

## **DEAN FIELD NEWS**

## Friday 16th September 2022



#### **School Council Elections**

On Thursday we held our school council elections! We set up a polling station in the hall and the children took it in turns to go and vote for their new school councillors.

Before doing this, the children that wanted to run for councillor, wrote and presented a manifesto to their class. They did an excellent job!

Next week, we will let you know who our new councillors are. Watch this space!



#### **Staff Training**

This week teaching assistants, who are our first aiders, had a refresher course on supporting children who have asthma. This was hosted at Dean Field by Home and Away Training, who are based in Keighley.

Mrs Pether hosted this week's staff meeting for all teachers with a focus on improving writing in accordance to our School Improvement Plan, lots of great ideas shared which Mrs Pether and Miss Hussain will now pull together.

Also this week, Miss Fudge and Ms Stevenson have attended the Early Careers Teacher (ECT) training as a mentor and as an ECT. This is a new requirement this year for all schools to have in place to support new teachers in their first 2 years of teaching following their teacher training. Both Miss Fudge and Ms Stevenson are excited to start the weekly coaching sessions.

#### Safeguarding

The benefits of a good family routine:

Routines give children a sense of security and control over their environment.

When life is organised and consistent at home, children feel safe, secure and looked after. The same applies for your children in school. Organised daily routines, structure, the ability to express themselves in a safe, happy environment.

By creating a predictable daily routine, children will learn what to expect at various times of the day and experience a sense of control and satisfaction when they complete their tasks.

#### Routines can limit poor behaviour and outbursts.

A lot of poor behaviour is primarily is triggered by hunger, tiredness or overstimulation, therefore developing a routine where they eat and sleep at certain times will help children emotionally prepare for the next task and understand what is expected of them when the task is completed.

Routines help children learn so much from learning how to perform each task, (getting dressed, brushing teeth etc) to learning how the world works and what they need to do in order to interact successfully in it.

A simple daily routine provides a basis for children to learn other essential skills such as basic hygiene, time management, self- control, self-care, responsibility, independence and confidence.

Routines bring you closer together as a family. Routines involve doing lots of things together and while the tasks themselves may lack excitement for adults, this can really help to strengthen family relationships. When building your ideal family routine, think about how you can create them around having fun or spending time together such as reading stories before bed or taking a real interest in your children's school/homework. These moments will become a special time for you and your children to share and will be remembered when they grow older and make their own traditions.

Think back to your happy childhood memories...... help your children to remember theirs.

Next time you are tempted to let your children stay up later than normal to tire themselves out, stop and think of all the benefits a routine provides for you children and yourself.

A little effort everyday means less stress for everyone.











#### **Uganda Thank You**

Thank you so much to all those families and staff members from Dean Field and Beech Hill (The Family of Learning Trust) who donated and supported Miss Fudge to make her Uganda Fellowship possible. You are amazing!

A very challenging and rewarding experience. The impact that was made, along with many other teachers during the summer holidays was immense.

A HUGE thank you to those who have donated and supported Miss Fudge to benefit the children and staff in Kanungu, Uganda.

#### A message from Miss Fudge:

Each teacher on the project were allocated a school each - mine being Kyamunjuri Nursery & Primary School - and we were given a variety of teachers to coach and mentor. I coached Joan (25yrs old, baby on her back as she taught), Syilvia (23yrs old, very appreciative individual), Clidmas (hilarious and had completed the programme before and you could tell!) and Francis (55yr old deputy head and founder of the school, also a reception teacher - my twin!) We spent weeks delivering workshops at the university and observing our teachers implement their training. This method and programme helps to build sustainability in the community and education system, empowering Ugandan teachers to take the lead. Graduation day and the ceremony was overwhelming and I burst with pride...and yes cried a lot!

I used some of the donation funds to purchase many stationary items as they do not have them. Pencil sharpeners were razor blades and bread or sponges were chalkboard rubbers. I also used the donation money to plaster classrooms as they are currently mud and bare bricks walls, if you donated then you really have made a **HUGE** difference to the pupils, staff and environment at this local school, they gratefully passed on their many thanks!

Lots of friends and memories were made and the well earned weekends enjoyed. I have grown personally as well as professionally and even though I've backpacked before, never have I experienced poverty like this. We really are so lucky in our country!

Inspiring Teachers is a charity organisation which seeks to improve education through empowerment and training in a variety of poorer countries. If you know of someone who is interested in getting involved please forward the website to them. <a href="https://">https://</a> inspiringteachers.org/

I am now home safe and have never slept so much in my life! Once again, a **MASSIVE**\_\_\_\_\_thank you to everyone who made this possible.









#### **School PFA**

Interested in helping school fundraise?

Then we need you to join our school PFA to help organise school fairs and other fundraising events.

We are holding a **coffee morning at 9am Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** for parents/carers who wish to help.





## **Halloween Discos**





Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco 3-4pm

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 disco 4:15-5:15pm

School will provide pop/crisps/ cupcakes





Rec-Year 3 can bring with them a change of clothes for the disco, in a named bag

Tickets will be £2.50 - cash only; please send via class in a named sealed envelope

#### **Halloween Skating Party**

YMCA Spooktacular Halloween themed skating party is back. Fancy dress optional, but prizes awarded for best costume. Skate hire included, although own skates can be worn. Price includes a slice of Pizza or hot dog, a spooky bun and a drink.

Please note this is a ticket only event with no entry on the day without a ticket.

Follow the link to book: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/halifaxymca





On Friday 30th September, we are celebrating Roald Dahl Day! It is a non-uniform day and we are inviting pupils to come to school dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl book! See page two for some ideas!

