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# Calder Vale St. John's News

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## A message from Mrs. Scholz

Mrs. Harwood and I had the pleasure of observing English in Willow Class earlier this week. It was such a pleasure to see our juniors in action. The children are super confident, independent learners and the way they share their learning with each other and relish new challenges is wonderful to see. The children's enthusiasm for their learning was clear - you could almost feel their brains growing! Everyone was learning how to perform poetry and thinking about how to change the tone and intonation of their voices. The lesson finished with a whole class poetry performance which Mrs. Cole videoed so hopefully the class will be able to share it with you soon. The lovely relationships we saw between our staff and pupils was testament to the care and respect every member of our school family has for each other. We felt very proud of our school - we hope you are too!



### Stay safe and enjoy Bonfire Night

### Lead Learners



**Bluebell Class** – Our lead learner is Moses for working super hard with his reading.



**Willow Class**— Our lead learner is Oscar for his amazing performance poetry

### News from our Classes

#### Bluebell Class

We have had a busy week in Bluebell Class EYFS have been enjoying sharing the story of The Little Red Hen and are getting even better at reading words using their phonics to help them. Year 1 and 2 have been reading the story Pumpkin Soup and we enjoyed following instructions to make our very own pumpkin soup, which was very yummy!

Year 1 and 2 have been learning all about plants this week. We have been learning the names of the parts of a plant including the root, leaf, stem and flower. We have learnt that some plants are wild and some plants can be found in our gardens and we can give some examples of each type. We had lots of fun having a leaf hunt and sorting our leaves according to how they looked. We talked about how different the trees are looking as the seasons change.

Reception and Preschool have been learning all about the hindu festival of light 'Diwali'. We enjoyed making Happy Diwali cards to share with our friends, creating bright Rangoli patterns and even made our own Diya lamps.

#### Willow Class

On Monday we started our new topic in art, we made a single print called a monotype. We painted a pattern on a tile and made a one-off print. In maths we have been measuring items in the class, in cm and mm. I learnt that the Ancient Greeks invented the yo-yo and a spinning top toy.  
Lewis Y3

My first week back after half term has been very busy. In history we have learnt about an artefact from the Ancient Greek times, it was a Kleroterion, which is a Greek randomisation machine. I thought it was an object that drained water. I performed my poem in English called Brothers to Willow class and also to the whole school in celebration worship. Oscar Y3



