



# Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Refilwe meeting (6.00 pm in Library)
Weds	4 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup> May	
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	



## ST JOHNS AMBULANCE NW REGIONAL CADET OF THE YEAR 2016

Many congratulations to Jack Broderick who has been selected as NW Regional Cadet of the Year 2016. Jack, who volunteers at the St John Ambulance RISE Unit in Liverpool, triumphed at the national selection event held last weekend at Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre in London. The three-day competition saw 34 of the very best of the cadets from across the country take part in some tough tasks to win one of just eight regional roles.

Jack will now represent St John Ambulance Cadets in the North West over the coming year. Thrilled with his win, he said 'the weekend was amazing. I am totally overwhelmed to have won the title of Regional Cadet of the Year for the NW and I'm really looking forward to representing all the young people in my region this year.'

## HOUSE NAMING COMPETITION RESULTS

Thank you to those students who entered the house naming competition. Mrs Boulton has now selected the winning names for each of the houses being built opposite the school, they are... Woodcliff (due to the woodland setting), Fircliff (due to the large Atlantic fir in the garden) and Redcliff (due to the red sandstone).

From the list of entries the following winners have been selected:

Dylan Minett 7HS  
Shaun Mercado 7HS  
Finlay Austin 7GY

These three boys will be given a big chocolate treat presented by either Rafa Benitez or Robbie Fowler, the other entries will be given a chocolate consolation prize in school – dates and details will follow.



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

## CAPS MAKES ITS MARK!

A big thank you to CAPS (the Calday Association of Parents and Staff) who have funded the purchase of new House Bibs for use in the House Sports Day this summer and in future House sporting competitions. Also, for their kind support of the school Robotics team, who will compete in new team shirts bearing the CAPS logo.

If you want to lend your support to CAPS and get involved in fund-raising events to raise funds for the school, please get in touch with us: [caps@calday.co.uk](mailto:caps@calday.co.uk)

## BUSES TRAVELLING TO HESWALL, PENSBY & THINGWALL

We are currently experiencing issues with capacity on the buses which travel to Heswall, Pensby and Thingwall. To help alleviate this problem could we please ask students who travel to Heswall to ensure that they **only** use the 670, 671 and 672 buses. This will then allow those students who travel to Pensby and Thingwall to use the 673, 674 and 675. Thank you for your assistance.

## **OXBRIDGE (Message from Mr Byrne)**

Dear Parents

We have found over the years that some of our students are intimidated by the thought of Oxbridge, thinking 'it's not for the likes of me!' I felt exactly the same when I was their age, so can sympathise.

In order to encourage more students to consider the possibility of applying to Oxford or Cambridge, we have looked into hiring a coach to take us to the two universities, and Mr Rodaway has very generously agreed to subsidise the venture. In the past we had to cover our own costs.

As a result we can now take students to visit both universities if they so wish, and the cost for each visit remains at £30. However, we do not want anyone to be put off by shortage of funds, so please apply if you are interested and we will sort the money out later.

For those who are coming with us there will be an individual exam timetable for the internal school exams, so there is no need to worry about missing them either.

The dates remain the same - Tuesday/Wednesday 28th/29th June to Oxford, Thursday/Friday 30th June/1st July to Cambridge. Those going to Iceland have the possibility of travelling on their own to meet us in Cambridge on the Thursday evening and joining in with the rest of the group. Some have already said that they will do this, but tell me if you wish to do so.

Please tell your friends about the new arrangement, as it brings greater flexibility and please e-mail me at [leo.byrne@calday.co.uk](mailto:leo.byrne@calday.co.uk) if your son/daughter would like to come on both visits. I can only make bookings when I know that there is sufficient demand, so this offer demands upon prompt replies from you. 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 during PSHE on Friday 6 May. This will take place at 9.00 am in the Quiet Study (please note change of venue). Any interested students in Y12 and Y11 are welcome to attend.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your assistance.



## **JUMP FOR CLATTERBRIDGE!**

Dan Wallace and Matt Martin would like to thank all those who supported, encouraged and sponsored them on their recent Bungee Jump on 23rd April 2016 in aid of Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. They have raised nearly £800 which is a tremendous achievement.

Special thanks go to the friends and families of the 2 daredevils, the staff and students at Caldway Grange Grammar School especially Miss Trotter for her encouragement in this adventure, and work colleagues at British Gas Services and Wirral Council for their amazement that two 15 year olds would actually do this and all their generous donations in support of it. You can still donate to this worthy cause at [www.justgiving.com/matt-dan-bungee](http://www.justgiving.com/matt-dan-bungee)

## **RACE NIGHT IN AID OF REFILE**

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](mailto: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](http://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@caldy.co.uk](mailto:rowena.gill@caldy.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](http://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 (UPDATE FROM MR LAMPREY)**

So far all the challenges have been completed and I have managed 29 miles with still some challenges to go! I am very grateful to the parents who sponsored me and if others would like to the link is <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ColinLamprey>.

Also, thank you to Mr Gawith for joining me on some of the runs. The challenge is not about the number of miles as many top runners average more than this (but they are not 15.5 stone!) but I can run hard every day for 8 days and raise some funds for Claire House, the Children's hospice who have supported so many families.

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	

## **PARKING**

Could we please ask parents to refrain from dropping off/picking up students at the front of school at the start and end of the school day.

## **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**

Please see next page.

# CALDY CC JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING STARTING 1ST APRIL



CALDY CRICKET CLUB



**Want to meet the winning Lancashire County Cricket Club T20 2015 side, well here is your chance.** Caldly 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 Caldly CC becoming members for the season.

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

Caldly 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://caldly.play-cricket.com>**

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