

# Clovenfords Primary School

**Kindness Respect Honesty**

Weekly Update – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023



## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Lots of super learning has taken place this week and the children have been working across classes and with different peers to engage in a range of tasks to embed and support their progress. We have very much enjoyed all the fantastic memory jars/boxes or other items that the children have been bringing in or sharing via emailed photos that will be part of our assembly next week. Thank you for supporting this home learning.

It was lovely to welcome Fairnilee parents to our Citizenship Gathering on Wednesday as the children shared their understanding, thoughts and ideas on their learning environments, what they liked and what could be even better. Families who were able to join us then took part in a survey and we have included details below about how you too can be part of this discussion. Please add your voice – we have already had some great feedback which has given us ideas on how we can further develop our two way communication with you which will strengthen partnership working between school and home. This is key to supporting your children to make links with their learning between school and home.

Finally, we are hoping to see as many children as possible cycling or scootering to school next week as Cycle to School Week begins. If your child is taking part in this, please can you remind them that they need to dismount at the entrance to the school gate and then wheel their scooter or bike safely round to the back of the school to park. Thank you.

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Cycle to School Week begins
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Maths Week Scotland begins
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Last day for dropping off filled shoebox for Blythswood Shoebox Appeal
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	P3/4 Class Assembly
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	In Service Day
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Pupils resume

## Citizenship Gathering – Fairnilee House Family Thank You!

Thank you to the Fairnilee parents who came to our Citizenship Gathering on Wednesday. They joined in as the children shared their understanding of their Learning Powers, discussed which class books they were reading, what they liked about Soft Starts – and what we can do to make them even better – and how they independently access resources in the class to support their learning.

We then asked the parents to scan the QR Code to answer a few short questions on what their understanding was of these themes and their importance. We would very much appreciate you adding your voice to this discussion as the feedback is hugely relevant to how we continue to make improvements to support children's progress. You can either use the QR code or link below to join in the discussion.

Thank you for taking part and for adding your voice to your child's school experiences.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LF3Cp1ajwH>

Here's what some of our Fairliee parents who were at the gathering shared with us:

*"Learning Powers assist them with their learning, encourage them to focus and understand the importance of trying their best and to not give up."*

*"Reading fuels their imagination. In my experience, children love to hear a story. They love to get involved, it encourages them to ask questions and create further stories."*

*"A soft start provides opportunities for social connection, preparedness and, importantly, for the class teacher to check in with children and build important relationships."*

Citizenship Gathering Learning Environment



### Building Resilience - Look on the Bright Side Family Learning

Whilst we did ask for your memory jars to be in by today, we would still love to see them coming in on Monday if you are not quite finished as it is great to have as many of the children as possible represented at our sharing assemblies. Here are some wonderful examples to inspire you.



### Showbie

A reminder that 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

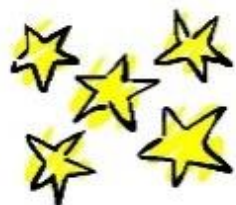
The school will be welcoming members of the Showbie team on the afternoon of **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** to hear about the ways in which we are using Showbie to support learning and how this is shared with you as parents.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered.

If you would like to join this 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!

## Peace Assembly

We celebrated International Peace Day and explored ways of how we can be at peace with ourselves at our assembly this week. The children listened to stories and songs about mindfulness, practised peaceful breathing and took a moment to recognise the importance of peace around the world which link to the Global Goals. We also celebrated our Star Achievers this week and would like to say congratulations to the following pupils for showing our school values in action, for using their learning powers effectively to support their progress and for showing their developing understanding of our school aims:



ELC	Penelope
P1/2	Erin
P2/3	Caelyn
P3/4	Grace
P5/6	Phoebe Faith
P6/7	Joseph



## School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: [admin@schoolsoutclovenfords](mailto: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](mailto:clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk)

**School Twitter (X) :** @Clovenfords\_ps

**School website:** [Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty (glowscotland.org.uk))