We are going to celebrate by reading extracts from Roald Dahl's books and taking part in various Roald Dahl linked activities.

Each class will perform a class poem from Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes book!













Miss Trunchbull - Matilda Mr Fox - Fantastic Mr Fox Matilda Wormwood - Matilda Mr/Mrs Wormwood - Matilda

James - James and the Giant Peach
Willy Wonka - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Charlie Bucket - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Grandpa Joe - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Augustus Gloop - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Veruca Salt - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Bruce Bogtrotter - Matilda

Oompa Loompas - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Mr/ Mrs Twit - The Twits

Mrs Ladybug - James and the Giant Peach Miss Spider - James and the Giant Peach The BFG - The BFG

Sophie – The BFG George – George's Marvelous Medicine Witch – The Witches

Crocodile - The Enormous Crocodile Trunky - The Enormous Crocodile Roly-Poly Bird - The Enormous Crocodile 'The Girl' - The Magic Finger













## Harvest Festival 2022



At Dean Field, we are celebrating Harvest Festival by collecting non-perishable food items for the local charity SmartMove Calderdale. If you would like to donate, please send your donations into school on or before Friday 7th October.









Visit <a href="https://www.calderdalesmartmove.org.uk/">https://www.calderdalesmartmove.org.uk/</a> for more information about the charity and all the amazing work they do.

#### **OSCA Pitch Football**

See below some of our year 5 footballers enjoying the OSCA pitch at Forest Cottage. Ms Stansfield will regularly take the children to practice their skills and enjoy a friendly game or two.







# Calder High School The Calder Learning Trust

Welcomes prospective students and parents



### Year 6 Open Evening Thursday 6th October, 5:30 - 8pm

The Calder Learning Trust would like to welcome you to its **Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 6th October 2022.** The school will be open from 5:30pm-8pm. There will be three short presentations from the Headteacher, Head of Year 7 and students at 5:45, 6:30 and 7:15pm. Because of the expected high numbers, we ask you to mix and match your viewing of the rest of the school with one of these.

Student guides will be available throughout the evening to give you a guided tour of the school or alternatively you are welcome to make your own way around the numerous departmental display areas. Representation from Calderdale Council will also be available to clarify or discuss any questions around admissions while members of the School Leadership Team will be on hand to answer any general questions you may have.

To minimise congestion around the site and surrounding roads, we request that all visitors come in through the three entrances at the front of school where you will be given a Welcome Pack. Please note that, with regret, there will be no parking available on site.

We look forward to meeting you and hope that you find the occasion both informative and enjoyable.



'At Calder High School, we strive for' **everybody**, **every day'** to be and do their very best, so that they can realise their dreams and aspirations.'

Mr A. Guise, Head of the Calder Learning Trust

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#### **DIARY DATES**

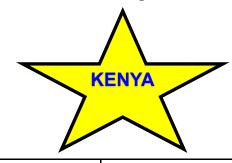
DATE	EVENT
Monday 19th September	Bank Holiday—school is shut for the Queen's funeral
Tuesday 20th September	Year 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 21st September	Year 3 Sports Competition with Beech Hill
Tuesday 27th September	Year 1 Trip to Manor Heath Park
Wednesday 28th September	Year 3 Trip to Piece Hall
Thursday 29th September	PFA Coffee morning
Friday 30th September	Roald Dahl Day—non-uniform

**Reminder:** We are a nut free school and we would appreciate that any lunchboxes do not include nut products to protect the children in school with nut allergies.



"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going." — Beverly Stills

#### Accelerated Reader - Reading Achievements this Year



Poland	87.2%
Brazil	82.1%
Kenya	88.6%
Australia	70%
Ireland	80.8%

You could help increase your class percentage by doing some extra reading on myON! There are thousands of books for you to choose from! If you need a reminder of your login details, please speak to your teacher. Visit <a href="https://www.myon.co.uk/login/">https://www.myon.co.uk/login/</a> to start reading!

#### **This Weeks Attendance**

Group	% Attendance	Poland class concerned of c
China	89.2%	with parents of
Australia	92.8%	If your child is school office o
Poland	97.9%	
Kenya	99.5%	It is important child/children's
Brazil	97.3%	concern if pare child/children a office on the fi

95.2%

95.1%

Ireland

Total

Congratulations to Kenya class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Poland class for coming second. I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. Meetings with parents of children who are of concern will occur.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on 01422 258258 before 9.00am.

It is important we are aware of the reason for your child/children's absence. It becomes a safeguarding concern if parents do not inform school when their child/children are absent. Please contact the school office on the first day of absence before 9am stating reasons for any absence. This will avoid absences being recorded as unauthorised.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks. Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager



## **GOLD BOOK**



## Dean Field CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY Dean Field CONTRACTOR ASSEMBLY

CHINA YEAR 1	Drake C	For brilliant effort with maths this week. You have filled your spaceship up with stars!	
	Ellie H	For always sitting smartly and paying attention during lessons.	
AUSTRALIA YEAR 2	Robyn-Jade G-H	For your mature and sensible attitude in all lessons.	
	William H	For being a maths whiz!	
POLAND Riley A For having a fanta		For having a fantastic attitude to learning.	
	Kadie-Mai G	For your outstanding effort in lessons.	
KENYA YEAR 4	Leo H	For your independent work in English.	
	Sarah A	For your fantastic handwriting in <b>all</b> books.	
BRAZIL Y5	Lucas B	For excellent independent learning this week.	
	Taya J	For outstanding efforts in maths.	
IRELAND Y6	Molly C	For being an outstanding pupil in <b>all</b> areas.	
	Elliot G	For having a fantastic first two weeks in year 6.	