

# CALDEW NEWS

**EASTER 09**

School closes on  
**Friday 3 April** and  
re-opens to pupils on  
**Tuesday 21 April**

*Have an enjoyable  
Easter break!*



## Dear Parents

By the time you read this, Caldew will have achieved a brief moment of fame as its name hits the nation's airwaves as host of Radio 4's 'Any Questions' programme. We share one important thing in common with the well known question and answer series: an important anniversary year. I am sure you are aware that the fiftieth anniversary of the school's opening will take place in September. But the radio show has been on air for even longer, some sixty years. So each member of the fifty year groups who have left our school could have listened to its broadcasts and no doubt have taken issue with the many distinguished panelists who have appeared on it over the years. And I'm sure many of them have done!

We would love to hear from any such ex-Caldew pupil who has an interesting story to tell, as we are developing a project which we hope will inspire our current pupils to set their sights high and prove there should be no limit to their ambition. We'd like to make some posters featuring case studies of past pupils who have gone on to do interesting things, whether it be start their own successful business, like Fred Story, or write poems and be in the running to become our next poet laureate, like Jacob Polly, or like Mrs Geddes, become Mayor of Carlisle.

Councillor Geddes visited us a couple of weeks ago and proved to be a real good sport, allowing us to take her picture on one of the diggers excavating the foundations for the new arts centre. She even donned a red nose in honour of Comic Relief, whilst two of our students explained what they had planned for the fundraising event. We also took her to see the new Learning Centre for pupils with special educational needs and to our Design and Technology department. Like most visitors who were familiar with the school some time ago, she was astonished by all the changes there have been, but could still recognise some parts of the school she once knew.

Anyone who has come to school in recent weeks could not have failed to notice the next phase of that change beginning to take shape in the form of the very exciting new arts building. Obviously it will be many months before the project is complete, but we are delighted with the initial progress, and very pleased by the way pupils have responded with maturity to the changes in our working environment.

In particular, I would like to thank those who have been displaced by the re-routing of buses into our sports hall car park and to remind everyone of the importance of taking great care in that area. Dropping off and picking up by car has become temporarily a much more hazardous business and I am grateful to parents for their patience in accommodating the greater number of buses which now use that area. Your co-operation is appreciated. We hope that the ramp which is being constructed adjacent to the gym will soon be complete. This will provide a little more space for buses to manoeuvre and ease things somewhat. However, we will have to wait until the end of the project for the existing bus lane at the front of school to be extended, providing the final arrangement.

I hope you have a good Easter break and I'd like to remind our Y11 pupils and sixth form students that the holiday provides an ideal opportunity for some revision before the serious business of exams begins in just a few weeks' time.

Yours sincerely

*A Abernethy*

Head Teacher

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## HAIR AND BEAUTY

A group of Year 11 students has come up with a unique way to enjoy their Leavers' Ball this year. Students, Cara Glendinning, Jess Hunt,



Amy-Jo Russell, Naiomi Queen, Sophie Bird, Sarah Goddard, Kayleigh Phillipson and Nicola Smith spend their lunchtimes putting their hair and beauty experience to good use.

The group have been straightening, curling hair and providing hand massages and nail painting to friends and teachers at school to raise money for their own pamper session ahead of the Year 11 Leavers' Ball.

The ball will be held on Thursday 18 June at the Greenhill Hotel, Wigton.



## CONSTRUCTION

A group of Year 11 boys are coming to the end of a two year Construction and Building Skills course that they have been attending once a week. The students: Thomas Armstrong, James Aylward, Jack Earl, Dan Fleming, Matthew Fotheringham, Adam Gibson, Jack Heaney, David Irving, Lee Ivison, Frankie Murray, Robbie Parry, Nathan Stubbs, Cameron Todhunter, Robbie Vallance and Dan Watson visit Carlisle College to gain skills in painting and decorating, plastering, tiling, bricklaying and joinery. At the end of the course there will be an examination leading to a certificate in Construction and Building.



