

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 15th September 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Another busy week is drawing to a close. We were delighted to welcome parents who were able to join us at our Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday. This was a chance for you to look round your child's class and find out a bit more about the routines of your child's week.

As always there is lots of information in the Weekly Update to share with you and we hope that you are able to take the time to read this through. There is a plea from the Parent Council re class reps and we would love to hear from you if you are free to come in and help us share our Showbie journey with a visiting team on the 25th September. All these details are below.

We much enjoyed observing the children showing off their creative skills this week in our Citizenship Gathering as they explored four of our school aims through creating characters using their iPads and pen and paper. The children have come up with some wonderful ideas and we are looking forward to sharing these across future gatherings and assemblies.

We have been pleased also to see the creativity and collaboration amongst the children during their time in the Play Hub and during our Wellbeing Wednesday session. Developing children's social and emotional skills is a key area of their health and wellbeing learning and these opportunities promote and support this learning.

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 20th September	Fairnilee House Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering 9.00am-9.30am
Monday 25th September	Cycle to School Week begins
Monday 25th September	Maths Week Scotland begins
Monday 2nd October	Last day for dropping off filled shoebox for Blythswood Shoebox Appeal
Thursday 5th October	P3/4 Class Assembly
Friday 6th October	Last day of term
Monday 16th October	In Service Day
Tuesday 17th October	Pupils resume

Pupil Safety - School Gates

Please can all families note that our school car park is for the use of staff only.

To support pupil safety Mr Bertram will close the school gates after drop off each morning to ensure that the school car park area is safe for pupils who may be engaged in outdoor learning such as gardening activities. If you are collecting your child we ask that you park outside the school gates unless you have made a prior arrangement with the school.

Building Resilience - Look on the Bright Side Family Learning

A reminder that your child's Look on the Bright Side family learning should be shared with the school by next Friday. Families were asked to create a memory jar together which includes items that are special to you all. It is hoped that your jar will help your gratitude for the good things in your life and share memories of good things. The following week examples of this family learning will be shared during assembly.

Showbie

At our recent Meet the Teacher evening some parents shared feedback on how they were accessing their child's portfolio. This included seeing some 'empty' folders or assignments. While Showbie is used as a method of reporting to you on your child's progress, it is also used as a tool to support and enhance learning, teaching and assessment across the week. Therefore at times you may see Assignments which are empty, as teachers have created these to upload resources for the following week as part of their ongoing planning.

All pieces of learning which have been commented on by the teacher will go into your child's Portfolio so you can quickly access this feedback without having to look through the folders.

You can control the notifications you receive from Showbie in your parental account settings, by clicking on Preferences. This allows you to select which notifications you wish to receive that suit your preferences and needs.

Parent Volunteers

The school will be welcoming members of the Showbie team on the afternoon of **Monday 25th September** to hear about the ways in which we are using Showbie to support learning and how this is shared with you as parents. If you would like to be part of a small focus group we would be delighted to hear from you. This short chat would take place just before the end of the school/ELC day at **2.45pm**. Please can you contact the school in the first instance if you would be happy to come in, have a cuppa and talk all things Showbie. Thank you!

Citizenship Gathering – Fairnilee House

We are looking forward to welcoming Fairnilee parents to our Citizenship Gathering on **Wednesday 20th September**. Please can parents who have children in this house come round to the main school entrance by 8.55am ready to join us for our gathering.

The children will be using iPads to share their feedback and we ask that if possible you bring a mobile phone in order to join in the session. If you are unable to connect with your phone on the day we will be sharing the QR code so that you can share your feedback on another device from home.

All other parents who have children in our other Houses will also be given the QR code next week to add your voices to our theme of the children's learning environments.

Leadership Assembly

We were delighted to share the leadership roles with the rest of the school that our P7 leaders chose. Across the year the P7s will be working together in a number of different ways to support the school and follow an interest they shared in asking for particular roles. We have Gardening, House, Achievement and Tech leaders this session and we are looking forward to these pupils carving out their roles and helping to support pupil voice and sharing, through these chosen roles, what is important to them and how they can influence decisions that affect them. Huge congratulations to the following pupils for consistently showing our school values in action, for using their learning powers effectively to support their progress and, following our recent focus on our school aims:



ELC	Tom
P1/2	Max
P2/3	Katie
P3/4	Millar
P5/6	Struan
P6/7	Esme



Asda Donation

We were delighted to receive this donation of items from Asda to support our weekly Star Achiever baking sessions. Once again the star biscuits were devoured with the hot chocolate or juice and this week's Star Achievers are very much looking forward to baking next week.



Parent Council Update

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Parent Council AGM on Tuesday. It was great to see so much enthusiasm for the projects we have planned for the year.

We still however, have some positions available to fill:

- ELC class representative(s) (this preferably is split so we would have one rep for ELC3 and one for ELC4)
- P4 class representative

A class rep is a liaison between the parent forum and the parent council. Each class usually has a communication group set up, and the class rep would let their year know about upcoming Parent Council meetings for example, and also feedback any ideas or issues from the parent forum that they would like raised. It is essentially a communications job 😊. Please email clovenfords.parent.council@gmail.com or contact us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter if you would like any further information.



School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: admin@schoolsoutclovenfords



Clothingfords

We have a mixture of good quality, used items, including clothes embroidered with the school badge; as well as brand new uniform kindly donated by Asda. Small donations are gratefully appreciated but not expected. Our goal is to provide you with good quality school uniforms free of charge. Please pop along when you can to use this great facility.

Communication

If your child will not be in school, it is important that you inform the school office by 9.00am. You can report absence by phone or email.

School office phone number: 01896 662755 **School office email:** clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk

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