



A SCHOOL OF QUALITY!

I am delighted to give you the news of our new Quality Mark award for Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity. Not only have we achieved this Quality Mark but we achieved it with '**Distinction**'! The award demonstrates outstanding commitment to improvement in Physical Education and Sport.

Below are the reasons for Distinction outlined by the validator:

Achievement

- Receiving the 'Sustained excellence for the delivery of P.E. and school sport' from the Thanet Sports Partnership 2018.
- The only school in Kent to receive the 'Enhanced Healthy Schools Award' - maintained since 2013.

Quality of teaching

- Very high quality of teaching through well-resourced class teachers
- Outstanding teaching resources, lesson plans and broad balanced curriculum. Well trained staff who receive Continuous Professional Development in areas to increase their confidence in teaching P.E.
- Pupils make substantial progress from different starting points in all areas of activity.

Curriculum Provision

- The P.E. curriculum provision is very good, with an excellent balance between varied types of games, athletic activities, problem solving - 'Forest School', dance and gymnastics.
- Very well resourced with an excellent range of equipment, with purpose-built storage (well beyond the norm).

Leadership and management

- Outstanding leadership from the Headteacher and Senior team - 'National Leader of Education' award supports this.
- Highly qualified Subject Leader, with a specialist physical education background, provides a very committed lead to other staff. Exceptional organisational skills provide superb support for all other staff in delivering high quality P.E. lessons.

GOOD QUALITY UNIFORM

We desperately need yellow polo shirts, boys grey socks and green Nursery joggers. Please can you bring in to the Office any that you no longer need. Thank you.



LOVE YOUR PLANET DAY

£254 raised for our Eco-Work! Thank you. We had a fantastic day learning about the problem with plastic pollution and creating some wonderful art work made from plastic waste inspired by the work of artists.



PUPIL PROGRESS CONSULTATIONS

Our next consultations for **main school only** will take place on **Monday 18th March** and **Thursday 21st March** between **3:15—6.00pm**. You will be able to book your ten minute consultation as of Friday 1st March online here:

<https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/callis>

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

Don't forget that next Thursday 7th March is our Winnie the Pooh themed World Book Day. We hope that you have been enjoying preparing a costume for your child as part of our celebrations.

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the School Hall on the day. All the details are in the letter which will be sent home tomorrow (Friday 1st March).

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LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

We are extremely proud of our Headgirl, Jamie-Lee Campbell who has had her beautiful, long hair cut short. This is to help the Little Princess Trust provide real hair wigs free of charge to children. Jamie-Lee, your short hair looks just as beautiful!



GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

Callis has recently been the host school for the Thanet Infant Gymnastics Festival. Gymnastics Clubs from five schools took part during a morning focusing on the development of gymnastics skills and performing a gymnastic routine to all other schools.

Medals were awarded to all those pupils that took part. Well done to our Gym Club!



NURSEY PHOTOS

We hope our Rainbow Class parents enjoyed looking at all the fun learning the children took part in over Term 3. Thank you for joining us last term for this photo time.

SPEED STACKING

On the 4th February five of our Year 2 pupils joined other schools at Priory Infant School recently, in the Thanet Year 2 Speed Stacking competition. They came second out of five schools. Well done team Callis!

LIVING HISTORY

Year 1 have visited a Victorian school room, wash house and kitchen as part of their History learning. The classrooms were transformed and all the children became fully involved, doing the washing, writing on slates and having afternoon tea!

FENCING EXPERIENCE

All of our Year 1 and 2 pupils have taken part in a fencing workshop wearing all of the specialist clothes! Have a look at our website article under the Whole School Sports Learning tab.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Rainbow Class joined the main school for our Chinese New Year celebrations on 4th February. The class led a Dragon Dance and moved with ribbons and played some percussion instruments. It was a really colourful event.



INDOOR CRICKET

Having walked all the way to Dane Court Grammar School, eight Year 2 pupils took part with nine other schools in the Thanet Indoor Cricket Tournament. Callis came third overall and really enjoyed it too!



PRINTER

Thank you to all those parents who, without the school being aware, entered us into a competition with TMS Estate Agents and we won a printer! Your support for the school is greatly appreciated and it was such a super surprise.

NURSEY ADMISSIONS: SEPTEMBER 2019

The next tours are taking place on **6th March** at 9:15am, 9:45am and 10:15am. Please contact the school office to book a tour.

Our offer for September is:

- Every morning 8:45am—11:45am
- Every morning 8:45am—11:45am and every afternoon 11:45am—2:45pm
- Every morning 8:45am—11:45am and selected, fixed afternoons 11:45am—2:45pm



ATTENDANCE



Results since the last Newsletter are as follows:

TERM 3

Week	Year R	Year 1	Year 2
5	Red	Yellow	Orange/Purple
6	Blue	Brown	Turquoise
7	Red (100%)	Yellow	Turquoise

So many of the children are wearing the white Term 3 100% Attendance Badge with pride. The children are now hoping to achieve the "Purple" badge which will be awarded for Term 4!



Well done to them!

BUTTON CHALLENGE

Over a number of months Callis has been taking part in the Hobbycraft Button Challenge.

Children across the whole school were given the opportunity to sew on a button to create a picture. All of the children who wanted to, chose their own button and where to position it. They were all fully engaged, excited and keen to have their turn.

A study carried out for the British Heart Foundation found out that one in four people cannot even stitch a button back onto their clothes and in 2016 260 million items were thrown away or given away due to a fault that could have been repaired.

The picture is now on display in our entrance area and incorporates 300 buttons!

February Learning Tip

When your child is about to start an activity such as reading, remove all distractions e.g. turn off your mobile phone and T.V. and make sure you are giving your child your full attention showing them that you see their learning as very important and that you are interested in it.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs A J Marshall

Headteacher

To: Callis Grange Nursery and Infant School

I am in receipt of February 2019 Newsletter: We value your comments:

Although the school is not able to respond to every comment, all comments are read. Please feel free to comment on any aspect with regards school life.

Signed:

Child's name: Class:

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