



Dates for Your

**DIARY**



**SPRING 1 - 2024**

**Tuesday 9th January**

Children return to school—  
normal times

My School, My Planet Group  
- Parents invited 2.15pm-  
3.15pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Cookery School Workshop for  
Year 2

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Whole School Individual  
Photographs

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Reading Workshop for  
Year 1-6

**Thursday 8th February**

Break Up for half term

**Monday 19th February**

Return to school

# NEWSLETTER

## A message from the **PRINCIPAL**



Dear Parents,

So the end of another  
amazing term has ar-  
rived!

The children have been  
working really hard with  
their Fantastic Walking  
around school and with  
their Fantastic Listening  
in class. I have seen that  
school continues to be a  
lot calmer and there are  
fewer disruptions in class  
than ever. This means  
that your child can make  
even more progress!  
Well done everyone!

We have had had lots of  
trips and visitors in  
school to enrich our cur-  
riculum and we even had  
a visit from some naugh-  
ty elves and a naughty  
girl called Hailey! See our

Attendance section for  
more details!

The staff and children at  
Caldmore Primary all  
work really hard and we  
thank you for your sup-  
port also, as parents are  
a huge part of the Cald-  
more Team! By sup-  
porting with homework,  
attendance, uniform ,  
attending parent work-  
shops and much, much  
more you help us to  
make sure that your  
child's time with us is  
amazing. Thank you all  
and have a wonderful  
Christmas break!

*Mrs H Mitchell*

**Principal**

# HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

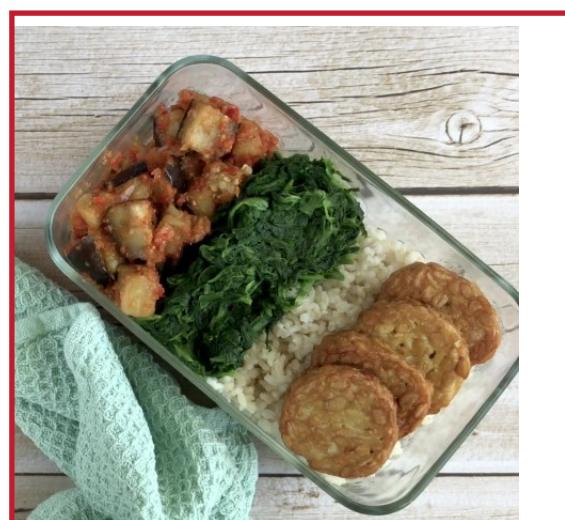
We have noticed that more and more childrens' lunchboxes are containing only food items which are full of fat and sugar, are not a healthy lunch and do not provide the balanced diet that children need.

We will be working with you and the children in the New Year when we return to ensure that lunchboxes include a range of healthy food groups and at least one item of fruit and vegetables. I am sure you will agree that children need to eat healthy foods in order to get all the nourishment they need as well as starting to build healthy eating habits for life. As a school we have a duty of care towards our pupils which includes ensuring that they have a healthy body and a healthy mind! A nutritious lunch goes a long way towards this.



# UNIFORM

Please continue to support us by making sure your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times. Trainers and jogging bottoms are **not** allowed unless this has been agreed by school staff due to medical reasons. Thank you!





# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



As we achieved our 96% attendance target (for the first time in a long, long time!) the children voted for Mrs Mitchell to do a dare. They chose for her to be a student for the day. 'Hailey' came to school last Friday and spent time in every class and was a bit naughty! She got a few warnings but the children did not copy her poor behaviour as they are so well behaved!

She even took part in Year 6's judo lessons and got picked to demonstrate a new move!

If we get to 96.5% she may return to Calmore Primary or Mrs Mitchell may have to do a different dare. **Children - it's up to you!**

## Safeguarding



This Month's Focus—HAF Programme

### Walsall HAF programme

If you qualify for income related free school meals, please make sure you sign up to the HAF programme. Visit the website or scan the QR code for more details.

## WALSALL WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

**Walsall Right for Children Holiday Activity and Food programme for young people 11 in Walsall.**

Over the school winter holiday's we will be offering a range of Pick and mix sessions, *these include:* Cinema, Workshops, Sports, Boxing Day trips, Gym, Swimming and lots more!

**Tuesday 2 January – Friday 5 January 2024**



To register and book your activities visit:  
[https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children\\_and\\_young\\_people/haf\\_signup](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup)  
Contact us at [WR4C@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:WR4C@walsall.gov.uk) **Provider: UK S Futures**





# Nursery

Nursery have loved taking part in Muddy Mondays this half term! We have been learning about animals who hibernate through the winter. In our forest school area, we worked together to build a home for a hedgehog to hibernate through the winter.

After our hard work, we enjoyed hot chocolate.



# Reception

This half term we have been learning about people who help us in our community, all about our community and how people celebrate Christmas.

We have had a visit from some firefighters who talked to us about fire safety and what to do in an emergency and PC Tim told us about stranger danger and what to do if we need help.