## VALENTINE'S DAY



Year 12 CoPE students raised money for The Special Care Baby Unit at the Cumberland Infirmary with a Valentine's Day Delivery service. The group, Debbie Gibson, Vienna Bowe, Christina Coulthard, Carla Pattinson and Rebecca Graves took orders from pupils for gift wrapped teddies that were personally delivered by the girls on the last day of the half term. A total of 114 orders were taken.

## MUSIC

Caldew students were treated with a day to remember when the Lakeland Opera Group visited the school in February. Three experts from the group travelled to the school to give workshops on the basics of opera, turning students into mini Pavarottis'.

The workshop included acting and vocal coaching from Yvonne Fontaine, who is Artistic Director of the Opera Group and choreographer Tanya Cusan-Espinosa with music provided by David Sutton, the Musical Director.

The workshops are designed to give students an insight into the world of opera in the hope that the students will then visit them.





## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

### INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Caldew School has once again achieved the prestigious Investor in People Award. The school was visited and staff interviewed over two days in January this year by Investor in People Assessor, Ray Borg.

Ray said "Having carried out the assessment process, in accordance with the guidelines provided for assessors by Investors In People UK, the Assessor was satisfied beyond any doubt that Caldew School continues to meet the requirements of the Investors in People Standard. On behalf of Centre for Assessment & Recognition (NW) Ltd, the Assessor would like to congratulate Caldew School on this achievement."

Our Year 12 Health and Social Care Students have been taking part in an Early Years project as part of their A level course.

The final part of the Early Years section was to produce an activity suitable for early years children. The group came up with an idea of Spring and Easter and had to explain why they chose this theme, write a plan with aims and objectives, bring in their own materials and deliver the activity.

## MAYORAL VISIT



The school were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Carlisle and ex-Caldew pupil, Councillor Jackie Geddes into school on Monday 9 March.

The Mayor, looked at the plans for the new £2.5 million development that has just commenced at the school and met two of our Year 11 pupils, Amy Russell and Sam Currie, who told the Mayor about their plans for Red Nose Day. The Mayor was more than happy to have a photograph taken with the girls and in the spirit of the occasion wearing a red nose! Mr Abernethy then showed the Mayor around the new Learning Centre which opened in January this year and met some of the staff and pupils who were studying in the centre that day. Finally, the Mayor visited the Design and Technology department and chatted to the staff and pupils about their projects.

See the Mayor with her red nose on page 5...



## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 10 Food Technology group visited Cavaghan and Gray food factory in Carlisle and met food technologists who talked about the development of recipes, and people involved in the manufacture of foods for Marks and Spencer.

We all looked very glamorous as we had to dress like the workers with long white coats, hair nets and special factory shoes. No make up or jewellery can be worn. Inside the factory we had to follow instructions on health and hygiene - washing hands several times in a prescribed way.

The customers (M&S) set very high standards and if they are not achieved whole batches of food can be rejected which is obviously a financial 'disaster' Their fastest selling line is mashed potato - an indication of how some people's lifestyles have changed but it's not for the calorie conscious as it contains a lot of cream and butter!!

The experience created various reactions from students - some vowing to work hard at school, others being interested in jobs other than those on the factory floor.

The overall value of the visit was to get an idea of all the vast range of processes involved in getting tasty 'manufactured' food onto our plates and we are very grateful to Cavaghan and Gray for allowing us to visit.

## MAXIMIZE YOUR POTENTIAL THEATRE GROUP

In early March all our Year 10 and 11 pupils took part in a one hour theatre performance aimed at supporting students with an exam survival guide leading up to their forthcoming examinations.

Set in an exam room, leading characters Kelly Taylor (Charlie Eden) and Tom Fletcher (Ryan Copsey) are about to sit their first exam. As the plot unfolded, the audience became aware of how everyone can take more control of their learning and also their future.

The event will be followed up with a study skills seminar in early for Year 11.



## INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the year 9, 10 and 11 pupils who took part in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge recently. Over 3186 schools took part in the challenge. The results have arrived and some of our pupils got some of the top scores in the country.

