

## Co-Head Teacher News

Look at the amazing poster which Noah has created as part of my newsletter challenge a while ago! Who knew that there were so many different types of birds which live in the British Isles? I love the way in which the pictures have been placed according to the habitat of the birds too. Suffice to say Noah now has Dojo points and has had his picture shared with Key Stage 2.



My next challenge as the clocks have gone back and we have darker mornings and evenings is to write either a poem or piece of writing about the seasons of either Autumn or Winter (you can decorate it too if you like). Entries to reach me by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November .

In this period of continued uncertainty due to Covid I would like to assure you all that we at school and playgroup continue to act to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone and as unfortunate as it may be this could mean that some events are postponed or cancelled, we are sorry for this but will always endeavour to get back to "normal" as soon as possible.

However, as world leaders gather at COP 26 and aim to make changes for the better to keep the world a beautiful place let's carry on enjoying the splendour of this Earth which we all have here in Gloucester and Gloucestershire – happy nature watching!

Sarah Bunce

**Sarah Bunce & Jane Barker-Doe, Co-Head Teachers**



## Calton Playgroup News

Welcome back after the half term break the children have enjoyed retelling their friends their adventures e.g " I went to Lego land", "I went to the beach and I made the biggest sandcastle, it was funny when I knocked it down!", "Do you want to see my baddie - a shark bit my finger!!"

We had had fun again with the torches. Tracing shadows built their interest in mark making. The children were encouraged to mark make around shadows of their favourite toys, objects e.g. dinosaurs, cars and their dolls.

The children have all taken part in a fun experiment where they learnt about nasty bugs and how we can prevent them from spreading. We created a sneezing runway, using tables, filled a spray bottle with water and covered it with a Shrek mask. We talked about sneezes and reminded the children of the importance of hand washing. "We don't want nasty germs they will make us have poorly tummies and we will be sick".

### Reminder

Coats, water bottles, clothes must be named. Back pack with spare clothes to be brought every day please.

### Poem this week

#### **Wise Old Owl.**

**A wise old owl sat in an oak. The more he heard, the less he spoke. The less he spoke, the more he heard. Why aren't we all like that wise old bird.**

Have a lovely weekend.

**Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager**

## Key dates for your diaries



10th November

Individual Photographs **POSTPONED to 23.03.22**

5th & 12th November

Y6 Titanium and Y2 Magenta Class assemblies will

be videoed & a link will be made available on relevant eSchools Class pages by the Monday afterwards for you to watch the assembly.

17th, 18th, 19th November	Flu vaccination at school for all pupils (school nurses)
19th November	Y2 Turquoise Class assembly, 9.30am
23rd November	Y6 Height & Weight, School Nurses
24th November	School disco
26th November	Y2 Indigo Class assembly, 9.30am
9th December	Y5 visit to Gloucester Docks, packed lunch & drink required
17th December	End of term 2
4th January 2022	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
5th January	Start of term 3
12th, 13th January	Reception Height, Weight, Vision, School Nurses
14th January	Y5 Zinc Class assembly, 9.30am
21st January	Y5 Copper Class assembly, 9.30am
28th January	Y5 Iron Class assembly, 9.30am
4th February	Y3 Sapphire Class assembly, 9.30am
11th February	Y3 Ruby Class assembly, 9.30am
15th February	Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 5.30pm
16th February	Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 6.30pm
18th February	Y3 Emerald Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	End of term 3
28th February	Start of term 4
11th March	Y4 Amethyst Class assembly, 9.30am
18th March	Y4 Topaz Class assembly, 9.30am
23rd March	Individual Photographs (postponed from November 2021)
25th March	Y4 Diamond Class assembly, 9.30am
8th April	End of term 4
25th April	Start of term 5
27th - 29th April	Y4 Residential, Croft Farm
20th May	YR Yellow Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	YR Blue Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	End of term 5
6th June	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
7th June	Start of term 6

### GSSN Cross Country Championships 2021

Please note that the Cross Country event that had been planned for Monday 15th November has been postponed to January 2022 - date yet to be confirmed.  
All children that were invited to attend will be notified of the new date as soon as we have this.

### Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school before 9am (please press 1) stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

### Medical Appointments

We understand that hospital appointments need to be attended at times offered, however, **we ask that routine Doctor and Dental appointments are made out of school hours.**

**01452 527689 (please press 1) or email [attendance@caltonprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@caltonprimary.co.uk) for all attendance matters**

**A nurturing, inclusive learning community that enables everyone to be their best**

**Skills Togetherness Aspiration Resilience Success**

## Admission to infant / primary school September 2022

**Apply online** for a place  
[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school) admissions  
**by 15th January 2022**

If you have not heard from Shire Hall by 1st December, you must contact them so they can send you the information to apply for a school place.

**[school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk)**

Shire Hall  
Westgate Street, Gloucester

**Allocation day is 19th April 2022**

### Consultation on schools reducing Published Admission Numbers for 2023

Calton Primary School is seeking to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for September 2023 from 90 to 60.

This proposed reduction is to enable the school to ensure the efficient use of their resources.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN.

Full consultation details available are available at [School Admission Consultation](#) which is open from 20<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Any comments regarding the consultation should be made via this link.

If you have any other queries, please email:

[SchoolAdmissionPolicy@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolAdmissionPolicy@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### Childhood Nasal Flu Programme for pupils from Reception to Year 6

The Immunisation Team will be at school on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November.

The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose.

**Parents / Carers must complete & return the form to either give consent or to decline the vaccination.**

**If you have not already done so, please complete and return the consent form to the Class Teacher no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

**SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR**

### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We previously reported how important it is not to park on the yellow markings outside the front of school. This includes the yellow zig zag and single yellow lines.

Signage is on display at the front of school to emphasise the rules and anyone parking on the markings could face a fine. We are monitoring the situation and the number plates of regular offenders will be passed on to the police.

Can we also remind everyone to be considerate of our neighbours when parking on Calton Road.

**Let's work together to keep our children safe on their journey to and from school.**

# Playgroup Learning

"Wow this is amazing!!"

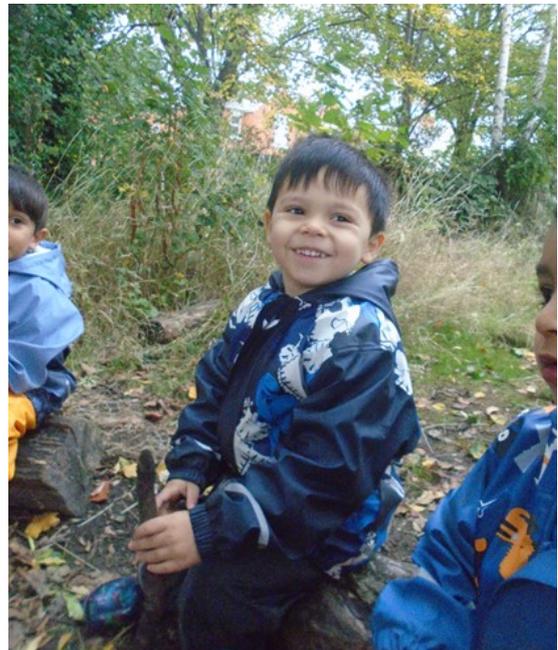


"Now there are 2"

"Look what I found, it's moving"



"I love playing in Forest School"



Learning about nasty bugs on the "sneeze runway"  
"It's gone everywhere, the germs make us sick"  
"Snotty nose yucky"

