

Clovenfords Primary School

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Weekly Update – Friday 1st March 2024



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

In school this week there has been further planning for **World Book Day** on the 7th March. We are having a **Big Booky Bed and Breakfast** and are encouraging all families to send in photos of their children reading in bed so we can create a whole school display that promotes reading for pleasure. We are also hosting a Big Booky Breakfast next Thursday and ask that you let us know if you are able to attend with your child. Thank you to those who have already signed up and let us know their breakfast preferences. Please see below for the link and codes to register your attendance and do please keep those great bedtime reading photos coming in!

Below we also have the latest in our **Parent Handbook Bitesize** section for you to keep up to speed with all the essential info you need as a family to support your child in school.

You will also see from the diary dates that there is an **Open Afternoon** on Monday 11th March. This was a very popular and successful event last year whereby we turned our gym hall into a café with cosy spaces for families to spend time together sharing in their child's learning. Full details for this are also below.

Finally, with **Pupil Progress Consultations** upcoming, we would like to advise you that our online booking system for this will open on Wednesday 6th March. You will receive an email notification when the system is open. If you do not receive a notification, it may be that your details are not up to date. If this is the case please contact the school office. ELC consultations appointments will be done in person by speaking to a member of the ELC team. These can be done from the 6th March onwards also.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday – 4th March - Wednesday 6th March	Big Booky Bed Event – take your child's photo and email it to us – see below
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Big Booky Breakfast – see times below
Friday 8th March	Building Resilience Family Learning Task due – Have A Goal
Monday 11th March	Open Afternoon Café Conversations – 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th March	Pupil Progress Consultations - 5.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 21st March	P6/7 Class Assembly – 1.30pm – all P6/7 parents welcome
Thursday 21st March	Pupil Progress Consultations - 4.00pm-6.00pm
Friday 29th March	Easter Holidays begin
Monday 15th April	All resume
Tuesday 16th April	P7 Parents Residential Information Evening - 6.00pm
Monday 22nd April	YID Class Photos

World Book Day – Big Booky Bed and Breakfast

This year to celebrate World Book Day, and all that is wonderful about reading for pleasure, we are hosting a **Big Booky Bed and Breakfast**. Here's what we are planning – we hope you will join in...

Between **Monday 4th March and Wednesday 6th March** (or prior to this if you wish) we are asking all children to have a photo taken of them reading, either before bedtime or when they are snuggled up in bed and email it into

us – or bring it in on their iPad - so we can create a **Big Booky Bedtime** reading display. Please, please take a minute to send us a photo of your child reading at home.

On **Thursday 7th March** we are hosting a **Big Booky Breakfast** session where school will open between **8.00 am – 8.40 am** for all children to bring an adult in – with a book! – to enjoy breakfast together and time to read before school. We appreciate that you may have other commitments but would ask that you complete the short form below to indicate your attendance, together with your preference of breakfast items so that we can cater accordingly. Thank you in advance. This form can also be found on your child's Class Communication Group.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JMfFDtRnH9>



Please note, as this is an optional family learning event, if you are unable to attend, please do not send your child to school early. There are other World Book Day events planned that all children will be taking part in. As in previous years, the children are required to come into school on this day in their school uniform as normal as we are mindful of the cost of world book day costumes and the extra pressures that acquiring or making a costume can present for families.

Open Afternoon – Café Conversations

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school on **Monday 11th March** to share in your child's learning. This will take place in the gym hall in the style of a 'café' with comfy seating and tea and coffee being served.

We hope that this relaxed environment will encourage meaningful conversations between you and your child about their learning and allow you time and space to explore their learning together. If you have more than one child in school, they will come to their café conversations session together.

To support numbers, space and shared Ipads there will be two sessions. Please come at the time below according to your child(ren)'s house:

1.30pm-2.15pm – Caddon and Fairnilee*

2.15pm – 3.00pm – Peel and Meigle*

If you are not sure which house your child is in, please contact the school office in the first instance.

***For parents who have children in ELC we would ask that you come at 2.15pm, regardless of which house any older sibling is in.**

Children in P4-P7 will bring their iPads so you can look through their online profile and achievements together. If you have a child in ELC-P3 you can bring a personal mobile device – your phone will work best – to access your child's online profile. There are also a number of shared iPads that our P7 leaders can support you and your child with to access their portfolio. Alternatively, older siblings who have their own iPad can sign out and access sibling ELC-P3 profiles during your time together. Your child will bring their QR code to log into their profile.

