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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Year 1 Gardeners

Year 1 have been busy gardening this week. They have been improving our school environment by planting a wild flower meadow (by the forest school area), creating a herb garden and making a huge bee hotel. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this week and their behaviour has been exemplary. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents for their kind donations of plants, seeds, sand paper and bamboo. I also want to thank Mrs Broome and Mrs Jagroo in helping arrange this wonderful experience for the children in Year 1.

'We made seed bombs. We brought in lots of plants.' - Georgina (1B)

'We collected lots of sticks to help make our bee hotel. We want to grow lots of flowers so we get insects to come to our school.' - Miley (1J)

'We did some seed growing. We have to water the flowers to help them grow.' - Keaton (1B)

'We made seed bombs and we stamped them into the ground, which was fun! We made our own seed packets and a bee hotel.' - Huzayfah (1J)

Master Reader Competition

This term, Mrs Jones has relaunching Bug Club through our competition 'The Masked Reader.' A Marvellous Me message was sent last week with photos of all the Calshot staff wearing a Bug Club mask. See if you can guess who they are and send your answers back to class on the answer sheet by Tuesday 4th May. The children with the most correct answers will win a prize. Please encourage your child to read at home using Bug Club as much as possible. If they have forgotten their log in details, please let their teacher know, who will be able to remind them. Let's get Calshot 'buzzing' about reading again!

Reception Offer Day Update

Reception National Offer Day was on 16th April 2021. Birmingham LA received a total of 13,035 applications for children resident in the city. This is a huge reduction in numbers in comparison to last year and more than was expected. This pattern has been mirrored within other local authorities across the country. Birmingham

Admissions Team have asked that we remind parents of the importance of applying online for their child's reception class place by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. They can also call 0121 303 1888 and speak to a member of the team for further advice. In the meantime, the School Admissions Team will continue to process late applications up until 31 July 2021 to ensure children have a reception class place for September 2021.

Car Parking!

Last week I reminded parents of the dangers that inconsiderate parking outside school can have, particularly as the roads around Calshot have become a cut through for drivers avoiding the A34 congestion. Unfortunately we have had another close miss where a pupil was nearly hit by a car as they tried to cross the zebra crossing, again visibility was hampered as someone was parked illegally on the yellow lines. I have contacted the local police and they have confirmed that they will be carrying out spot checks in the area and giving out fixed penalty fines to those drivers that park illegally around our school from next week. On a brighter note, the local P.C.S.O. team have also been in contact as part of an initiative to reduce illegal parking by recruiting Junior P.C.S.Os from school. The Junior P.C.S.Os will be taught about looking after our community and keeping each other safe.

Foodbank

Our foodbank is open and available for families to use. We have families that are in desperate need of support in our school and in the local area. If you have any spare food that can go into the foodbank, please bring it in through the main entrance and place on the food table or send it in with a child. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Big Ask!

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/) - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of the country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Pupils are encouraged to go to the website <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/> to complete the survey. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Stay Safe!

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