



Calday Grange Grammar School

Parents' Newsletter

Friday 8th July 2016

Mon	11 th July	
Tues	12 th July	Russian Extravaganza 7.00 pm in school hall
Weds	13 th July	'A Kinda Magic' 7.00 pm in school hall
Thurs	14 th July	
Friday	15 th July	

STUDENT SUCCESSES

- Many congratulations to Robert Armstrong (8GY) who recently competed at the Liverpool Echo Arena at The British Gymnastics 2016 Trampoline, Tumbling & DMT (Double Mini Trampoline) British Championships. Robert passed qualifications earlier in the year and on Saturday qualified for the finals for the Double Mini Trampoline Elite Level. He competed in the finals on Sunday and took 3rd place in the British Championships.



At an award ceremony held at the Big Bang Fair North West in Liverpool on Tuesday 5th July, the school was presented with the North West Stem Club of the Year award. This award recognises the hard work of Mrs Mounsey who now has over 70 students attending her weekly robotics club.

- Tom Russell has just received his England Hockey U16 Boys call-up for the Six Nations tournament in Antwerp later this month. This is the culmination of his international season, where England take on the best in Europe, with matches against, Belgium, Spain, Netherlands, Ireland and Germany.
- Well done to the senior golf team who recently won the Hoylake Schools Championship at Royal Liverpool and congratulations to Hayat Leung who also won the individual award for most points scored.



6 of our Year 10's students recently attended the Santa Pod race track to design, make and race their rocket cars in the national finals of the rocket car competition. Caldaway5 was placed 11th in the country (Out of 300 plus teams) The school logo will now be put onto the tail fin of the Bloodhound car when they attempt to break the land speed record with it. Many congratulations to the students who were Abhishek Das, Peter Liddiard, Will Hopwood, Thomas Wigfield, Julian Young and Dan Lewis.



Many congratulations to Moses and Joseph Burton who have been shortlisted for the BAFTA Young Game Designer Competition. They will now attend the official Awards Ceremony on 23rd July 2016. We wish them the best of luck and we look forward to hearing the outcome. To view all the shortlisted entries please visit: <http://ygd.bafta.org/competition>. Moses' and Joseph's entry is stepfish in the 15-18 game making category

GERMAN EXCHANGE

13 German exchange students recently visited Caldaway which was the 36th year of the Gladenbach-West Kirby/Caldaway programme. A big thank you to students and parents who hosted the students and thank you to colleagues at Caldaway who had students in their classes and helped to run activities for them, namely Mr Lamprey, Mr Wood and Mrs Dean. The students had a wonderful time and particularly enjoyed the British Afternoon Tea session and the trips to Chester and Liverpool. We are looking forward to the exchange again next year!

INTRODUCTION OF ParentPay AND CASHLESS CATERING



We are excited to announce that we will introduce cashless catering at the school in the Autumn term and plan to go live before the October half-term holiday.

There will be a number of benefits for parents including:

- Detailed online reporting of student purchases from all school catering outlets
 - Easy online credit top-ups with debit or credit card
- Option of PayPoint top-ups at local stores for those parents who don't wish to pay online
 - Elimination of the need for students to carry cash to purchase their break-time snacks and lunch
 - Assurance for parents that their money is being spent for the purpose it was given
 - No risk of money being lost
 - Reduced risk of bullying
 - Easy and discrete administration for free school meals

As part of these changes we will be phasing out the current online Scopay system to enable you to make all of your catering top-ups and other school purchases through ParentPay. This will include all school trip payments and uniform items.

How will it work?

We are bringing in new computerised till systems with fingerprint recognition software. All students and staff who will be using the school's catering service will be set up on the system in September and this will link to your accounts on ParentPay. When your child makes a purchase they will scan their thumb to identify themselves and access the credit on their account. There will be daily spend limits in place and procedures for dealing with students who have run out of credit.

What do I need to do now?

Our technical team are busy getting the system ready for you to use and we hope to issue letters for parents before the end of the Summer term. This will contain an activation code for you to use to set up your online account.

