



Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2016

Mon	21 st March	
Tues	22 nd March	
Weds	23 rd March	
Thurs	24 th March	
Friday	25 th March	Good Friday (school closed)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 28th March	Easter Monday (school closed)
Wednesday 30th March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 1st April	Non Uniform Day School closes for Easter break

ADAM CLIFT

It is with great sadness that we inform parents that Adam Clift (U6H3) lost his courageous battle with Burkett's Lymphoma on Friday last week. Adam was an outstanding student who will be greatly missed by the Calday community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

STUDENT SUCCESS

- Dan Hayes in 7HS has been making a bit of a name for himself as a very talented runner, competing in the Wirral Short Course cross-country races in recent weeks and doing very well! In two year 7 races on the 8th and 15th March he came a fantastic 1st and 2nd in his age category, and a very impressive 5th on the 1st March while competing in the year 8 category! Well done Dan - watch out Tokyo 2020 Olympics!
- Congratulations to Michael Aldag on winning the Pop Idol category at Wirral Festival of Music on Saturday with Adele's 'Someone Like You' and also for coming second in the Musicals category with 'The Letter' from Billy Elliott.

HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016

We had a fantastic day last Thursday watching very talented students perform many different genres of music. We were than able to share some of the highlights from the day in the concert on Thursday evening. Many congratulations to all students who took part in this event and to Hollowell House who won with a score of 261 points, followed closely by Glegg 254 and Bennett 253 points. The music prefects worked tirelessly to get all items ready for the day and they had a wonderful spirit and very supportive attitude towards each other despite it being a competition.

QUIZZING AT CALDAY!

At the National Schools' Challenge Regional Finals held in Bury this week, our junior quiz team enjoyed an emphatic victory over Bolton Grammar School but in a strong field - which included 15 other schools - they narrowly missed out on going through to the next round. The Year 8 students - Joshua Smith, Ben Tobyn, Ben Green and Tom Croft - were impeccably behaved throughout and a credit to the school.

Calday has thriving quiz clubs open to all year groups - if any students enjoy general knowledge quizzes and would like to join our lunchtime sessions, pop along to Ms Weston in H20 to find out more!

TABLE TENNIS

Many congratulations to Alec Robinson, George Walker, Jake Norton and Thom Jones who won the KS4 Merseyside championships at Widnes.

We also congratulate the KS3 team who played extremely well but unfortunately were beaten in their final and therefore achieved silver. The team consisted of Mathew Webster, Akil Thiruselvan, Arthur Cooper and Hayat Leung.

CGGS SPORTS RESULTS

For details on the sports results from 22nd February to 18th March please see the end of the newsletter.

Competition Time!

Your creativity could be set in stone

Year 7-9 students have the chance to name the three new houses being built on Grammar School Lane opposite the school.

Each winner will be presented with their luxurious chocolate prize & a certificate of official recognition by former Valencia, Liverpool, Chelsea and Real Madrid manager, Rafa Benitez.

One entry per student:

Entries should be sent to house@calday.co.uk

Closing date for entries: 3:30pm Thursday 24th March 2016

You may choose to select a name which draws on the idea of cliffs, sandstone or woods. Alternatively, you can let your imagination run free.



A donation of up to £500 will also be made to the school if we successfully name all three houses.

STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL FOR APPOINTMENTS

Could we please ask parents to ensure that they provide as much notice as possible of appointments for their child. We have noticed a large increase in the number of calls received on the day or just prior to the appointment which unfortunately causes additional work for the administration team. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARKING

Could parents please ensure that they park appropriately when waiting to collect students from school. If you are waiting for your child to come out from Reception could you please ensure that you park in the car park and not on the one-way system.

COVERED IN GUNGE FOR TEENAGE CANCER TRUST!

Nathan Harrison Clarke (U6G1) has volunteered to get covered in gunge in aid of teenage cancer trust. He would greatly appreciate any sponsorship. His sponsorship page is <https://www.gofundme.com/6zrdqd2k>

NHS BLOOD DONATION SESSION IN WEST KIRBY

NHS Blood & Transplant will be holding a blood donation session at Westbourne Hall in West Kirby on Monday 28th March and there are still a number of unbooked appointments at present. If you are able to assist with raising vital blood stocks (each unit of blood can save up to 3 lives) please go online blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

RECRUITMENT

We are currently looking for three cleaners. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in applying please ask them to visit the school website for further details.

