



Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 22nd April 2016

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| Mon | 25 th April | Year 7 Residential Meeting (5.30 pm start) |
| Tues | 26 th April | Information Evening for Year 5 parents (6.00 pm – 8.00 pm) |
| Weds | 27 th April | Year 7 Revision Evening (7.00 pm in school hall) |
| Thurs | 28 th April | |
| Friday | 22 nd April | |

BADMINTON SUCCESS

Many congratulations to Jack Taylor (9HS) who, over the Easter weekend, received a silver medal in the under 15 singles event at the Olve International Badminton tournament in Belgium, beating players from Scotland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the number 1 seed from Germany.

He has also recently been selected to play badminton for England in the Four Countries under 15 tournament which will be held in Glasgow at the end of April.

CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET

Well done to Will Colwell (8HS) who has been selected to represent the county in the U13's team.

RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Milo Noblet (Year 12) is a member of the Radio Society of Great Britain Youth Committee and he has recently been selected to represent the society at The Derby High School in Bury on Monday 25th April to assist a group of young people at the school to make contact with Tim Peake aboard the International Space Station.

You can find out more about the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) programme at principia.ariss.org/about. On Monday, the event and contact itself will be streamed live via the internet at principia/ariss.org/Live.

This is a tremendous opportunity and we wish Milo all the very best for this exciting event.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

We are holding an information evening on Tuesday 26th April for parents of children who are currently in Year 5 at Primary School and who are considering a place at one of the Wirral Grammar Schools from September 2017. The event will take place between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm and will provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about the 11+ process and to have a look around the school.

Parents who want their child to take the 11+ assessment in September 2016 (for admission in September 2017) are required to return an Assessment Request Form to Wirral Local Authority no later than 31st May 2016. These forms will be available from Wirral Local Authority at the beginning of May 2016.

BUS UPDATE FROM MERSEYTRAVEL

Merseytravel have asked us to inform parents that from 1st May 2016 the 620 service will be run by Selwyns. They have also supplied an up-to-date timetable for bus services which serve Calday and West Kirby. This can be found on the travel information section of the school website. <http://www.calday.co.uk/travel>

CAKE SALE

A cake sale will take place in the school hall at break-time for staff and students on Monday 25th April, to raise money for the hockey team. Thank you for your support.

'FORGOTTEN' ITEMS

Could we please ask parents to only deliver items for your child at school that are genuinely important; forgotten homework, PE kit, etc are non-urgent items and students will learn from the consequences of their poor organisation and planning. In urgent circumstances we can hold items brought in but it is the responsibility of the student to collect any delivered items promptly from the Administration Office. Our Administration team will only deliver items directly to students in the case of an urgent medical or student well-being concern.

APPRENTICESHIPS

There will be a talk on Higher Apprenticeships for L6 students during PSHE on Friday 6 May. This will take place at 9.00 am in the school hall.

YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations for Year 9 students will take place in July and permission forms will be sent home early next week. Could we please ask parents to ensure that completed forms are returned to school by 13th May. Thank you for your assistance.

JUMP FOR CLATTERBRIDGE!

Good luck to Matt Martin and Dan Wallace who will be completing a bungee jump this Saturday (23rd April) in aid of Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. It is not too late to support them and you can donate at their Justgiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/matt-dan-bungee>

RACE NIGHT IN AID OF REFILWE

After a successful Race Night last year, we are putting on a second one on Friday 20th May in order to raise money for the school charity, Refilwe. Tickets are £10 and will include a free drink and food. Come and join us for good fun, good food and good responsible gambling! Tickets through Scopay or email rowena.gill@calday.co.uk

BUNGEE JUMP

We are planning for UKBungee to come to school on Tuesday 19th July giving people an opportunity to raise money for their chosen charity or simply for the experience! We invite students, staff, parents and friends of the school to challenge themselves to have a go!

It is 160ft high, it will be over an airbag and it costs £60 (which you could choose to take out of your fundraising money). For information on safety and conditions go to ukbungee.co.uk. You have to be 14 or over and 14-15 year olds need parental permission. If you are interested please email rowena.gill@calday.co.uk for more information.