We will start populating the system with items for you to purchase over the Summer and in the meantime you are still able to use the current Scopay system.

What if I already have a ParentPay account?

If you already have an active account for other children or if you have used it for another school your child has attended, you should be able to add the new Calday functionality to your existing account. This should mean that you will not need to set up a new ParentPay account.

What happens next?

From 1st September all new items for parents will be added to ParentPay rather than the current system which will be phased out before Easter 2017.

In September we will seek agreement from parents to use Biometric data for the till systems to identify their child's purchases. This is tightly regulated by the Department for Education and the school will act entirely within these regulations. These regulations allow for an opt-out by parents from the use of Biometric data and these circumstances a pin-code is used by the student to identify themselves at the till system.

We will continue to provide regular updates in future editions of the newsletter. If you have any queries or questions in the meantime, please contact us via parentpay@calday.co.uk

TRUSTEE VACANCIES – CALDAY GRANGE SWIMMING POOL TRUST

Calday Grange Swimming Pool Trust has been responsible for the management of the swimming pool facility since 1996. The Board of Trustees play a crucial role in the successful operation of the facility. The Board meets 5/6 times a year and works closely with the pool staff to ensure the continued viability of the pool.

Two of the present Trustees, Treasurer and Secretary, would like to step back from their work on the Trust Board at the end of the year and need to be replaced as soon as possible to ensure the continued smooth running of the pool. If you have any of the following skills and experience and would like to become a Trustee, please write to Roger Cooke at Calday Grange Swimming Pool Trust, Gourley's Lane, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 8AS.

- Swimming Pool Operational Management
- Health & Safety
- Human Resources
- Admin/Secretarial/Minute Taking
- Finance/Accountancy/Bookkeeping ability using Sage 50/Payroll/Pension/
- Purchasing/Invoicing/Annual Accounts

SUPPORT STAFF VACANCIES

We are currently seeking to appoint the following support staff:-

- Learning Resources Manager
- Cleaning Supervisor
- Learning Mentor

Full details are available from the school website.

Work Bard, Play Bard!

Tuesday 12th July 2016
@ The Liverpool Everyman Theatre

Experience *The Merchant of Venice* like you have never seen before.

8 Schools from across the Merseyside area have pulled together to bring you **Work Bard, Play Bard** on the Everyman stage this coming July.

Join us on the 12th as students showcase their hard work from the past 3 months and **PREPARE TO PLAY BARD!**

Show Times	Prices
-Matinee Performance: 3pm	-Adult £5/Concession £3
-Evening Performance: 7:30pm	-Adult £7/Concession £5

For more info and to book your tickets now, please visit:
<http://www.everymanplayhouse.com/whats-on/work-bard-play-bard-0> or give our box office a call on **0151 709 4776**



Images taken from last year's Work Bard, Play Bard based on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

On Tuesday 12th July twelve year 10 drama students will be performing on the Everyman main stage as part of the theatres *Work Bard, Play Bard* production. We will be one of eight schools from around the region who have created a short piece inspired by *The Merchant of Venice*. Tickets are £3-5 and available from the Everyman website. <http://www.everymanplayhouse.com/whats-on/work-bard-play-bard-0>

GCSE/GCE RESULTS DAYS

Information is now available on the school website about GCSE/GCE results days in August, including information about the post results services available and how to apply for these.

<http://www.calday.co.uk/page/Default.asp?title=Results&pid=38>

SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENTS

New windows and doors

We are pleased to announce that the school has secured a significant amount of funding from the Education Funding Agency to replace all of the windows and doors in the Glasspool Building. This is the oldest part of the school and many of the existing windows are in a poor condition. The new windows will be warmer in the winter, offer better ventilation in the summer and will feature solar control glass to keep light levels better controlled. These changes will make the classrooms in this building a much improved environment for teaching and learning.