CAREERS

- Sergeant Collier RAF will be coming into school on Wednesday 30th March in the afternoon. If any Year 11, 12 and 13 students are interested in meeting with him please see Mrs Montgomery who will be happy to arrange an appointment.

DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES (UPDATE)

We now have large box of unused phones which have been donated by students and staff but please keep sending them in.

We are working alongside a company called Fonebank, a mobile phone recycling initiative which will raise funds to enable us to support student enrichment activities. The scheme is very straightforward and Fonebank will pay their current website prices for any handset that is received from us. We are therefore asking if parents could kindly search the cupboards and drawers for those unwanted mobile phones and send them to school with your child. The collection point is outside the dining hall. We do hope that you might be able to help with the collection. For more information please visit www.fonebank.com/schools

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING! (UPDATE)

Thank you to all those who have used the easyfundraising website as last month we raised a fantastic £100. Parents and staff have commented on how easy it is to use. To sign up and help us raise funds for the school please visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

RAISING FUNDS FOR CLAIRE HOUSE

Mr Lamprey is raising funds for Claire House and will be competing in the following challenges:-

Sunday 24th April	8 mile off road	9.00am start
Monday 25th April	5 mile road or off road	7.00pm start
Tuesday 26th April	8 Hill sprints on school hill Heswall (5miles ish)	7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club
Wednesday 27th April	Seaside run plus run back 6 miles	7.00pm start from Leasowe lighthouse
Thursday 28th April	4 x 8 (figure of 8) again on school hill	7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club
Friday 29th April	Caldy hills 7 miles	7.00pm Calday Grange Grammar school
Saturday 30th April	Birkenhead Park run 3miles +	9.00am start
Sunday 1st May	Liverpool Spring 10k 6 miles	

Parents are most welcome to join him on any of the runs.

For further details please contact him via colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk. He would also appreciate any donations which can be made at uk.virginmoney.com/ColinLamprey

JUMP FOR CLATTERBRIDGE!

Two of our fantastic year 10 boys in Hollowell House, Matt Martin and Dan Wallace, have come up with a hair-raising idea to raise money for the school charity ... by bungee jumping off a 300 foot high crane!! On the 23rd April this year, Matt and Dan will be throwing themselves (literally) into this fundraising event in an attempt to raise at least £350 for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

When asked what inspired them to do such an event, they replied: "...it is a charity that is very close to our hearts as we have family members and friends affected by cancer.... Clatterbridge does *amazing* work with people affected by cancer and so, any money that you could spare to donate to this awesome cause via our mad adventure would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to support the school charity through sponsoring Matt and Dan, please visit their Justgiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/matt-dan-bungee>

SCHOOL SPORTING HONOURS

An important part of the school culture is to honour individuals who have shown exceptional sporting achievement. Many students are successful without us knowing about it and we would like to add their names to the honours board. If your son/daughter has achieved a level of national recognition we would very much like to celebrate it. Please email geoff.bosworth@calday.co.uk with the details.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are available for children if their parent or carer receives certain benefits. In addition the school receives Pupil Premium funding each year of £935 per student who is entitled to free school meals; this funding continues for up to six years after the free school meals claim ends. This means that even if you only expect to claim for a short period of time the Pupil Premium funding will continue to support your child's education for the long term.

If you don't apply our School will miss out on funding which could go towards providing additional support for your child. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch you will still need to register for free school meals for our school to receive the Pupil Premium funding. The next census date is January 2016 and we encourage all eligible parents or carers to complete their applications ahead of this date to ensure that the School receives funding in 2016/17. Please visit the parent section of the school website for more information.



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

If you would like to join CAPS and assist in planning and organising events to benefit the students in the school and the community at Calday please email CAPS@calday.co.uk or visit www.calday.co.uk