



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Mon	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All students return
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
Thur	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	

### MESSAGE FROM MR RODAWAY

As a school we set high standards in relation to individual behaviour and conduct. We have recently issued clear guidance relating to the school Code of Conduct. Within this there are clear expectations, particularly of the school's dress code. Areas of concern are student interpretations of our Code of Conduct in relation to shoes, haircuts and E-cigarettes.

**School Shoes:** Schools shoes should be black, leather. **Training shoes and canvas shoes (even if they are black) are not permitted.** Students who are unable to comply (due to injury or lost shoes) must present written confirmation from parents detailing the reason and date when the student will return to the agreed dress code. This must be signed by the Form Tutor and carried by the student who should present this letter when challenged.

**Hair styles:** Fashions in hair styles regular change. The school dress code indicates that students should not present with 'extremes' of hair style. Extremes are classed as;

- dying that is outside of normally hair colour (i.e. blue or multi-coloured hair),
- shaving of the head,
- styles where there are steps, patterns or words cut in to them.

Students who have long hair are required to tie it back. The decision of what constitutes an extreme of style lies with the Headteacher.

**Electronic Cigarettes:** Recently there has been significant interest in the use of electronic or e-cigarettes.

#### Key Facts about Electronic Cigarettes:

- Currently, e-cigarettes are not regulated or licensed for use as a stop smoking aid.
- Consumers do not yet have reliable information on product quality as some manufacturers provide insufficient or partly inaccurate information on things like the levels of nicotine and other substances contained within the liquids used in these devices as a source of nicotine.
- As an unregulated product, there is no requirement to specify the quantities of nicotine delivered nor what quality controls are in place during the manufacture.
- Some brands of e-cigarette deliver nicotine in high enough concentrations to maintain nicotine addiction.
- Some liquids contain ingredients that on short terms use can irritate airways and lead to allergic reactions.
- There are also concerns regarding the effects that there may be for people exposed to the vapours released from e-cigarettes and the priming effect on young people who do not yet smoke.
- The MHRA (Medicine and Healthcare Regulatory Authority) announced in June 2013 that all nicotine containing products including E-cigarettes would have to be licenced by 2016.

As a result of the current lack of regulation and licensing, agencies are not able to recommend the use of Electronic cigarettes as a stop smoking aid nor provide them to those people who wish to stop smoking.

Due to these uncertainties and the controversy surrounding the electronic cigarette, Calday Grange Grammar School has chosen to ban the use of them on their premises. Students should be advised that we will treat the possession and use of e cigarettes in the same way as cigarettes.

I request that parents support us in our aim to maintain high standards across all areas of school life.



## **Update on School website, wireless network and Sports Hall**

The school website has largely been constructed. We are currently in the process of populating the site with information that will support student progress and provide accurate information for parents.

The installation of a new wireless network is currently being undertaken. We anticipate that it will be completed by the end of November. We have established an E-Teaching and Learning group who will be investigating the use of tablets and other mobile technology. They will formulate recommendations and establish a plan to roll out the use of wireless technology across the school.

As parents are aware, we have made a submission to Wirral Planning Department for the construction of a Sports Hall. Details of the plans are on show in the school foyer. We will be presenting these plans to the DFE for funding at the first opportunity.

## **EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2013**

Calday was the host school for the European youth conference 2013 which took place from 11th -15th October 2013. Through links with our German partner school, Calday is part of a network of schools from countries all over Europe. Each year, representative students and teachers from each of the schools come together to hold a conference on an issue which is of importance to each of the countries.

This year, there were representatives from Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Russia, Ireland, Italy, and West Kirby Grammar School. The conference was chaired by 6 representatives from Calday Grange, Jack Wilcox, Jack Cryer, Abele Kabyemela, Alex Smith, Will Lester and Joel Turner. In total, there were 40 participants, who all resided at Barnston Dale activity centre for the duration of the conference.

The focus of the conference was generational justice, and each country gave a presentation on the topic, explaining what is being done to combat the problem of an aging population where they live. There then followed discussion groups and workshops, and the conference culminated in a declaration made by the group, about how European youngsters together, can work together to solve this issue. On the Monday, the whole delegation visited Calday Grange to speak to 6th Form Geography students, who study this topic as part of the A Level course. The geography students were therefore able to take a tour of Europe in an hour, to gather research and case studies for use in their examination work.

