

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 29th September 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

It has been lovely to see children engaging with Cycle to School Week as well as the learning that was planned and delivered by our teaching staff to support Maths Week Scotland. Some of our children also took part in the live streaming sessions that have been part of the Borders Book Festival this week. As always, there is lots on – and lots to fit in.

One thing we will always make time for is our weekly assemblies. They have become such a highlight of everyone's week, firstly with the star achievers' baking sessions on a Wednesday and then our assembly itself on the Thursday. It is so important that the children all come together, from ELC to P7 to share news, learning and of course celebrate those that are awarded a Star Achiever certificate. This week we also had a new House winner. Meigle will enjoy time in the Play Hub next Wednesday as a reward for gathering the most house points across the last month. House points are given to children who are showing our school values in action, our school aims in action and for being positive role models in and around the school. The importance of promoting and celebrating our Vision, Values and Aims cannot be underestimated in what they give to the children - a sense of belonging, positive and safe boundaries, and a sense of pride in their school. All of these support their emotional and social wellbeing.

Next Monday is the last day for dropping off any shoeboxes you may have filled for the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. Thank you if you have been able to help this worthy charity.

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd October	Last day for dropping off filled shoebox for Blythswood Shoebox Appeal
Thursday 5th October	P3/4 Class Assembly 1.30pm
Friday 6th October	Last day of term
Monday 16th October	In Service Day
Tuesday 17th October	Pupils resume

Please Add Your Voice

We would love to hear from as many parents as possible about their understanding of why we teach the children about their Learning Powers, why we have whole class books for reading, and why we have Soft Starts. Please scan the QR Code or click on the link below to answer a few short questions on these themes and their importance. We would very much appreciate you adding your voice to this discussion, even if you are not very sure about any of these parts of your child's day, please tell us so we can look at ways of sharing with you in better ways.

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

Citizenship Gathering Learning
Environment



Showbie Visit and Thank You

On Monday we welcomed Dan and Morgan from Showbie who had asked to visit schools that had successfully implemented Showbie as a teaching and learning tool and as a reporting platform for parents. The team from Showbie were keen to hear our journey and look at potential ways in which they can make it even better for us. They were impressed with our use of Showbie and the innovative ways we are using it to capture pupil voice and support our school improvements. They also spoke to a focus group of parents who were able to share their experiences of Showbie from a family point of view. Huge thanks to those parents who gave up their time to support this visit and give feedback.

Galashiels Town Band

Galashiels Town Band are looking to recruit new players: no experience required, all training and instruments are provided free of charge. If you're in P4 or above and fancy a new challenge, please get in touch. Parents welcome too if you're an adult who would like to learn a new skill! They are running a special recruitment session on **Monday 23rd October, 4pm – 6.30pm** and would love to see you there. Children will have a chance to try out instruments just turn up and they'll get you sorted! See attached flyer for more information.

Building Resilience Sharing Assembly Look on the Bright Side

It was great to share all the lovely home learning that children have been bringing into school to show their understanding of the importance of looking on the bright side when things get a bit tricky. Trying to see other points of view in different situations is a real life skill to promote and develop. 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	Owen and Ollie
P1/2	Zara
P2/3	Alice
P3/4	Charlotte
P5/6	Eli
P6/7	Magnus



School's Out Clovenfords

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



Clothingfords

Clothingfords is available for you to come and browse at any time across the school day as well as during after school and evening events. Please do not be shy about coming in to use this great facility! There is a great 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.

WANTED!

If you have any children's wellies that no longer fit and are in good condition we would love to have them for our hub. Thank you!

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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