



Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

30th JANUARY 2015

Mon	2 nd Feb	CAPS Meeting
Tues	3 rd Feb	
Weds	4 th Feb	Group photographs
Thurs	5 th Feb	Year 10 immunisations Intermediate Maths Challenge Year 9 Options Evening
Fri	6 th Feb	

FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE CALDAY ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND STAFF (CAPS)

We would like to remind parents that the first general meeting of the Caldway Association of Parents and Staff (CAPS) will be held on Monday 2nd February at 6.30 pm in the School Hall. During the meeting the constitution will be ratified and members elected to the key posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

HOCKEY

Many congratulations to our hockey teams who recently played in the annual Wirral Schools' Hockey Finals (postponed from Sunday 18th January because of the snow and ice). The excellent news is that Caldway Grange won all three age groups and without conceding a goal! Each team will now play in the North West finals at the end of February.

The results were as follows:

Under 14s Neston High School 0 Caldway Grange GS 2
Under 16s Wirral GS for boys 0 Caldway Grange GS 4
Under 18s Birkenhead School 0 Caldway Grange GS 3

FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 8 football team played against Cannon Slade School, Bolton earlier this week and beat them 6 - 0. The team is now through to the last 16 of the England Schools' Football Association Cup and will play against Whitby High School, Ellesmere Port.



HOCKEY TEAM RAISE £100 IN AID OF TEENAGE CANCER UNIT

The school's hockey first team recently made a donation of £100 to the Teenage Cancer Unit at Clatterbridge hospital, which they raised through their fundraising dinner. Louise Beach, the Fundraising Manager for Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, accepted the money in school from the boys and Mr. Chris Todd, Director of Hockey.

PARENT GOVERNORS

We will shortly be sending out documentation to elect a parent governor to replace Mr Steve Rampton who has recently stepped down from the Governing Body. We thank Steve for his commitment and support over the past 5 years'. In addition, the terms of office for Mr Simon Walker and Professor Matthew Baylis will be completed in March and therefore we will also use the same process to elect for these two positions.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS – YEAR 9

On Thursday 5th February Year 9 students will have a mental health awareness lesson delivered by a group of Year 12 students who have been trained by Wirral NHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, who will also be attending on the day to support them.

As a school we are aware of an increasing number of issues developing in relation to mental health and year 9 is usually the point at which these issues arise. Therefore we are running the day in order to raise awareness and ensure students know how to access support should they need it. If you have any further questions or do not wish for your son to participate please contact Mr Evans.

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.

'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.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/shop



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.

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 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.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We have been asked to inform parents about an event taking place at Wirral Change (St Laurence's school in Birkenhead) on Friday 6th March from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Please visit their website www.wirralchange.org.uk for further details.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO DESIGN A STAINED GLASS WINDOW TO CELEBRATE THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF CADETS IN CALDAY

2016 will be the 100th 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 2nd April 2015. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email the CCF at 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. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

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 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.