The conference gives students an excellent opportunity to gain the experience of hosting a conference. They learn intercultural understanding, which is an excellent skill for the work place. Receiving visitors from a number of various cultures, and making them feel welcome and valued is an exhausting task, but the students managed this with aplomb. International relations is a skill that many employers call for, with many large organisations in this country now saying that their employees lack experience of how to host foreign visitors in a way which takes consideration of their sensitivities. This is one skill which the 6 students from Calday can take away from the conference and use to their advantage in the future. The staff from the visiting schools commented on how welcome the students had made them feel, and were impressed with the leadership and initiative shown.

During the conference, there was also time for sightseeing in Liverpool, and we held our version of the Eurovision Song Contest. After having taken the title once in Russia and once in Germany, the Calday team only managed 3rd place, but were gracious in congratulating the winners, Denmark.

The students formed excellent relationships, and new friendships. The Calday students are already making plans to visit their new friends in Italy in January! The partner school in Italy plans to host the next conference in October 2014.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Colin Lamprey has raised £700 for Diabetes UK after completing the Tour of Merseyside (52 mile in 6 races over 7 days), the Great North Run and The Sandstone Trail. However, he completed the Wirral Half Marathon last weekend and raised £235 for the University of Liverpool Leukemia trust fund who are supporting a colleague's husband as he receives treatment. Mr Lamprey would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the past months in supporting these causes, as he says 'mine was the easy bit by doing the running. People have to live with these conditions for the rest of their lives and any monies raised are worth it!'





### **YOUTH VOICE CONFERENCE**

4 members of the Student Welfare Committee of the Student Council attended the Youth Voice Conference on Tuesday 15th October at Wallasey Town Hall. The focus of the day was the topic of respect and the students participated in seminars and workshops on anti-bullying strategies, healthy relationships and media pressure, which links into the whole school respect initiative and school mission statement. The students felt that they were provided with valuable strategies to support other pupils, enjoyed the fact they could contribute and get involved and were pleased that issues that were relevant to the work of school council were dealt with comprehensively. The students were a credit to the school.

### **BAG PACKING AT TESCO HESWALL ON SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER**

The bag pack at Tesco Heswall last weekend raised a fantastic £558! Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped our charity Refilwe.

### **'LES MISÉRABLES' (SOLD OUT)**

Please note that all performances are now sold out and unfortunately it will not be possible to buy tickets on the door.

### **PARENT GOVERNORS**

Documentation in relation to the Parent Governor vacancy has now been distributed via SchoolComms. If you have not received this information, please contact Mrs Ellis at the school.

### **LEISURE CENTRE ACTIVITIES DURING HALF TERM**

Wirral's Leisure Centres have organised activities for next week's half term holiday. Please see poster at the end of the newsletter for further details.

### **VISIT TO LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC HALL**

The Russian Department is organising a winter trip to Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 2.30 pm to see the film Pirates of the Caribbean, the Curse of the Black Pearl accompanied by the live orchestra. Tickets are priced at £8 and students should make their own way to and from the venue. If your son is interested in attending, please ask him to see Mrs Hughes in H22.

### **CONGESTION & SAFETY**

Could we please ask parents to avoid dropping-off their children at the bottom of the school steps, as this causes unnecessary congestion in the car park. Grammar School Lane also becomes congested, especially at the beginning and end of the day with buses arriving and departing. We request that parents do not set down or pick up their children in the proximity of the school and certainly not in the areas with zig-zag road markings. To do so may cause serious traffic congestion and endanger lives.

Sixth Form students with cars are also reminded that they should respect our neighbours and in particular should not park in Bramhall Close or Calday Grange Close. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### **PARENT VIEW**

Parent View provides parents with the opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. By sharing your views you will be assisting the school to improve and you will also be able to see comments from other parents.

Please take the opportunity to visit Parent View at [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

### **STANDARDISED SCHOOL TERM DATES**

From September 2014, Wirral Council term dates will coincide with other North West Authorities. Calday will therefore be adhering to the following:

- October half term will always be the last full week of October
- February half-term will always be the third full week in February
- Easter break is renamed the Spring Break and will always be the first two full weeks in April. Easter will always be observed via the bank holiday for Good Friday and Easter Monday.
- Whitsun half term break will be for one week.

# Half term activities

Ditch the Xbox - get ready for an action-packed half term!

We've got loads on, from tots games and trampolining to family tennis and fun in the pool. So, whether you want to brush up on some sporting skills, try something new or just have a break from the parents - we've got it covered.

