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'What the Dickens?!' – A Day for Pupils at Calow Primary

February this year is the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens, world famous author. Pupils at Calow Primary celebrated this event with a day entitled 'What the Dickens?!' Many children came to School in fancy dress as a character from a Dickensian novel. The children were then engaged in various activities throughout the day including: finding out about the life of Charles Dickens and the impact he had on Victorian society; learning about some of the characters from Dickens' novels and creating a character based on research; and using Drama to focus on characters from the novels 'David Copperfield', 'Great Expectations' and 'Nicholas Nickleby'. As well as learning about Dickens and his novels, the aim of the day was to enhance Literacy skills. There were Literacy prizes presented to children producing outstanding and creative work. Pictured are some of the children in their costumes from novels such as 'Oliver Twist' and 'Christmas Carol', as well as Charles Dickens himself!



Thank you for supporting 'Thinking Day'

Pupils at Calow Primary School who are members of the Scouting and Guiding Movement took part in **Thinking Day** during February. Thinking Day is the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell (born 22nd February 1857), Founder of Scouting and is commemorated throughout the World. It is a day when those involved in the organisation think about others in all countries of the world, the meaning of Scouting and Guiding and its global impact. Around thirty pupils donned uniform for School. All pupils were asked to think about children who live in a lepers' colony in Sri Lanka. On Thinking Day children brought in 'loose change' and donated it to SUROL, an organisation dedicated to eradicating leprosy in Sri Lanka. £100 was raised for the charity. Thank you for supporting Thinking Day and the charity helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Sporting News

Well done to our School's basket ball team who won the Hasland Cluster tournament recently and have reached the Chesterfield Finals to be played on 8th March. Calow Primary's football team was in action when they participated in the npower football community cup. The team played six matches in the tournament in which they won one, lost one and drew four. Members of the team were praised for their sporting attitude. Year Two pupils took part in the Chesterfield Sport Partnership Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel. The children's dance performance symbolised the handing over of the Olympic torch from China to the United Kingdom. Our netball team is to compete in a tournament on 15th March. Don't forget the free zumba session for parents and pupils in Years Three, Four and Six after school on 14th March!

Arts' Week from 26th March

Our popular Arts' Week returns this March, this time the theme is 'Theatre'. Pupils in Years Four, Five and Six will be involved in a workshop leading to a play linked to the Olympics, which will be performed to the rest of the School. The purpose of the week is to promote cross curricular approaches to learning in a fun and exciting way. Letters are to be sent home outlining activities and details about grandparent sessions happening throughout the week.

Consultation with parents

An email has been sent out to parents seeking views on two policies: Collective Worship and Monitoring, Assessing, Recording and Reporting. Email messages are used when the size of documentation attached means significant photocopying and is therefore a cost to the School and environment. Policies may also be found on our website or on Parent Interest Space on Kaleidos. However, if you do not have access to a computer and want a copy of any policy please see Mrs.Jerman in the School Office. The next policy that we are reviewing is Literacy. We will be carrying out consultation, which includes asking for your comments. If you have not yet provided your email address to School, please do so and then you won't miss out!

Dates for your diary

15th March – Meeting for parents of Year Two pupils regarding assessment procedures (a letter has been sent out)

19th March – Road Safety Show during the morning for pupils in Reception, Years One and Two

School closes at home time on Friday 30th March and re-opens on Monday 16th April. Have a good Easter break!