

Clovenfords Primary School

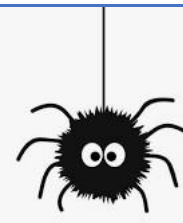
Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 27th October 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,



There has been lots of spooky fun happening across the school this morning as our P7 House Leaders planned and led a range of Halloween activities for all the classes. Our older pupils have also been supporting our ELC children with their Halloween fun in nursery. Our P7 pupils also created and presented a fun Halloween Quiz at our Gathering on Wednesday.

Lots of children are looking forward to the Halloween Discos later on in school which the Parent Council are running. We have a number of costumes in school that we can lend out if any child is coming to the disco. These can be sorted out with your child when they arrive for their disco if needed. You can also buy tickets today if your child wishes to come, or pay on the evening. Disco times are detailed below.

This week we also shared with the children how a group of pupils have asked to support our school by becoming Library Assistants. These pupils have organised their time on a Friday to help sort out the library, restacking books, keeping the categories in order and making the reading areas look welcoming and cosy. We are so proud of them for this initiative and team working ethos. This is a super example of how the children are able to lead their learning, use their voice for good and develop skills that help them to become lifelong learners

All our classes started their Novel Focus Fortnight at the start of the week and are engaging in lots of learning, discussion and of course reading! This was the theme for our P1/2 Class Assembly on Thursday where the children have been reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. We were treated to some wonderful singing and storytelling – the sea shanty was a real highlight! You will be able to find out more about your child's learning on Wednesday 1st November if you are able to make it to our first Open Afternoon of the session at 2.15pm.

You can find out more about what learning is planned for your child for the remainder of this term on their Showbie Class Communication Group as their latest Curriculum Overviews have been posted there today.

Finally, a reminder for all that the clocks go back on Sunday morning – an extra hour in bed for some perhaps..!

Whatever your plans, we wish you a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Friday 27th October	Curriculum Overviews published
Friday 27th October	Parent Council Halloween Discos – tickets available from School Office
Wednesday 1st November	Open Afternoon – 2.15pm
Thursday 9th November	P6/7 Class Assembly 1.30pm
Tuesday 14th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 22nd November	Pupil Progress Consultations (Parents Evenings)
Thursday 23rd November	P2/3 Class Assembly – 1.30pm
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Monday 27th November	St Andrews Day Holiday – school closed to all
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fair - 11.45am-1.30pm
Wednesday 6th December	MEIGLE House P2-P7 Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering - 9.00am
Monday 11th December	P2/3 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm

Tuesday 12th December	P3/4 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Wednesday 13th December	ELC Christmas Show – 2.15pm
Thursday 14th December	P1 and P2 pupils Christmas Nativity – Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.00pm
Monday 18th December	P5/6 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19th December	P6/7 Class Christmas Party
Wednesday 20th December	P3-P7 Christmas by Candlelight Concert – Final Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.30pm
Thursday 21st December	P1/2 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Thursday 21st December	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 22nd December	Holiday
Monday 8th January 2024	New term begins – all resume

Halloween Disco

A reminder of the times for the Halloween Disco tonight:

P1-P3 Disco - 6.00pm-7.00pm – no masks please

P4-P7 Disco – 7.15pm – 8.15pm

Tickets can be purchased from the school office for £2.50 each. Parents have organised music, games and a snack. Please note there will be some flashing lights. You are asked to ensure your child is collected promptly at the end of their disco. Please contact your Parent Council Class Rep if you require any further information.

Wider Achievement

Last week we let you know that we are keen to share children's wider achievements and that we have a fantastic display being set up to share and celebrate the children's out of school interests, hobbies, achievements and developing skills. Here is an example of a wider achievement from these two pupils who received their Brownie Promise Badge this week. Please email us with any achievements or let your child know to come in and share with us. Our Achievements Leader is waiting to hear from you!



P1/2 Class Assembly

This week we had the pleasure of listening to our P1/2 class sharing their book from our Novel Study Focus Fortnight. The children are reading The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and we were treated to a retelling of the story, some wonderful singing and an absolutely super sea shanty – which was so good the children sang it twice!

Congratulations to the following Star Achievers 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	Sophie
P1/2	Hadley
P2/3	Archie
P3/4	Rowan XL
P5/6	Ayla
P6/7	Noah



Our star achiever biscuits and hot chocolate went down a treat and there was lots of lovely chat among the children with one child exclaiming "these biscuits are absolutely perfect!" These children are looking forward to baking with Mrs Noble next Wednesday afternoon and making the biscuits for our next group of Star Achievers.

Free Family Arts Activities

ART'N ABOUT... IN GALA

A unique community
arts programme



FREE Community Arts Workshops - Create Magical Art with Light!

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

10am to 2pm

Venues:

Borders Hearing Care, 52 Channels Street
Untangled Yarns, 10 Channel Street, Galashiels.

Create images with light using magical cyanotype
paper & make cosy lanterns from jam jars. Art to
light your souls on Heartland Market day!



Gala Rugby Halloween Party

GALA RUGBY

HALLOWEEN PARTY

TICKETS £3

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER
2PM - 4PM

PRE SCHOOL - P7 COSTUME PARTY
CENTENARY LOUNGE
GALA RUGBY CLUB
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES
CAKE AND CANDY STALL

BOOKING IS REQUIRED
CALL 01896 755145 OR EMAIL [INFO@GALARFC.COM](mailto:info@galarfc.com)
SPACES CAN BE RESERVED BUT WILL NEED PAID FOR BY 23RD OF OCTOBER

Messy Church

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Galashiels Church of Scotland
St John's Church
building, Langlee

Theme: **LIGHT**

Crafts, games,
bible story,
songs + LUNCH

Saturday, 4th Nov
10am - 12pm
(followed by lunch)
P1-P7 children
(families welcome to stay OR return for lunch)

To book contact:
Anne Noble
anne.noble@talktalk.net
Or text 07796668847



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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