

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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Another busy week in school, with a lot of things taking place. It's been wonderful to see the continued support we have from parents who want to engage and encourage our children in school life whether it be through the School Fayre, Sports Day, Performances or other events.

### School Fayre!

The School Fayre took place on Saturday and despite the miserable weather it was a fantastic success. I must begin by thanking the wonderful Friends Of Calshot team that organised everything, without them the fayre would not happen. They arrange all the stalls, prizes, food, performances and they set up and pack everything away (including volunteering other family members to get stuck in). They give up their time for all our pupils and I am so very grateful, you are all superstars!

I want to also thank the pupils and parents for coming and supporting the school, it is wonderful to see our community coming together for a good cause and having fun. I am obviously really upset that I didn't manage to go into the stocks and I know Mrs Waring was disappointed too (maybe next year when it's a little warmer). Friends Of Calshot raised £1362.40, which will be spent on various projects around school, which the children benefit from. Brilliant!

### People who inspire us!

Last week we had our 'People who Inspire us' day where we asked the children to dress up as someone who inspires them. To take part they had to bring a bottle into school which was then used on the very popular bottle tombola at the Summer Fayre. I was very impressed with the fantastic outfits the children came in wearing, we had doctors and nurses, pilots and police officers, plus some footballers and super heroes. A few children dressed as their teachers but my hat goes off to Zachary and Jake who were very happy to tell me that they came as a **young Mr Wingrove**, fabulous outfits, well done!

### Science Day

On Friday the children across school took part in Science Day, the children explored practical scientific processes, which happen to be a lot of fun. It was wonderful to walk around school watching the children being so enthusiastic about Science, they were able to tell me about all the things they had learnt.

'We made a race track and put paperclips to race around it using different magnets underneath. The white paperclip used a bar magnet and went round in 5 seconds, the yellow paperclip had a bell magnet and went round in 7 seconds and the green paperclip with the paddle magnet went round in 3 seconds. We got to paint the track too. I love Science!' - Taigen (3B)

'We used magnets and paperclips to see which paperclip is the fastest on our race track. The fastest went round in 8 seconds. It was really fun and I hope we get to do it again.' - Harvey (3B)

'Last week was very exciting as we had to do a Science experiment. My group had an excellent time as it was really interesting to try to find out which magnet was the strongest.' - Mubarak (3A)

'We used paperclips for cars, a magnet and a race track for an exciting Science experiment. My favourite part was when we got to put the magnet under the racetrack and move the paperclips around. I also liked the bit when we decorated the racetrack.' - Zara (3A)

'On Friday we had to make a water rainbow. First we put water into different cups and then put food colouring in. We then put sugar into each to see the changes. It was really fun! - Brandon (2H)

'We put water and sugar into a test tube, we then added different food colours. That is how you make a rainbow, it was fun!' - Ria (2H)

'My group were the first to get all four coloured layers in the test tube, it looked really pretty. We had lots of fun!' - Jenson (2T)

'For Science day we made water density rainbows. It sounds complicated but it wasn't. We made the water change colour and float on top of each other. It was cool!' - Shania (2T)

### Staff Leaving!

Since Transfer Day last week a few parents have asked about certain staff and whether they are leaving Calshot next week. I can confirm that Mr Hemmingway is leaving as he is going to St Marks to become their new Deputy Head Teacher. Please congratulate him on his successful appointment, we know it's time for him to take on this new and exciting challenge but he'll be greatly missed by us all. Mrs Machin (Nursery TA) and Mrs Page (SBM) are both retiring, I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them well as they move onto the next chapter in their lives.

### Reading Challenges!

Libraries across Birmingham and Sandwell will be holding 'Summer Reading Challenges' called Space Chase to commemorate 50 years since Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July Hamstead Library will be holding their big launch between 11-12 noon. It promises to be an informative and enjoyable occasion that encourages children to develop a love for reading. If you get the opportunity why not take a look and you can become a member of the library too.

### Dinner Money

The office have asked me to remind parents that any outstanding dinner money needs to be paid in by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

### School Fund

This week £36.20 was collected in School Fund. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Mr. M. Wingrove

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