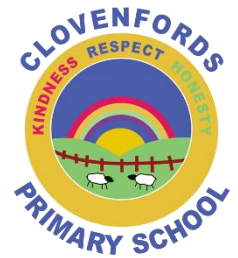


# Clovenfords Primary School

**Kindness Respect Honesty**

Weekly Update – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

In school this week, the children have had more opportunities to engage in outdoor learning. Lisa from GoWild returned again for sessions involving three of our classes, our ELC pupils were given opportunities to develop their understanding of Road Safety by going on short tours of the outdoor areas around the school, and our P1/2 class also enjoyed a mini rugby tots session outdoors.

Our P7 pupils attended the Remembrance Assembly at Gala Academy this morning and all were exemplary in their respectful listening. We are so grateful to Clare Swan from School's Out who supported the children to attend by providing and driving her minibus to and from the Academy. We would continue to urge you to support our partnership with School's Out and think about booking your child in for a session either before or after school.

Other opportunities that have been offered to the children have included the BBC Teach 500 Words story writing competition. There has been lots of creativity from the children who have chosen to engage in this.

We have also been working with the children in our weekly gatherings to promote their understanding of being Included – one of our school aims. We have now explored all of our school aims, which are based on the Wellbeing Indicators of Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. The children have created their own statement on each of these. They are being used to support all children's health and wellbeing and to continue to promote our school values, vision and the importance of a positive and happy ethos in our school.

Across the school, all the children are engaged in creating artwork for our Kindness Calendar and working in partnership with the Parent Council to create and publish this. The designs are wonderful and I am sure many families will enjoy using the calendar next year.

Behind the scenes preparation is underway for all the Christmas activities and events that are planned and the first of those will be the Christmas Fair. Please see the Parent Council update below for ways in which you can be part of this important fundraiser and support your child's school.

A reminder that next week the children will be receiving their flu immunisations. We will also be launching our next Building Resilience Unit whereby we will be asking you to again engage in the family learning task which will support your child to develop their health and wellbeing, resilience and understanding of the tools that enhance emotional regulation.

Many thanks for your ongoing engagement in the life of your child's school and learning. Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu Immunisations
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Enrolment Week (20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> November)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Pupil Progress Consultations (Parents Evenings)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	P2/3 Class Assembly – 1.30pm
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<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Andrews Day Holiday – school closed to all
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair - 11.45am-1.30pm

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	MEIGLE House P2-P7 Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering - 9.00am
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P2/3 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P3/4 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	ELC Christmas Show – 2.15pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P1 and P2 pupils Christmas Nativity – Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.00pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P5/6 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Christmas Lunch
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P6/7 Class Christmas Party
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P3-P7 Christmas by Candlelight Concert – Final Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	P1/2 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Holiday
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	New term begins – all resume

### Parent Council Update

#### Tesco Stronger Starts Grant Award

We are delighted to share that the Parent Council has been awarded a grant of up to £1,000 to support our focus on outdoor learning. This is a wonderful amount of money which will support our aim of building an outdoor classroom and providing loose parts and storage sheds for outdoor learning and playtimes.

#### Parent Council Christmas Fair:

Thank you to those who have already put their name down to help volunteer at the Christmas Fair. We still have lots of slots available, so please, if you are able to help, click on the Volunteer Sign up link and put your name down. We cannot do this without you.

If you or anyone you know is able to donate a raffle prize this year, we would be extremely grateful for any donations. Please contact the Parent Council so the person or business can be thanked (email:

[clovenfords.parent.council@gmail.com](mailto:clovenfords.parent.council@gmail.com)).

<https://volunteersignup.org/FDY73>

### School Enrolment Week 20th - 24th November 2023

#### Primary School Enrolment

If your child is five years of age before the end of February 2025, they are eligible to attend primary school from August 2024. Please visit [www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment) during or after enrolment week and upload a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of your address.

#### Secondary School Enrolment

If your child is moving from primary to secondary school in August 2024 you will receive details of the local catchment school from their current primary school.

**Placement requests** If you want to send your child to a school that is out with your catchment area this is called a placement request. If you choose to make a placement request you must also make contact with your catchment school and complete an on-line enrolment form so that they can reserve a place for your child in the event that your placement request is refused. You should then contact your preferred school and complete an on-line placement request form. To find out more you can visit us online [www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment)

#### Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Enrolments – 3 & 4 year olds

Children born between 1st March 2020 and 28 February 2022 will be eligible for up to 1140 hours of funded ELC from August 2024, these hours are allocated on a pro-rata basis depending on when children start throughout the year. Funded ELC is free to families and is paid for by the Scottish Government and local authorities. It can be provided at school nurseries, private and voluntary managed nurseries and playgroups and some childminders who have a contract with Scottish Borders Council to provide funded places. Parents are asked to make contact

with the ELC setting of their choice to discuss options for their child prior to making an application during enrolment week. Further information [www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc)

### Deferred Entry Applications

New legislation means that children who turn 5 years of age between 15th August 2024 and 28th February 2025 are able to defer their entry to P1 and receive another year of funded ELC  
Further information [www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc)

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

Council Headquarters Tel: 0300 100 1800 [www.scotborders.gov.uk](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk)  
Scottish Borders – the place to live and work

#### Wider Achievement

A reminder 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. Our Achievements Leader is waiting to hear from you!

#### P6/7 Remembrance Assembly

Our P6/7 class led our whole school Remembrance Assembly on Thursday afternoon. Their care and thoughtfulness in sharing memories, stories and the significance of Remembrance Day was performed in such a dignified and respectful manner by these pupils. Thank you to the families who were able to come along and share in their child's assembly.

Welcome to our  
P6/7 Remembrance  
Assembly



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	Hamish
P1/2	Oscar
P2/3	Fergus
P3/4	Emily
P5/6	Connor
P6/7	Andrew



The chat this week over hot chocolate and a biscuit was all about favourite foods and in particular pizza toppings. The children were keen to decide whether pineapple belongs on a pizza...  
Once again, the biscuits were very much enjoyed, and it was lovely to see the children spending time together.



#### School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: [admin@schoolsoutclovenfords](mailto: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 for the donation so far – keep them coming !

### **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))