

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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

### Attendance

Last week, Miss Atterbury sent out an attendance letter across school letting parents know the impact that not sending children into school will have. Calshot Schools' attendance figure are becoming a worrying concern as we have fallen below the national expectation of 96%. The Government do not allow holidays during **term time**, any term time holiday, for any reason will not be authorised. The Local Authority are also concerned and as of Easter any term time holidays taken will enforce a Local Authority fine. Fines are processed by the Local Authority legal team (not the school), fines are called 'Fixed Penalty Notices' and set at £120.00 per child per week, they are issued even if the school absence is less than 5 days. I wanted parents to be aware of the financial implications, as well as the educational implications before booking holidays.

### Year 4 Trip

On Friday, last week, Year Four went on a trip to Dudley Canal to explore what life was like in the past. The children all came back and told me what they had to do and how hard life was like in the olden days. Thank you to the class teachers for organising this experience for the children.

'Whilst at the canal, we went on a boat that went 800 metres underground. On the boat I had to do 'legging' which is where you lie down and push the boat along with your feet. We also went to a workshop and learnt about life in Britain years ago.' - Ella (4M)

'We went into a tunnel and could see stalactites on the roof. When the lights were turned off it was really dark.' - Tate (4J)

'I liked it when we went into the tunnels and looked up you could see holes and bushes on the top. We learnt about the first steam engine which was made using metal pipes and gears. The gift shop was good but a bit expensive.' - Kylan (4M)

'On our trip we learnt about how steam engines work. We went on an amazing boat trip where we watched a light show inside a tunnel. The trip was amazing as it was a good experience.' - Mahrosh (4J)

## Year 6 INSPIRE Workshop

On Tuesday, Year Six had their INSPIRE workshop that informs parents of the preparations their children can make towards their SATs tests in May. I was very pleased to see the parents all having a go at one of the tests themselves, although I've heard they had to have some help from the children. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and the teachers that organised this very informative workshop.

'We had our INSPIRE Workshop about SATs, we attempted a few questions with our parents. We did spelling, arithmetic, reasoning and SPAG. I really enjoyed it.' - Sukhreet (6C)

'On Tuesday, I did my INSPIRE workshop with my mum. We did SATs preparation tests and now I'm feeling confident about them.' - Ria (6H)

'It was brilliant! We had a few tests and answered some questions on the English and Maths papers. We worked with our parents and had a bit of help. It was enjoyable!' - Rohan (6C)

'On Tuesday afternoon we had our class INSPIRE workshop. Many parents came and helped us fill in our folders with work. We looked at past test papers and now we can feel confident with our SATs.' - Sebastian (6H)

## Red Nose Day

Next 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.

## International Women's Day

On Wednesday, the children took part in 'International Women's Day', where they found out about women who inspire us and have had an impact in promoting gender equality.

'For International Women's Day we talked about Florence Nightingale, Marie Curie and Greta Thunberg. We learnt about them, what they had to go through and how they made a difference.' - Adam (5D)

'For International Women's day we talked about many women who changed the world. Part of our task was to write about a woman that inspired us and how we can use that inspiration ourselves. I chose Mrs Davies my violin teacher.' - Annabelle (5S)

## Brownies

Calshot Brownies are holding Coffee Afternoon at their headquarters (Old CK Building) on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March between 11.00am to 3.00pm. You can go and have tea/coffee with cake, please go and support our Brownies if you can.

## Beeches Big Open Weekend

Beeches Leisure centre are holding an open weekend to the public this weekend on the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March. You can go and try out all the facilities for free, such as activities, taster sessions and much more.

## School Fund

This week £17.80 was collected in School Fund this week! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid.

Mr. M. Wingrove  
(Head Teacher)

