



Caldy Grange Grammar School Newsletter

24th November 2017

Mon	27 th November	
Tues	28 th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Weds	29 th November	
Thurs	30 th November	
Fri	1 st December	

STUDENT SUCCESS



We were delighted to welcome Luke Percy back to school earlier this week following his participation in the BBC Children in Need 2017 Rickshaw Challenge. Our Year 13 cohort gave him a fantastic reception when he arrived at a 'surprise' assembly.

Luke was part of this year's team who pedaled an epic 500 miles from London to Glasgow and raised a fantastic £5,063,000 for this worthwhile appeal. The team of six riders pushed themselves to the limit, battling steep hills and braving the elements to raise as much money as possible to help change the lives of disadvantaged young people across the UK.

Miss Gill, Head of Year 13, congratulated Luke on his tremendous achievement and presented him with a cheque for £4061.00 which was raised by students, staff and parents. Since the presentation the final total has been confirmed as £4127. Thank you to everyone who supported Luke and Children in Need 2017.



Well done to Lucas Horton, Lee Harrison, Archie Lynch and Zac Macoy who recently competed in the National Schools Swimming Finals at the Aquatic Centre in the Olympic Park, London. After an extremely long wait to compete, the boys race time was 2:06:96, which was 2 seconds quicker than their qualifying time, and placed them 24th out of 30.

They were a credit to the school and should be justifiably proud of their achievements.

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION FAIR

Thank you to all students and parents who attended our Sixth Form Information Fair last night. We hope that you found it worthwhile. Our next event will be held on Wednesday 14th March and details will follow in due course.

CEILIDH

Unfortunately, due to low numbers, the Ceilidh scheduled to take place next Friday (1st December) has been cancelled. The CAPs committee will meet early in the New Year to arrange another fundraising event.

CORRECT KIT FOR GAMES LESSONS

Please ensure that your son has the correct kit for Games lesson as specified in the school uniform policy. For outdoor activities, it is games shirt, black shorts and long black socks with either football boots or trainers depending upon the activity and indoor kit is the white top, white shorts and white socks with trainers. Thank you for your support.

SKI AUSTRIA 2017/18

If your child is participating in the ski trip to Austria could you please ensure that you attend the meeting on Monday evening (27th November) in the school hall from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. All families need to be represented please.

AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIPS

Airbus have now opened their application process for any students who are interested in apprenticeships in Engineering, Business, Finance and Craft. These apprenticeships are aimed at any GCSE students who want to learn in a hands-on environment. Further information can be found at www.company.airbus.com/careers

EXAM INVIGILATORS

We are currently seeking to recruit examination invigilators. Full details are available on the school website.

BAG PACK IN AID OF REFILEWE

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the bag pack last weekend, a tremendous £915.66 was raised for Refilwe.

THE SUPER WHITE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



We are again supporting the Super White Christmas appeal by collecting donations of toys for Tranmere Rovers to distribute at a number of events that they are hosting over the Christmas period for those who are lonely, homeless or in financial difficulty. Last year the school donated over 200 gifts for distribution to those in need.

For more information on the appeal please visit <https://tranmererovers.co.uk/news/super-white-christmas-2017/>

Donations can be brought into reception or delivered to D35 any time up until 18th December.

SHOEBOX OF LOVE

We are also supporting the Shoebox of Love campaign (full details have been sent out via schoolcomms) and each form has been asked to fill a bag or box to help this worthwhile charity. The boxes will be collected on 4th December 2017.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The school will close at 1.00 pm on the last day of term, Friday 22nd December 2017. The buses organised by the school to Wallasey (C1 & C2) and to Ellesmere Port/Chester area (W1, 2, 3 and 4) will leave at the earlier finish time of 1.00 pm. However, the buses operated by Merseytravel are unable to change their pick up times and will be running as normal (i.e. 3.35 pm pick up). We would therefore be grateful if parents could make alternative arrangements for their children to get home.

If you are unable to make alternative arrangements and would like your child to remain in school until 3.35 pm could you please contact Mrs Ellis either via email Debbie.ellis@calday.co.uk or 0151 6252727.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



AUTHOR VISIT – INSPIRING BOYS TO KEEP READING

We enjoyed a fantastic visit from local author Jon Mayhew on Wednesday 1st November. He shared his personal experience of being a reluctant reader at school, and how through the weird and wonderful world of Marvel comics, trips to Eastham library and the second hand book stall on Birkenhead market, he discovered a joy of reading and then writing. His best-selling Gothic tale *Mortlock* is our Book of the Month and inspires our pick of horror/gothic genre on display at the front of the library.



