



# Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Study Skills Presentation (7.00 pm in school hall)
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Weds	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Open Evening for prospective sixth form students (external students only)
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	



## SENIOR QUIZ TEAM BECOME NORTH WEST CHAMPIONS!

What is the SI unit of pressure? Which vocal range comes between soprano and contralto? Could you answer those questions? Our Senior Quiz Team did - and are now the North West champions! In a format based on that of University Challenge, Calday defeated Merchant Taylors Boys in a tense final, and will now face the North-East champions (to be confirmed) in the next round of this prestigious national competition.

The team - Daniel Lawson and George Kenny from Year 12, Rowan Storey from Year 10, and Mahesh Vallabhaneni from Year 9 - had to come through a tough tournament which also included Birkenhead, Stockport Grammar and Manchester Grammar schools.

Ms Weston would like to thank the two Calday teams who took part and were such excellent ambassadors for the school. Many thanks also to Dr Kenny and Mr Lawson for their help with transportation - the support of our parents for our extra-curricular programme is always much appreciated.

## A FANTASTIC WEEK FOR OUR SPORTS TEAMS

U13 Football team beat Whitby High School 3-1 to progress to the Quarter Finals in the ESFA Cup

U14 Football team beat Rainhill Academy 4-1 to progress to the Quarter Final in the Merseyside Cup. Sam Pilkington scored a fantastic hat-trick

U15 Football team beat Formby 2-0 to the progress to the Quarter Final in the Merseyside Cup

U13 Rugby team beat King Macclesfield 42-34 to progress to the Semi Final in the Cheshire Cup

U16 Rugby team beat Bishops Heber 13-12 to progress to the Semi Final in the Cheshire Cup

U13 Hockey team have now qualified for the North of England finals

Merseyside Round of the National Schools Badminton Championships. We were the only school to have four teams present. Senior A team reached the final, Junior A team reached the semi-finals but unfortunately both teams lost to Birkdale. Our Senior teams (A&B) were credit to the school as they were actively involved in promoting/teaching badminton with students from other schools.



## 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.

## DofE BRONZE MEETING

There will be a DofE Bronze meeting in the school hall at 1:00pm on Wednesday 25th February. All students signed up to the programme are to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm groupings and the expedition A/B split.

## DofE SILVER TRAINING SESSIONS

Students are reminded that training sessions commence after half term for six consecutive weeks. These will start on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and students should meet in the school library at 3.45pm, sessions will usually finish by 5.00pm. Please note that students are expected to attend ALL six weeks.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

Lower Sixth student, James Taylor, continues to excel in athletics. The cross-country season has begun superbly for James who has already won the Merseyside Championship and completed a hat-trick of triumphs in the Merseyside Schools' League.

His next race is the National Championships in London over half term. We wish him every success.

James was recently featured in an article in the Liverpool Echo.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

To celebrate Chinese New Year the canteen will be holding a specials day on Monday 23rd February.

Special priced menu £1.50

- Sweet & Sour Chicken
- Stir-Fried Beef & Black Bean Sauce
- Thai Green Chicken Curry
- Thai Green Vegetable Curry

All served with rice or noodles and prawn crackers with the option of adding vegetable spring rolls for 20p.

## QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**We have had a great response to the quiz night so far with nearly 20 teams entered already. We still have room for 1 or 2 more if you would like to join us, please see details below.**

To celebrate the launch of the new Calday association for parents and staff (CAPS) we would like to invite you to take part in our annual quiz night which will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall, starting at 7:30pm. The invitation is open to all parents, family and friends, (aged 18 years and over). The evening will have a St Patrick's Day theme including Irish stew; guests are welcome to bring their own drinks. No more than 6 in a team, we can group smaller numbers together on the night.

There is no charge, however a voluntary donation will be asked for on the evening to cover catering, any profit will go towards school funds and a student supported charity 'Rock of Joy'.

We have a limited number of teams we can accommodate so please contact us to book in your team asap. Please email attendees names to: [Jacqui.mciver@calday.co.uk](mailto:Jacqui.mciver@calday.co.uk).