# Year 1

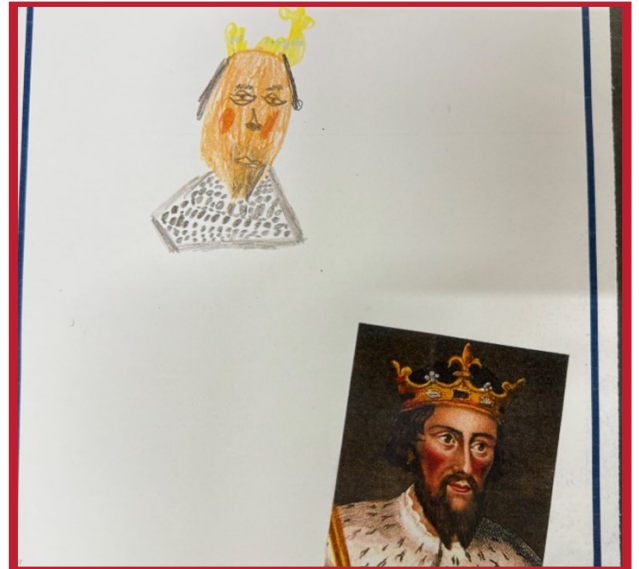
Year 1 have worked hard this half term learning all about Brazil. We have explored different materials and tools and made a headdress for a carnival and a Christ the Redeemer using clay. We finished our topic with a parade around the school in our headdresses.



# Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about significant kings and queens in British history. We drew portraits of King Henry VIII and learnt about what made King Alfred so 'Great'.

We also had an amazing time at our Christmas party with a very special person making an appearance.





# Year 3

This half term Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Cadbury World as part of their topic, Scrumdiddlyumptious. Well done children for representing our Academy so well! I know you enjoyed it - especially eating all the chocolate!



# Year 4

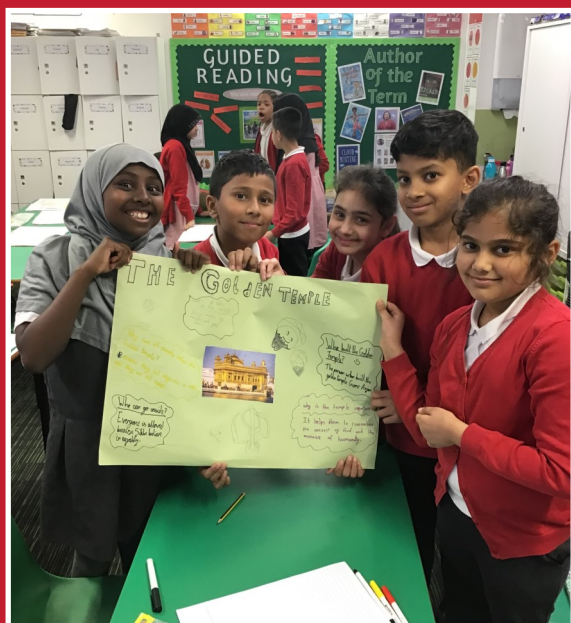
We haven't stopped in Year 4 this half term! We have been to 'Warner Brother Studio Tours' in London, which links with the children's 'Guided Reading' lessons. We have been learning all about the sea and oceans and we even had an art exhibition (to which parents were invited) to show off all our art work this half term. Goodness me! We need this holiday to relax!





# Year 5

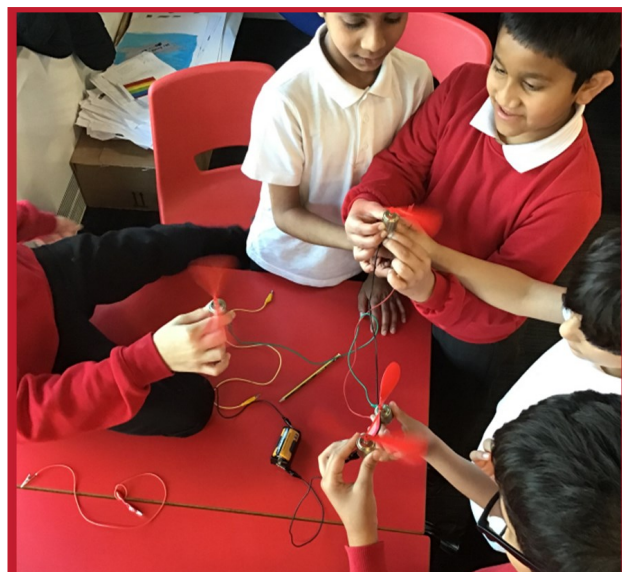
This half term Year 5 have been working hard learning about reversible and irreversible changes in our Alchemy Island topic. We have incorporated Geography into this topic too. We really enjoyed our Christmas performance. As well as all of this, we had lots of fun on Healthy Body Healthy Mind day in which we learnt all about body image and how to have a positive outlook on ourselves. We have also really enjoyed our RE topic on Sikhism.



# Year 6

This half term in Year Six, we have been learning about the polar regions of the world in our topic Frozen Kingdoms. This included some wonderful model making (see the Titanic below) and Inuit inspired artwork.

In science, we have had lots of opportunities for practical work. Making more complex circuits with motors, bulbs, buzzers and switches.



# KS2 Visit to the Pantomime!

On the 12th December the whole of KS2 visited Walsall Arena and Arts Centre to see the pantomime "Cinderella". There was lots of audience participation, including singing and dancing and some of our pupils even went on the stage! We all had such a fabulous time (Oh no we didn't, Oh yes we did!)



# Naughty Elf

That naughty little elf has returned and completely trashed Caldmore Primary Academy.

He has gotten into all sorts of mischief and is nowhere to be seen. He has even brought a friend this time...



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