to beat that target and support Prostate Cancer UK. This is to support a good friend, who is currently in remission from this, but also following the successful delivery of assemblies to Years, 10 and 11 about Prostate and Testicular cancer.

This month I am running the Loggerheads 10k (14th March) and Liverpool half (29th March), so if you see me about give me a shout! Any donations would be greatly appreciated: <http://ul.virginmoneygiving.com/ColinLamprey>.

## WORK EXPERIENCE FOR MEDICS

If any Lower Sixth students are seriously interested in a career in medicine, work experience is vital and is available from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Wirral Teaching Hospital. An application form can be collected from Mrs Montgomery on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and must be returned by 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## STUDY SKILLS GUIDE

Study skills guides are now on sale in the library (£4.00 each). These are useful for students and parents in all year groups.



## CALDAY ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND STAFF (PTA)

Would you like to join a friendly group of parents and teachers in planning and organising events to benefit the students in the school and the community at Calday? Please come to our next meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7pm at The Hilltop pub, 19, Black Horse Hill, West Kirby. CH48 8DS.

For more information please email [CAPS@calday.co.uk](mailto:CAPS@calday.co.uk) or visit [www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk](http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk)

## WIRRAL ELITE SPORTS PERFORMANCE ACADEMY (WESPA)

Mr Lamprey has details of the above scheme and has delivered assemblies to year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students about scholarships that are on offer for this academy. It is aimed at students 12-18 yrs old who have the potential to be a World champion or compete in the Olympics. This opportunity is about developing the mental and physical conditioning required to compete at an elite level. The plan is that WESPA will go live in April with 25 scholars in place.

## EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

Mr Miller & Mr Hayes are running 2 sports camps during the second week of the Easter holidays, a Rugby and a Hockey camp. The two camps are open to all age groups and they do not have to play for the schools teams to attend the camp.

The camps will be very different to any other sports camp, with professional sportsman, nutrition specialists, and performance analysts attending both camps as well as many more exciting activities to look forward to. If anyone is interested then please email [masterssportscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:masterssportscoaching@gmail.com). Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter.

## 11 PLUS FAMILIARISATION SESSIONS FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS

We still have a few places available for courses starting after Easter, for full details and how to apply please use the following address: [www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/11plus](http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/11plus) or [e-mail:community@calday.co.uk](mailto:community@calday.co.uk)

## LOOKING FOR RELATIVES OF A FORMER STUDENT, SIR HERBERT EMERSON

We have been contacted by a lecturer in South Asian History who is trying to locate relatives of a former student, Sir Herbert William Emerson (1881-1962). He was born at Hilbre Lodge, West Kirby on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1881, the son of Stephen Samuel Emerson and his wife, Amelia Susan, nee Norman. He was a public servant in British India, mostly renown as the Governor of the Punjab. The lecturer would like to access, as part of a research project, a manuscript study by Sir Emerson that is currently housed in the British Library, but which cannot unfortunately be accessed without the permission of his descendants. If you are aware of any relatives who may be able to assist, could you please ask them to contact Mrs Ellis at the school on 0151 6252727.



We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. There is a post box situated outside the Administration Office for the students to place vouchers in. Thank you for your support.

## **SUPPORTING 'COUNT THE KICKS'**

The school has started to collect some recyclable items to support the charity 'Count the Kicks'. This is a charity aimed at raising awareness in pregnant ladies of being aware of fetal movements to reduce the number of stillbirths. Approximately 90% of babies could possibly be saved if medical assistance had been sought sooner.

The charity is able to trade in the recycled items for funds to help their work. An information booklet that explains the history behind the charity and their aims and a leaflet that explains the recyclable items that are accepted by the charity can be found by visiting their website [www.countthekicks.org.uk](http://www.countthekicks.org.uk) or on the 'latest news' section of the school website.

## **STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO DESIGN A STAINED GLASS WINDOW TO CELEBRATE THE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CADETS IN CALDAY**

2016 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cadets in Calday. In 1916 a detachment of the Officers' Training Corps was formed in the school which is now the Combined Cadet Force. We wish to commemorate this by installing two stained glass windows above the main entrance doors and we are offering students the opportunity to enter a competition to design it.

Their design should incorporate images which show a simple theme for each of our Navy, Army and Air Force sections (possibly a dinghy for Navy, a bell tent for the Army, and a glider for the Air Force). The CCF crest should also be included. The windows each measure 85 cm by 110 cm.

Completed entries on A3 or A4 paper (including name and form) should be submitted to Reception by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email the CCF at [ccf@calday.co.uk](mailto:ccf@calday.co.uk) or to see Mr Adcock, CCF Contingent Commander.

## **LIVERPOOL CHAMBER TRAINING – APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAYS**

Liverpool Chamber Training is hosting Apprenticeship Open Days to advise young people what is available when they finish school/college. These drop in sessions will take place between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Wednesday 18th March, Wednesday 15th April and Wednesday 27th May. For more information contact the recruitment team on 0151 236 3222 or via email [recruitment@liverpoolchamber.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@liverpoolchamber.org.uk).

## **FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!**

We are always looking for opportunities to maximise the impact of our fundraising activities and would like to draw your attention to a donation website we are currently signed up to where we can benefit from your shopping.

**The easyfundraising website rewards shoppers who purchase from various online retailers by making donations to good causes.** Calday Grange Grammar School qualifies as a good cause and by using this site one of our parents has already contributed £37 for 6 months of shopping. Imagine the impact on funds if a significant number of others followed suit!

Could we please ask you to take 5 minutes of your time to take a look at the following link and sign up to the website via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

## **PARENT VIEW – YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT**

Parent View offers parents the opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school which in turn provides the school with valuable information to help us improve. Last year only a small number of parents (approximately 20) provided their feedback so we would be grateful if you could take the opportunity to visit [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to complete the short questionnaire.

You simply need an email address and a password to register. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to choose answers to 12 short questions about the school.

Please remember that you can give your opinion through Parent View at any time during the school year. At the time of an inspection, you can refresh or resubmit your views and the facility will overwrite your previous response so that only one 'view' for each parent, per school, is held.



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