



Calow Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

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Making Learning Fun!

Children in four Year groups were able to take part in Science workshops courtesy of the company Shell. The workshops involved pupils investigating scientific properties of wax, as well as learning about vitamin C. Pictured are two pupils carrying out an investigation about vitamin C in lemons. Pupils in Year Five spent a day at Kelham Island Industrial Museum as part of their History learning about the Victorians. The museum tells the story of Sheffield's industrial past, particularly linked to the steel and cutlery industries. Our next themed week in School is Arts' Week starting on Monday 26th March. The theme this year is 'Theatre'. We will be letting you know further information in due course, including details of our popular 'Grandparents' sessions'.



Keeping Children Fit and Healthy through Sport

There are a number of sporting competitions coming up in which Calow Primary is entering a team. We have entered football's B.T. Community Cup and a basket ball tournament in the next few weeks. We have arranged specialist coaching for children in Key Stage Two as part of our drive to help children stay fit and healthy, as well as develop skills across a range of sports. Pupils in Year Three will receive six weeks of dance lessons. Pupils in Years Five and Six will receive six weeks of golf coaching from a golf professional. After Easter, Year Five will participate in ten weeks of gymnastics coaching.

We are delighted to learn that Calow Primary has been short listed for the Healthy Place Awards. The finalists' judging panel will be making its decisions in March. The Awards were set up by the N.H.S. to recognise community activities that have helped to make where people live in North East Derbyshire a healthier place.

Keeping Children Safe

Calow Primary is piloting a project with N.S.P.C.C. to deliver workshops to pupils in Years Five and Six about child safety. This promotes the use of the childline number for children who are being abused. Parents are reminded that should they wish to discuss Child Protection concerns, the School's Child Protection co-ordinator is Mrs. Wills and the deputy co-ordinator is Mrs. Oldale. We will welcome a Road Safety Show for pupils in Reception, Years One and Two on 19th March that will be followed up by a road safety workshop with the County's Safety Officer. Our School has its own Health and Safety Committee run by pupils. The committee confirms that Calow Primary School is a safe place for children to learn and staff work hard to ensure everyone's safety.

Rights Respecting School Award

Calow Primary School gained the Rights Respecting School Award Level 1 in 2010. The Award recognises our work in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of School's practice and ethos in endeavouring to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. The School has worked towards achieving Level 2 of this award. Children have been learning more about the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child and relating this to their rights and responsibilities in School. Children and staff have also been thinking about aspects of rights and responsibilities at playtimes and dinnertimes. To find out more, an information leaflet can be found on the website <http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa>.

World 'Thinking Day'

'Thinking Day' on 22nd February commemorates the birth of the founder of Scouting, Robert Baden-Powell. On that day those involved in Scouting or Guiding are asked to go to school in their Cub or Brownie uniform. For the past few years we have commemorated 'Thinking Day'. If your child is in Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts or Guides it would be wonderful if they could wear their uniform at School for the day on the 22nd (or morning only and change at lunch-time if they wish). We hope children will support this event by taking part so we can celebrate the worldwide movement as a whole.

Just a reminder!

In case of adverse weather please check our School telephone hotline for up to date information about closure. The number to ring is 08447 70 75 76 and then enter the School ID 66125. You may also listen to Peak F.M. for announcements.

School closes at home time on Friday 10th February and re-opens on Monday 20th February.