Contractors will be erecting scaffolding in August when students are not on site and starting these works in September. We expect the works to be completed before Christmas 2016. The windows will be replaced on a rolling program meaning that a couple of classrooms at a time will be out of action. This will minimise disruption to teaching and learning for students and teachers.

The contract has been awarded to a local Wirral based company following a competitive tender process and it is pleasing that a significant amount of the funding will be retained within the local economy.

Lodge and car park

The school has applied for planning permission to demolish the existing lodge situated within the school car park. It is intended to clear this site and replace with additional car parking whilst improving access from the school site onto Grammar School Lane. This will reduce the health and safety risk relating to vehicle movements in the car park and mean that users of the car park will have a safer view when joining onto Grammar School Lane.

Provided that planning permission is granted, the school intends to commence these works during the Summer and to complete the car park works in the Autumn. This may create some disruption for vehicles around the vicinity of the school car park and parents, students and visitors are requested to exercise additional care if driving onto the school site in September.

STUDENT BUS TRAVEL FROM WALLASEY, NORTH WALES AND CHESTER



The deadline for setting up a payment plan to guarantee a seat on one of these buses was Sunday 10 July 2016 however we will continue to accept applications after this date and will try to accommodate your preference if we can. Please visit calday.co.uk/buspass to find more detailed information about routes, prices and payment options. If you have any queries with these arrangements, please contact the school at gocardless@calday.co.uk

CALDAY CHARITIES

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated their time and money to help us raise over £16,000 supporting the following Calday charities this year: -

Jeans for Genes	£2500.29
Macmillan Cancer Support	£614.26
Helplink (over 70 food hampers)	£78.73
Blood wise	£870.86
Liverpool Leukemia.	£718.51
CoppaFeel	£606.20
Clatterbridge Cancer Charity (Houses chosen charity)	£2219.65
Sports relief	£416.37
Teenage Cancer Trust.	£400.00
Refilwe.	£7650.00

The Sports Leader Charity Challenge in aid of Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund took place last week and we hope to bring you the total amount raised soon. There is still time to donate at the following <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CaldayGrange-Euro2016-BikeRace>

Without the help of parents, staff and students we would not be able to raise these tremendous amounts for worthwhile causes. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Rowlands, Charity Co-ordinator

OUTSTANDING LIBRARY BOOKS

Could we please request that all outstanding library books are returned to Mrs Ward in the Learning Resource Centre by Wednesday 13th July 2016

FONEBANK IS BACK!

Fonebank is back with one last big push before term ends. So, if you have any old phones please drop them in the box at reception before Friday 15th July! All money raised is for Robotics Club.

'A KINDA MAGIC'

Don't forget that on Wednesday 13th July, our very own 'Calday's Got Talent' success Ben Harris will perform magic and mentalism in front of a live audience – YOU! - all to raise money for the wonderful Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

One of the younger members of the Magic Circle, and endorsed by Las Vegas magic legends such as Lance Burton and Uri Geller, Ben will amaze and baffle you like you never thought possible! The night promises to be entertaining, charismatic and quite simply... magical, with tricks that were originally performed by the legends of the magic world.

As if being mesmerised isn't enough, there will also be a raffle on the night with prizes donated by the wonderful staff at Sainsbury's Upton, as well as an auction for some incredible prizes including a bottle of Moët et Chandon signed by footballing legends Sir Geoff Hurst, Ray Wilson & Martin Peters, a hamper from Morrisons, £25 gift voucher from Faith Hairdressers, wine donated by the Co-op, and a 'West Kirby' china mug from Le Bizz. Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from Scopay.

TOUR OF MERSEYSIDE – 52 miles in 6 races over 7 days

Mr Lamprey has now completed his Tour of Merseyside challenge and has raised over £500 for Claire House. He would like to thank everyone for their kind donations but there is still time to sponsor him via <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ColinLamprey>.

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!

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/>



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

If you want to lend your support to CAPS and get involved in fund-raising events to raise funds for the school, please get in touch with us: caps@calday.co.uk

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.

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 May 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.