CALDY GOLF CLUB – JUNIOR SECTION

Caldy Golf Club has a limited number of places available in its junior section and would like to invite Calday students to join this prestigious club. Please contact the golf co-ordinator on 625 5660 for further details.

CALDY CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR TRAINING SESSIONS

Please see leaflet at the end of the newsletter regarding junior training sessions at Caldy Cricket Club and the club's forthcoming visit to Lancashire CCC.

DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES

We now have large box of unused phones which have been donated by students and staff but please keep sending them in.

We are working alongside a company called Fonebank, a mobile phone recycling initiative which will raise funds to enable us to support student enrichment activities. The scheme is very straightforward and Fonebank will pay their current website prices for any handset that is received from us. We are therefore asking if parents could kindly search the cupboards and drawers for those unwanted mobile phones and send them to school with your child. The collection point is outside the dining hall. We do hope that you might be able to help with the collection. For more information please visit www.fonebank.com/schools

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING! (UPDATE)

Thank you to all those who have used the easyfundraising website as last month we raised a fantastic £100. Parents and staff have commented on how easy it is to use. To sign up and help us raise funds for the school please visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

RAISING FUNDS FOR CLAIRE HOUSE

Mr Lamprey is raising funds for Claire House and will be competing in the following challenges:-

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| Sunday 24th April | 8 mile off road | 9.00am start |
| Monday 25th April | 5 mile road | 7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club |
| Tuesday 26th April | 8 Hill sprints on school hill Heswall (5miles ish) | 7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club |
| Wednesday 27th April | Seaside run plus run back 6 miles | 7.00pm start from Leasowe lighthouse |
| Thursday 28th April | 4 x 8 (figure of 8) again on school hill | 7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club |
| Friday 29th April | 7 miles | 7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club |
| Saturday 30th April | Birkenhead Park run 3miles + | 9.00am start |
| Sunday 1st May | Liverpool Spring 10k 6 miles | |

Parents are most welcome to join him on any of the runs.

For further details please contact him via colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk. He would also appreciate any donations which can be made at uk.virginmoney.com/ColinLamprey

PARKING

Could parents please ensure that they park appropriately when waiting to collect students from school. If you are waiting for your child to come out from Reception could you please ensure that you park in the car park and not on the one-way system.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are available for children if their parent or carer receives certain benefits. In addition the school receives Pupil Premium funding each year of £935 per student who is entitled to free school meals; this funding continues for up to six years after the free school meals claim ends. This means that even if you only expect to claim for a short period of time the Pupil Premium funding will continue to support your child's education for the long term.

If you don't apply our School will miss out on funding which could go towards providing additional support for your child. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch you will still need to register for free school meals for our school to receive the Pupil Premium funding. The next census date is January 2016 and we encourage all eligible parents or carers to complete their applications ahead of this date to ensure that the School receives funding in 2016/17. Please visit the parent section of the school website for more information.

CALDY CC JUNIOR CRICKET



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CALDY CRICKET CLUB

Want to meet the winning Lancashire County Cricket Club T20 2015 side, well here is your chance. Caldy and Lancashire CCC have linked up to provide 16 juniors to form a guard of honour when Lancashire CCC host Derbyshire CCC on Saturday 21st May 2016. It will be Lancashire's first televised T20 match with the players able to benefit from the privileges given to the guard of honour on the day. The Club will be making the most of the day with parents invited along with the players selected and the rest of the Club to make it a fantastic day at Old Trafford.

All we ask is that you join in the fun at Caldy CC becoming members for the season.

In addition Steven Croft and Warren Hegg will be attending gala dinner at Caldy CC on the 6th May 2016 when the lucky 16 will be selected.

Caldy Cricket Club aim to provide an opportunity to **boys** and **girls** to learn and participate in the game of cricket in a friendly and enjoyable environment with the emphasis on enjoyment and participation within the spirit of cricket. The Club offers training to all age groups on Friday evenings. The Club have fully qualified ECB Coaches. We play at:

Paton Fields, Telegraph Road, West Kirby, CH48 1NZ

We run indoor nets through the Winter and outdoor training on a Friday through the summer.

For further information please visit our Web site: <http://caldy.play-cricket.com>

Registration day is the 3rd April. 10am - 2pm at Caldy Club