Gold Certificate (top 6% in the Country) and Best in School: Jennifer Rogers. Silver Certificates (top 13% in the Country): Tim Perry, Matthew Robinson, Katie Smith, Zach

Waller. Bronze Certificates (top 21% in the Country): Rebecca Allen, Helen Brown, Sally Burden, Jeremy Cottingham, Lauren Coulthard, Emma Dickinson, Matthew Duggan, Tom Ebbatson, Ben Farren, Martin Hall, Emily Hewitt, Josh Hodgkinson, Noel Howson, Natalie Shield, Ryan Stobart, Sam Strong, Dena Strong, James Taylor, Alice Wilkinson and Daniel Wilson. Well done to you all.

# Red Nose Day!



Red Nose fever hit Caldew School as red noses were on sale, but it didn't take long for them all to be sold out.

On Thursday pupils, Zach Waller, Andy Rennie, Ryan Smith, Ben Farren and Phil Watts dressed up as super heroes, The Carlisle Fox and a camel. They raised money by running around the sports pitch whilst being mobbed by all their classmates. Well done boys on being such good sports!



On Red Nose Day the school had a non-uniform day. Year 11 Cope students Jess Hunt, Sam Currie, Becca Livingstone, Kayleigh Phillipson, Amy Russell and Sarah Goddard organised a special event in the Sports Hall for all students. An inflatable boxing cage and an inflatable gladiator ring were erected and manned by the girls. All students were invited down at intervals during the morning to compete against their friends on the equipment. There was lots of laughter during the morning with everyone joining in the spirit of the occasion.

At least 20 pupils who receive support from the Learning Centre spent two days making buns and chocolate krispies in preparation for the cake stall on Red Nose Day. Helped by the teaching assistants and some sixth form pupils, well over three hundred buns were baked and decorated. Our new kitchen got a real workout!

Hollie Warren and Matty Peace manned the stall with the help of the teaching assistants and our sixth form helpers Simon Thicke and Tom Irving. We were flooded with the Year 7's who must have bought at least half the cakes. By the time the Year 11's arrived there was one tray of leftovers!

We made a whopping £166 which isn't bad when each bun was only 20p. An extra thank you to the many pupils who told us to keep any change.

Well done to all who contributed to the success of the event. A total of £1620 was raised on the day with money still to come in.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

SMART JACKET



CASUAL JACKET



V NECK JUMPER



From September 2009 Caldew School is introducing a new school uniform. The uniform has been agreed after widespread consultation with parents, governors, staff and the students. Caldew School celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and we agreed that it is important in creating the ethos and tone of the school that high standards of dress and appearance are maintained.

Therefore from September 2009 **AND** compulsory for all year groups 7-11 the Caldew School uniform will consist of black trousers or skirt, black shoes, light blue buttoned shirt, a new striped tie replacing the cockerel tie and a choice of either a black jumper with the new Caldew School motif, a casual jacket with Caldew School motif or a traditional blazer with Caldew School motif, or a combination of any of these items.

**Please note hooded tops, cardigans and other outerwear jackets will not be allowed in school.**

The Governors of the school have agreed that the new tie will be issued FREE of charge to all pupils as part of the school's 50th Birthday celebrations. These will be distributed in early July directly to your child. Garments with the Caldew Motif on are available to buy in the Uniform Shop, Denton Holme.

The Uniform Shop in Denton Holme is holding a special "try on" and order service ahead of the new uniform changes.

You can go along during the Easter Holidays (Monday 6 April - Monday 20 April) between 9am-5pm and try on the new uniform and pre-order the uniform.

*Please note: The Uniform Shop is not open on Good Friday or Easter Monday.*

## MAGISTRATES' MOCK TRIAL

WRITTEN BY SARAH WILSON

ILLUSTRATION BY AMELIA BUTCHER

In early March, a magistrates' mock trial competition took place at Kendal Court. A small group of Year 7 and 8 students from Caldew School went along with a group of sixth formers who are studying law at A Level. We competed against two schools, Cockermouth and St. Joseph's High. Both schools were very good in the competition and so were we.

The day went quite smoothly, with enough time to practise before the trials. Both trials went very well but we were especially pleased with the second one. At the end of the trials there was a presentation. A Judge awarded a voucher to the best student in each school. Two schools won overall and they will go on to the regional finals that take place in Newcastle.