## CRICKET ACTIVATORS COURSE AT UAB ON 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

Some last minute places have become available on a first come first serve basis. It takes place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm and you will need some kit and a packed lunch. Please note that if you attend this course you will be expected to give up another 10 additional hours to help with cricket in the community. For further details and to register your interest please contact Carys Lanceley on 01516521574 or [clanceley@uabirkenhead.org](mailto:clanceley@uabirkenhead.org)

## CGC PRIMARY WORKSHOP FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN YEARS 4 & 5

Through a series of workshops students will experience a range of creative learning activities exploring areas such as the solar system, fractional maths, Shakespeare, design technology and polar exploration.

Workshop Title: A Creative Taste of Key Stage Three  
Venue: Calday Grange Grammar School  
Date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015  
Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm

The cost of the full day workshop is £20.00 per student. For full details of the event and how to apply (the closing date is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March) please use the following address:  
[www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/cgccaldayworkshops](http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/cgccaldayworkshops)

## 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)

## FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN AID OF REFILWE

Bag pack at Morrisons on Sunday 1st March  
Cake Sale in school on Thursday 5th March

## COMPLIMENTARY THEATRE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS OF CHINESE

We still have a few tickets available for the Chinese extravaganza performance showing at the Stockport Plaza Theatre, Stockport on the afternoon of Saturday 28th February. Free coach travel from school is included departing Calday at 12:30pm and returning at approximately 6:00pm, to request tickets please contact the community office.

Everybody who attends requires a ticket regardless of age; students who study Chinese are eligible to apply for a maximum of 4 tickets. Please [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.

## 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 February, 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).



## THE PORT SUNLIGHT SEA DOGS PERFORM IN AID OF RNLI

The Port Sunlight Sea Dogs are coming to Melrose Hall, Hoylake on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm to perform in aid of RNLI. Free admission, bucket collection for RNLI, bring your own drinks - tea and cake available to buy.

Please note that this event replaces the “The Light up the Lifeboat” Celebration and Lantern Parade which was scheduled to take place at Hoylake Community Centre on 21 February – this has been cancelled.

The Lantern Parade will now take place alongside the HVL Easter party at Hoylake Community Centre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Please support this fundraiser for the lifeboats if you can!

## SAMBA BAND

Twelve months ago we were fortunate enough to be able to start up our own Samba band and the group are now looking to increase their numbers. They meet after school on a Tuesday evening in E Block and no previous experience is necessary. Students from all year groups are welcome to join - just drop in, no need to sign up or book in advance. Further information can be obtained from the Music Department or Community Office.



## DROPPING STUDENTS AT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Please be aware that the Traffic Enforcement car which is equipped with CCTV cameras to catch motorists parking illegally is visiting the school on a regular basis and issuing fines to motorists who are dropping off on the zig-zags etc outside of the school. We also ask that parents refrain from dropping students off within the school grounds unless it is for medical reasons.

## ‘SLOUCH’ BEANIE HAT

A new school hat is available to purchase at the cost of £8.00 each, full details can be found in the school webshop at [www.caldygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/shop](http://www.caldygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/shop)

## 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

If you would like to help us, please follow the instructions on the leaflet with regards to items that can be posted directly or dropped off at reception for the attention of Mrs Jenny Cooper. Please note that we CANNOT accept the clothes etc due to lack of storage space - you would need to send for a bag and arrange collection of these items directly. Thank you for helping us to support this important charity.

## ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

The procedure which will be used in the event of adverse weather conditions can be found in the policy 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.

### **STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

Could we please ask parents to ensure that the absence reporting line is only used to inform us that their child will not be attending school due to illness. We have noticed an increase in messages being left in relation to other issues such as homework, requesting that staff ring home etc. If you require any assistance in relation to matters other than illness could you please use the main switchboard number to contact a member of the administration office who will be able to assist you. Alternatively you may wish to email members of staff directly and email addresses can be found at [www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/contactstaff](http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/contactstaff). Thank you for your co-operation.

### **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.