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Calder Vale St. John's News

Grow...achieve...explore...Grow...achieve...explore...explore



A message from Mrs. Scholz

Our worship theme for this half term is 'Perseverance'. We have been talking about famous people like J.K. Rowling, Walt Disney and Michael Jordan who suffered set backs but persevered to reach their goals. If you have any stories in your family history of relatives who succeeded against the odds, we would love to hear about them—we want to show the children that the most successful people are always those who never give up, even when things get tricky! If your child really perseveres with something at home—we would love to hear about that too!



News from our Classes

Bluebell Class

It has been a tweet-tastic, tremendous week of learning in Bluebell Class this week. We have been very enthusiastic about studying birds in readiness for our Big Garden Birdwatch. Earlier in the week, we went on a woodland wander to hunt for signs of birds in our school grounds. Sure enough we were able to find several bird feathers, and EYFS later studied the colours and patterns on the feathers, so that we could recreate our own. We enjoyed researching about different species of birds and having a go at making nest boxes for them in the construction area. To ensure we would be able to spot lots of birds on our school grounds, as well as to contribute to feeding our hungry winter birds, we created two kinds of bird feeders to hang on branches both in the playground and in the forest. We used cardboard tubes, bird seed, lard and meal worms to lure the birds to us, as well as a ring of Cheerios. We were so elated that we managed to spot 24 birds in 15 minutes on Thursday morning and quite a few different species of birds, at that! We recorded our results on clipboards and enjoyed collating the results together at the end to gauge the average bird count for each different species of bird. We are pleased to announce the most commonly found type of bird is no other than the blackbird. Our second runner up was the sweet robin, whom of which braved a nibble from our bird feeders, which was a delightful and special moment for our children to witness. Well done to all our brilliant bird spotters!

Willow Class

Another busy week in Willow Class! Year 4/5/6 have continued reading Hugo Cabret, they have discovered new words in the text and used dictionaries to find out the meaning of the words. Every day they are learning new things in the story, which is creating more mystery and more questions.

Year 3 have written postcards; they pretended that they were Paddington writing to Aunt Lucy. Today, they had a lovely time making and eating marmalade sandwiches and drinking tea!

In maths, Year 3 are learning to double numbers, and working hard to learn their times tables. Year 4 have been dividing and multiplying by 100. Year 5/6 have been solving lots of word problems and deciding which method would be best to solve it.

Willow class have used Digimaps in geography and found lots of places using four figure grid references. They have explored the keys and symbols on the map. We created an information page on teeth using Purple Mash, adding all the facts we had found out about the teeth. We have learnt more about each other, finding our visible and invisible similarities and differences, we designed a lovely display to show what we had found out! It was fun finding out things we didn't know about each other.

Lead Learners



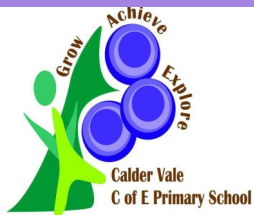
Bluebell Class—Tessa for her insightful contributions to our discussions when learning all about birds this week



Willow Class—Briar is our lead learner for writing a super postcard to Aunt Lucy from Paddington

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Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 4th February—Children's RE
Conference**

Friday 14th February—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Monday 24th February—BACK TO SCHOOL

**Friday 28th February— COMIC ART
MASTERCLASS for everyone!**

Friday 4th April— BREAK UP FOR EASTER 1.30pm

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**If your child shows signs
of being
unwell...**



- High temperature
- Rash
- Very flushed cheeks (this could be 'slapped cheek' disease)
- Sore, sticky eyes
- Sores around their mouth
- Bad cough/sore throat/ earache

Please don't send them into school until they have been seen by a doctor and/or are feeling better. A number of our children and staff are vulnerable to infection and we want to keep everyone safe.

Thank you!

What did you see?
 How many birds of the same kind did you count at the same time?
 Your name: Bluebell Class

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