



Newsletter

'Aiming High

Together'

February 2014

Issue 101

School Website: <http://calowschool.createprimary.net/>

The Global Perspective!

Calow Primary was pleased to learn that its global learning has been further recognised with an award from the British Council for International Schools. The three yearly re-accreditation process is testimony to the work that goes on in school to promote knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. An example is the themed day on 31st January based on the Chinese New Year. Children in all Key Stages took part in activities to help them learn more about China. The school meal that day was a Chinese themed menu! Pictured are Fraser and Lucy with a Chinese lantern and dragon they have made.

Calow Primary's Polar Workshop Experience

Polar Explorers' Week will take place in School from February 10th in association with The International Polar Foundation, which supports polar scientific research. The Foundation is responsible for several high-profile projects, including the creation and operation of the wind-and-solar-powered zero emission Princess Elisabeth Antarctica station. Throughout the week children will take part in a range of exciting workshops and activities such as hands on scientific experiments and completing 3D puzzles of the Arctic and Antarctica. The aims of the workshops are to: use the breathtaking world of the Polar Regions to encourage interest in scientific research; increase awareness of climate change and its impact. We hope the opportunities will be fascinating and help children to develop their knowledge of the planet's extreme areas. Our next themed week is Science Week from 24th February when children will be finding out about Science in the home.



World 'Thinking Day' – at Calow Primary on 14th February

'Thinking Day' on 22nd February commemorates the birth of the founder of Scouting Robert Baden-Powell. Our School has commemorated 'Thinking Day' over the past few years. If your child is in Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts or Guides it would be wonderful if they could wear their uniform at School on 14th February, as we're not at School on the 22nd (or morning only and change at lunch-time if they wish to keep their uniform clean!) Pupils are excellent at supporting this special event, which ensures we can keep the tradition of celebrating Scouting and Guiding as a worldwide movement as a whole.

Seeking your views on School policies

Parents who have provided School with their email address have received policies electronically that are currently being reviewed. We are seeking your views about three policies: Behaviour; Drugs Education and Drugs Management; Race Equality and Cultural Diversity. Please send your comments to the School Office by 14th February (including via email using the address info@calow.derbyshire.sch.uk) If you do not have access to email and want a hard copy of the policies please contact the Office. In accordance with our eco policies and efficiency savings, we intend to send more documentation and details about School events via email. Please provide the Office with your email address if you haven't already done so to ensure you don't miss out!

Supporting St. Peter's Church, Calow

Thank you to those who attended the Christingle Service at Church or supported the work of the Children's Society by returning the cardboard candles filled with loose change. The total raised for the charity was £185.37. The link between Church and School is a close one. At this difficult time for the Church in terms of finance, we are hosted two events at School to help raise funds. There will be a Bingo Night on Thursday 13th February; doors open from 6.00 p.m. and 'eyes down' for the first game is 6.30 p.m. Tickets for the Barn Dance on 28th February are **now available** from the School Office. The event starts at 7.30 p.m. and costs £5 for adults and £1.50 for children. What better way to brighten up the cold and dark nights?!

Dates for your diary

- 4th February – Class Four participating in a Singing Workshop at Hasland Hall Community School
- 7th February – Film Club after school: featured film is the Disney animated classic 'Peter Pan' (finish time of 4.30 p.m.)
- 7th March - Class Four participating in the Primary Schools Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel from 1.15 p.m.
- 11th April - Easter Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow starting at 10.00 a.m.
- 19th July - World War One Centenary Commemoration at School starting at 2.00 p.m. (a community event not to be missed!)

School closes at home time on Friday 14th February and re-opens on Monday 24th February.