

# NEWSLETTER

A message from the

### **Monday 24th February**

Return to school

### **Tuesday 25th February**

P.M Y6 visit to the Mosque

### Wednesday 26th February

3—6 p.m YFS, KS1 and 6LB parents' Evenings

### **Thursday 27th February**

3—6 p.m KS2 Parents' Evening

#### Wednesday 5th March

Year 4 visit to Wolverhampton University

West End in school all day

#### **Thursday 6th March**

West End in school all day

### **Thursday 13th March**

Farm on Wheels to visit EYFS

P.M Year 5 Reflexions workshop—Understanding Myself and others

#### **Monday 17th March**

Sonia Sabri Dance company to work with Year 2

Friday 21st March

Red Nose Day

# **PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

As we approach the half term holiday I would like to thank everyone who makes Caldmore Primary Academy the special place that it is.

Thank you to the wonderful pupils who make this place so vibrant and exciting, thank you to the staff who work tirelessly to make sure your child make the best possible progress that they can and **thank you** to you, the parents, who help us make sure that the children attend every day on time and do extra learning at home on Doodlemaths, Fonetti and practising their spellings etc.

Have a lovely half term holiday all!

Mrs H Mitchell

**Principal** 

#### **ACADEMY DATES**

**Friday 28th March** - School closed for staff training

**Monday 31st March** - School closed for staff training

Friday 11th April - Break Up for Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April—Return to school

# THANK YOU AND GOOD BYE!

We are saying 'Goodbye' this week to two valued members of staff. Mrs Islam Ahmed who works in 2D is leaving to work in an Early Years setting and Mrs Rai, our Attendance and Admissions Officer, is leaving to work for Birmingham Council. We would like to thank both members of staff for their hard work and dedication and wish them all the best in their new roles.





### **UNIFORM**

Please can you help us!

I have noticed that there are more children coming into school wearing leggings or jogging bottoms which are not part of our school uniform. There are a range of sizes in school trousers to fit all shapes and sizes so please make sure that your child wears the correct uniform to get them ready for Secondary school and to help them feel smart.

Thank you!!



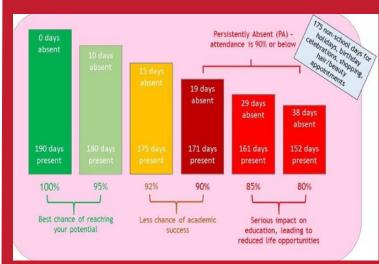


Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance so far this year is 95.4% so we are not far off! Thank you to all those families who are working with us to prioritise their child's learning. We really appreciate this! Well done to 4T and 6LB who have the highest attendance this term at 97%!



We are rewarding all children who achieve our school target of 97% attendance or above.

Children will be bringing their prizes home soon!



If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (below 90%).

Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress. Don't allow your child to become a PA student.

If your child's attendance has dropped below 95%, school will make contact to raise concern and offer support. An attendance concern letter will be sent and school no longer approve absences unless medical evidence is submitted.

School will also access support from the Education Welfare Service.

After this point, if absences continue or improve, a referral could be made for a penalty notice of £80 per parent per child.

Please work with us as we only want what is best for your child. Thank you.

# Safeguarding



# This Month's Focus—Internet Safety Week

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025

Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online



As a parent or carer you play a key role in keeping your children safe online. For Internet Safety Week this year your children have watched a theatre production and completed lessons in class on online safety. The theme this year is "Too good to be true?" See the tips below for starting conversations with your child about how they use they use the internet and keep themselves safe.

#### Have a conversation

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

Don't forget to also download the free National Online Safety App which can help you keep up-to-date with new developments in keeping your child/ren safe.



Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?



# Nursery

We have been busy this half term exploring our topic 'Superheroes'. We have been exploring what makes us a unique superhero, our special superheroes that make up our family and the superheroes within our community who help us.

We had a fantastic visit from the Pop Up Play Village where we could pretend to be builders, shopkeepers, doctors, vets and emergency service workers.





# Reception

This half term we have been learning about animals from different countries. We have learnt lots about African animals and to help with our learning we went to the zoo.





### Year 1

Year 1 have worked super hard this term in their topic - 'Paws, claws and whiskers.' We've had a splendid time designing packaging for a can of tiger food, created an animal with moving parts, identified the 7 continents, named all 5 oceans and we had so much fun painting our own animal silhouette paintings.





### Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic day with Worship cookery school . Children enjoyed making healthy carrot cakes. They all did an amazing job at grating carrots, cracking eggs and mixing all the ingredients together.





### Year 3

Year 3 have been working on our topic Gods and Mortals— painting Medusa and learning about the Battle of Marathon and Troy.

As part of our computing topic we had a workshop on online safety. We learnt some safety tips and what to do if we needed help. We had lots of fun and enjoyed taking part.





### Year 4

This half term in Year 4 we have been looking at the digestive system and how food is processed within the body. We also looked at how to properly look after our teeth!

We have also been learning about Ancient Rome and have created some amazing Roman shields.





### Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy half term. We have particularly enjoyed our creative curriculum topic, Stargazers, including visiting the Think Tank Science museum in Birmingham. We have learnt all about the movement of Earth and why we have night and day. We had lots of great fun making space helmets using papier mache and painting them using different designs.





### Year 6

Y6 have been learning about the Victorian period of history this half term. As well as history, this is a great topic to include geography, art and DT. We have taught the children some basic sewing stitches and let them design their own pattern with their initials.

The children have learnt about work-houses, schools and the many important discoveries and inventions from this period.



# Blast Off - Internet Safety

Last week we welcomed a theatre company into school who performed "Blast Off" to Years 2-6. It was an interactive performance which the children all loved, designed to explore how to safely use the internet. The children were reminded of the important rules that they must follow when using the internet. If you need support with this then please come and ask us and we can help.







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