BOOKBUZZ BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

It's been a long wait so thank you for your patience but the Bookbuzz Books are now available to collect from the main LRC desk at break, lunchtimes or after school. Apparently the delay was due to the fact that some books proved so popular, they had to print thousands more! We are just one of thousands of participating schools across the country, so there were a huge amount of books to deliver.

Don't forget to look at the Bookbuzz website here:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/supporting-you/practitioners/our-programmes/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-competitions/> and maybe, like Aron Binu of 7BW, you could win one of their competitions. Remember that all the Bookbuzz books are also available to borrow from the library.

ARRIVA STRIKE ACTION

Strike action by Arriva drivers continues across Merseyside with further dates planned next week and in December. Parents are advised to monitor Arriva, Merseytravel and train operating company websites for further updates.

ENTRIES INVITED FOR ANNUAL CHRISTOPHER SALMON POETRY COMPETITION

The Christopher Salmon foundation and Wirral Libraries are once again pleased to announce that the Christopher Salmon poetry extravaganza will be returning for 2018 following the event's huge success last year. The annual poetry competition, now in its 8th year, began as a tribute to former Calday student, Christopher Salmon, who tragically lost his life to a rare streptococcal infection in February 2009, aged just 15.

The theme for this year's competition is "memories" and is open to Wirral residents of all ages. Both winners and runners up in each age category will be awarded cash prizes and will be given the chance to attend a workshop with renowned local poet John Hughes. The prizes will be presented by Mr. Hughes at an awards evening for the winners and their families at Birkenhead Town Hall. The overall winner for the aged 18 or under category will also become Wirral's Young Poet Laureate for the following 12 months; with all winning poems being published in an anthology which will be available for purchase.

Full details of this year's competition and official entry forms will be available from Wirral libraries and on the charity's website, www.chrissalmon.org.uk. Students who wish to enter this competition can return their completed entry forms to Miss Jones in the English Department.

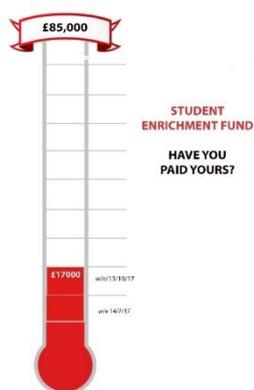
AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENT

Airbus are holding an Apprenticeship Information Event on Saturday 2nd December between 13.30 and 16.00. The venue is the West Factory, Manor Lane, Broughton Flintshire, CH5 3PP (sat nav only). Airbus invites students, parents and anyone interested in a career in Engineering or Business. This is an opportunity to speak to representatives from Airbus and partners. There is no need to book a place - just turn up. More information is available via www.company.airbus.com/careers.

FORTHCOMING DATES

November 2017	
Tuesday 28 th	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 29 th	Year 11 Examinations (until 14 th Dec)
December 2017	
Friday 15 th	House Drama Festival
Monday 18 th	Senior Awards Evening (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Wednesday 20 th & Thursday 21 st	Christmas Concert (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Friday 22 nd	Non Uniform Day (House Charities) School closes for Christmas Break

STUDENT ENRICHMENT



Thank you to all those parents who have already made a contribution or pledge to the Student Enrichment Fund.

Please sign-up now and help us to keep 'developing the whole student' and make a real difference to the future of our school.

There are three different ways you can pay:-

Please visit www.calday.co.uk/donate or use the QR code.

You can also contribute via your ParentPay account but please aware that this does not allow us to benefit from GiftAid.



PARENT VIEW – YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

Parent View offers parents the opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school which in turn provides the school with valuable information to help us improve. Last year only a small number of parents (approximately 20) provided their feedback so we would be grateful if you could take the opportunity to visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the short questionnaire.



Free School Meals

Students in receipt of Free School Meals receive a daily credit of £3.40 on their cashless catering account. This allows them sufficient credit to purchase a snack and a drink at break and a hot meal and a drink at lunchtime.

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.

If you think that you might be eligible, please complete your claim online at: [Wirral Council Free School Meals Application](#)

Please see next pages for:-

16-19 Bursary

Calday Grange 16-19 Bursary Fund

Learner must be aged 16 or over and under 19 at 31 August 2017

AWARDS OF £800 TO £1,200 AVAILABLE

Financial support is available to help students overcome specific barriers so they can remain in education.



Are you in receipt of Free School Meals at any point in your Sixth Form studies?

OR



Is your household income less than £25,000?

OR



Are you Looked After, a Care Leaver or in receipt of benefits in your own right?

APPLY NOW AT

www.calday.co.uk/bursary

OR CALL INTO THE FINANCE OFFICE FOR A FORM



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