## Activity Descriptions

### Basketball (Age 6+ years)

Tip off, shoot some hoops and enjoy the fast and exciting pace of play. **£2.70**

### Teen Bootcamp (Age 12+ years)

Can you take on the challenge of this military inspired bootcamp? **£2.70**

### Boxercise (Age 5-10 & 11-16 years)

Punch it out, feel the power and train like a professional boxer. **£2.70**

### Dodge Ball (Age 6+ years)

Dodge, catch, duck and dive with this fast-paced, fun team game. **£2.70**

### Family Fun Tennis (Age 6+ years)

Could you be the next Andy Murray or Laura Robson? Grab your racquet and give it a go! **£1**

### Family Trampolines (Age 6+ years)

Why not have fun together and bring the whole family with Family Trampolines? **£2.70**

### Pool Fun (Age 8+ years)

Join us for a fantastic mix of games and fun in the pool (a qualified instructor will be poolside) **£2.70**

### Teen Core (Age 12+ years)

Get ripped and reveal those washboard abs with a body core session. **£2.70**

### Teen Fitness Suite (Age 12+ years)

If a workout in the gym is more your style, then join our qualified instructors to give it a go. **£3.50**

### Teen Revolutions (Age 12+ years)

Get on your bike and get a full body workout with this indoor seated cycle class. **£3.10**

### Teen Tone (Age 12+ years)

Look good, feel good and feel forever fit with this easy to follow toning class. **£2.70**

### Tots Games (Age 3-5 years)

This session includes physical play and a variety of fun challenges. Let the games begin!

**£2.70 for an adult & child. £1.50 per additional child.**

### Trampolining (Age 6+ years)

This session is for anyone everyone who prefers to be airborne! Please note: Long hair should be tied back and socks worn. **£2.70**

### Tri Golf (Age 6-12 years)

A mini version of the game, played with user-friendly equipment designed specially for younger players. **£2.70**

### Zumbatomic (Age 4-12 & 13-19 years)

This rockin', high-energy fitness party is packed with specially choreographed, easy to learn routines. **£2.70**

# Activities Timetable

## 21st - 27th October 2013

### Basketball

(Age 6+ years)  
 Leasowe Leisure Centre  
 Wednesday, 10am - 11.30am

### Pool Fun

(Age 8+ years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Tuesday & Friday, 2pm - 3pm

### Teen Revolutions

(Age 12+ years)  
 West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Friday, 5.15pm - 6pm

### Boxercise

(Age 5-10 years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Wednesday, 4pm - 5pm

(Age 11-16 years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Thursday, 4pm - 5pm

### Teen Bootcamp

(Age 12+ years)  
 Wirral Tennis Centre  
 Tuesday, 5pm - 5.45pm

### Tots Games

(Age 3-5 years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Monday, 10am - 11am

Wirral Tennis Centre  
 Monday, 2pm - 3pm

West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Monday, 12pm - 1pm

### Teen Core

(Age 12+ years)  
 Wirral Tennis Centre  
 Monday, 5pm - 5.45pm

Wirral Tennis Centre  
 Sunday, 1pm - 2pm

### Dodgeball

(Age 6+ years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Friday, 11am - 12pm

West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Friday, 2pm - 3pm

### Trampolining

(Age 6+ years)  
 West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Monday, 2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm

West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Wednesday, 10am - 11am & 11am - 12pm

### Teen Fitness Suite

(Age 12+ years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Tuesday, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Oval Leisure Centre  
 Saturday & Sunday, 9am - 10am,  
 10am - 11am & 11am - 12pm

Leasowe Leisure Centre  
 Tuesday & Thursday, 1pm - 2pm

West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Friday, 7.30pm - 9pm

West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Sunday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Wirral Tennis Centre  
 Tuesday & Thursday, 3pm - 5pm

Wirral Tennis Centre  
 Saturday & Sunday, 2pm - 4pm

### Tri Golf

(Age 6-12 years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Thursday, 11am - 12pm

Leasowe Leisure Centre  
 Thursday, 1pm - 2pm

Wirral Tennis Centre  
 Thursday, 3pm - 4pm

### Family Fun Tennis

(Age 6+ years)  
 Leasowe Leisure Centre  
 Monday, 10am - 11.30am

Leasowe Leisure Centre  
 Friday, 3pm - 4.30pm

### Family Trampolines

(Age 6+ years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Wednesday, 10am - 11am  
 & 11am - 12pm

### Teen Tone

(Age 12+ years)  
 West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Tuesday, 11.30am - 12.15pm

West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Thursday, 5pm - 5.45pm

### Zumbatomic

(Age 4-12 years)  
 Oval Leisure Centre  
 Monday, 11am - 12pm

West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Monday, 1pm - 2pm

(Age 13-19 years)  
 West Kirby Leisure Centre  
 Monday, 2pm - 3pm