

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always **AIMING HIGH!**

### Internet Safety

On Tuesday, children learnt about e-safety as part of 'Internet Safety Day', the children have been having lessons on how to keep themselves safe online. You can go onto the school website and look at the blogs the children have made. Some important reminders: never leave your child unsupervised when they are online, never allow them to use a webcam, use parent blocks and filters to limit what your child has access to, check your child's 'history' to monitor their usage and ensure that they only play age appropriate games. If you need any more support please access the school e-safety page on the school website. Thank you to Mrs Hatfield, who is our Computing Lead, who organised this important event.

'We learnt about what to do if we see something online that makes us feel upset. We wrote about it on the school blog and I showed it to my sister.' - Mia (3H)

'Don't read messages from people you don't know. If it sounds too good to be true, delete it and don't believe them.' - Natan (3H)

### Violin Concert

On Tuesday, the children performed a beautiful violin concert to the rest of KS2 and parents. The concert was fantastic and a real celebration of the wonderfully talented musicians we have in school.

'I played 'City Lights' and 'Off to Paris' with Raeyah. It was so nerve wrecking, but fun too! Thank you Mrs Davis for the lessons and to the parents for coming.' - Annabelle (5S)

'I really enjoy learning the violin, it is fun. I have learnt about reading the notes and how to use a bow. I enjoy learning these new skills and have a good time whilst doing it.' - Olivia (6C)

### Year 1 Assembly

On Thursday, Year One had their class assembly based on their current class topic 'Africa'. The singing and dancing was wonderful, very creative. Well done to all the children and thank you to the teachers who organised this brilliant assembly.

'Year 1 did a very good assembly about Africa. I was a dancer and it was great!' - Asia (1B)

'I was Akeyo and I loved acting in front of my mummy. My favourite song was 'Fanga Alafia'.' - Shaan (1J)

'Our assembly was the best! I enjoyed the 'Waka Waka' dance and my incredible mum came to watch.' - Ryan (1B)

'I loved singing and dancing to the 'Waka Waka' sing. My mum was proud of me.' - Gurneet (1J)

### Panto

On Wednesday, Friends of Calshot arranged the school panto 'Sleeping Beauty'. The children who attended had a fantastic time (and some of the parents). A huge thank you to the Friends Of Calshot team who give up so much of their own time to support the school.

### Contacting School

Can I please remind parents that if a child is not going to be in school that you ring the main office to inform us of the reason why your child cannot attend and the expected timeframe your child will be off. If a parent is considering taking a child on extended leave from school (holidays) there is a letter that needs to be completed, you can collect a leave of absence form from the main office. This is a directive from the local authority as places can be offered to pupils on our waiting list if we don't know that a child is returning. I cannot authorise holidays (even for family emergencies), which means parents can be liable for a spot fine.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, it is advisable to try and see them before or after school. If this is not possible, as the time can be limited, can you please email the enquiry email address and mark it urgent. Alternatively, phone the main office and leave a message. If you try emailing the teacher directly, the teacher will not see it until after the school day, as during the school day they are busy teaching.

### World Book Day

I wanted to give parents early notice that this year's World Book Day will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March and the theme is favourite book characters. If children wish to join in for the day, they are encouraged to dress up and there will be various exciting activities going on throughout school. Children will also be given a £1 book voucher, which can then be swapped for one of the special World Book Day books, or used as payment towards any children's book.

### Red Nose Day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the children will be taking part in 'Comic Reliefs- Red Nose Day'. The theme this year is 'Making a difference to the most vulnerable people around the world'. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes. If they can, we ask that they donate 50 pence towards Comic Relief. On the day, there will be a cake sale in the dining hall at playtime. If families can donate any cakes (bought or homemade), please bring them into school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. All money raised will go to Comic Relief. 'The money donated to Comic Relief goes to some incredible projects, changing people's lives across the UK and around the world. In fact, over the past few years, Comic Relief funding has helped to support 11.7 million people, including:

- more than 750,000 people in the UK experiencing financial and material poverty to access advice and support.

- more than 29,000 people who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse to access safe accommodation and specialist services.
- more than 46,000 children and young people in the UK, and more than 8.1 million internationally.'

### To Hire the CK Building

We are trying to make better use of the CK building and raise funds for school. If you would like to hire the building for parties, clubs or events on weekday evenings or weekends then please contact Miss Atterbury or myself. The CK building hire rate is between £20 and £25 per hour. This includes using the two rooms and the kitchen.

### School Dinner Price Increase

We have been notified by Dolce that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the cost of a paid school dinner is to go up to £2.50. They have assured me that this is the last thing they wished to do, however due to increases in inflation and the National Living Wage they have no choice. I wanted parents to have as much notice as possible, so there were no surprises, and give you the opportunity to change to sandwiches if you wished. This price increase will not affect pupils that receive universal free school meals.

### School Fund

This week £23.50 was collected in School Fund this week. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