Unfortunately, we were not one of the winners, but we got certificates, and had a fantastic day out.



Between the trials we had refreshments and met some people from the other schools. Overall, the day was brilliant; we would all be happy to do it again.

Students who took part in the mock trials were: Sarah Wilson, Dena Strong, Luke Blacklock, Laurent Crofts, Jess Burden, Hollie Buttrum, Hannah Stobart, Amelia Butcher, Olivia Kitchen, Annie Coupland, Kelsey Lea and Elena Silver.

Special thanks to sixth formers who helped support us throughout the preparations and came along on the day. They were: Rebecca Richardson, Laura Withers, Charlotte Perry, Alastair Gordon and Liam Mulholland.

The day was organised by Miss Cook and Mrs Parkinson.



## LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

WRITTEN BY MR BULMAN

I have been delighted with the work that is going on both with Junior Sports Leaders and Step into Sport volunteers. Caldew Sports Leaders from year 10 & 11 have been working towards their Junior Sports Leadership Award this term and many have completed their assessment by arranging coaching sessions with our feeder primary schools or Caldew after school clubs. Some Sports Leaders are volunteering their time regularly in primary and after school clubs. Step into Sport students are also becoming involved regularly in community clubs and we have a strong group of volunteers without whom our Primary Sports Festivals & tournaments would become much more difficult. They do a great job and are greatly appreciated by both Caldew and the primary school staff.



**In the next few weeks information will be coming out regarding an opportunity to try mountain biking with a trip to the 7 Stanes course at Newcastleton.**

The Caldew Infant & Junior Gymnastics Club has been running since September and I have been delighted by its success and popularity. Six girls from year 9 & 10 have volunteered their time to help a qualified gym coach to run the club and I hope they feel they have gained experience, confidence and leadership skills through working at the club.

## CYCLING CLUB

We have been lucky to receive free cycling coaching from Shona McLean - the North West Development officer for British Cycling. Pupils from key stage 3 have been able to try different types of race cycling along with longer distance rides making use of the cycle track to Denton Holme. The ultimate aim is to promote links with Carlisle Border Wheelers Cycling Club as well as promoting cycling as a fun and healthy activity.

## SCHOOL SPORTS LEADERSHIP

Four of our students are representing Caldew at the Carlisle Leadership Academy. The Four, Lauren Walker (Year 10), Natalie Shield (Year 10), James Bell (Year 11) and Tom Newton (Year 12) have been chosen for showing outstanding leadership qualities in sport.

They all either volunteer in school or community clubs. The academy meets every half term and so far they have discussed opportunities for volunteering, gaining qualifications and worked with a specialist in coaching gifted & talented children.

The group is aiming to organise a conference for young volunteers to gain qualifications/experience and to organise a celebration evening for all sports leaders and volunteers in Carlisle.





## TESCO VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS

We are once again collecting Tesco Vouchers for schools. You can collect one voucher for every £10 you spend in a Tesco store. Vouchers go towards computers, sports equipment and creative equipment. Please send any vouchers into school. A box for vouchers is located in the pupil reception area.



Bookings are now being taken for the Caldeu Summer Camp. The camp which is run by qualified teachers will run 20-24 July and 27-31 July. Cost for one week is £40 per student. If you book two weeks you get a reduced rate of £70 per student. Each day runs from 9am-3pm and is open to all children aged between 10-13 years of age. Children take part in lots of fun activities including woodwork, photography, games, cooking, sport, arts and crafts and animation. To reserve your place please ring the school on (01228) 710044.



## FIVE STAR AWARD

The Catering staff are celebrating after achieving a five star hygiene award. The award was issued by Carlisle City Council's Environmental Health team following an inspection on 26 February.

The Council's Environmental Health Officers carry out regular checks on all food businesses to ensure that high standards are maintained and the public is protected.

Visits are carried out with or without prior notice and are programmed according to the degree of potential risk each business presents. This ensures that higher risk businesses are visited more often than those in lower risk categories.



## ART

Look out for details on the yearly GCSE and A level Art Exhibitions - They will be taking place mid to late May.