Children may also bring jotters and other learning they would like to share with you.

Our P7 leaders will be supporting across the afternoon outwith their own family slots. Their duties will include:

- Welcoming you into the hall, then collecting and returning your child from their classroom.
- Supporting ELC-P3 with shared Ipads to log in and out of online profile using children's personal QR codes.
- Helping to serve refreshments.

All parents, ELC-P7 are asked to arrive at the main school entrance at their allotted time.

As part of the afternoon, we would like to invite you to comment on your child's learning and a feedback form will be provided for you to do this on the day.

Wider Achievements

Brodan, Caolan and Ella-Mae represented our school at the Academy today as part of the **Galashiels Cluster Scots Poetry Recitation Competition**. At the time of publishing this update we do not have the results, but we know that all three children will have performed to the best of their ability and have had a great learning experience. We are very proud of all three children and love that they wanted to take part in this competition.



Congratulations to **Isla** who competed at the recent **Indoor Track Event** at Grangemouth, coming in third in the high jump and fourth in the hurdles.

We were also interested to hear about James' recent visit to the Scottish Parliament.



Parent Handbook Bitesize

Here is the next instalment of our Parent Handbook in chronological order as it appears in the handbook, this week continuing with Health, Safety and Security:

Health, Safety and Security

Child Protection

Our settings in the Scottish Borders work hard to keep our children and young people safe - all children and young people have a right to feel safe within the setting, home and community. Within our setting, we strive to provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment for our children and young people, which promotes inclusion and achievement.

All staff in education have a statutory and professional responsibility to take action if we have reason to believe a child is suffering or is at risk of abuse. Our Scottish Borders Protection Procedures set out what we will do if we have reason to believe a child is being abused or is at risk of abuse either within the home or community. The procedures are designed to ensure that children and young people get the help they need when they need it. All staff are aware of their

child protection responsibilities and every year staff in our setting attend a child protection update.

Every setting has a Child Protection Co-ordinator who has the responsibility for overseeing child protection concerns as well as those young people who are care experienced within the setting. At Clovenfords, Mrs Saxon (HT) is the Child Protection Co-ordinator and in her absence Miss Skinner (PT) assumes this role.

What to do if you have a child protection concern?

It is everyone's responsibility to protect children. If you have any concerns that a child is being harmed or is at risk of being harmed, please call without delay:

01896 662787 - Duty Children and Families Social Work Team

01896 752111 - Out of office hours that cover all areas

If you consider a child or young person is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999 immediately.

The link below takes you to the Scottish Borders Child Protection online pages where you can find more information as well as letting you know about opportunities for training in Child Protection.

You can also find the Scottish Borders Child Protection Procedures on this website:

[Child protection | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/child-protection)

Change in the Law

The Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Act 2019 changed the law and removed the 'reasonable chastisement' defence from Saturday 7 November 2020.

This means that all forms of physical punishment of children will be against the law in Scotland, and children will have with the same legal protection from assault as adults.

Further information on the Act is also available online from the Scottish Government alongside materials available to download specifically for children and adults.

Fire Drills

The school is required to hold a fire drill once per term throughout the school year. A drill is held early in each new term so that any new pupils and staff are aware of procedures in their new classrooms. Our fire alarms are tested by our janitor every Friday on a rota basis to ensure each one is in working order.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Personal mobile phones can compromise the safeguarding and security of other children and/or adults and are therefore a security risk. Many pupils' phones are able to connect to social media apps which have age restrictions above primary age, and unsupervised access can expose pupils to content that is not age appropriate. If your child comes to school with a mobile phone or smartwatch, they will be required to hand it to their teacher at the start of the school day. The school may contact you to discuss this further if necessary. All personal phones/watches will be returned to pupils at the end of the day. This means that if there is an essential reason your child has to have a phone with them - i.e., to ensure their safety and travelling to and from school they will be able to continue to do so. Whilst your child is in school staff will take responsibility for contacting you if necessary and relaying important information from you to your child as appropriate.

Building Resilience Have A Goal Reflection Assembly

As part of our whole school Health and Wellbeing focus, all the children have been learning the importance of setting and pursuing meaningful goals. At assembly this week, we explored that setting realistic goals helps to motivate us and learning to overcome setbacks helps us cope with future ones. A range of children and adults shared setbacks they have had while trying to achieve their goals and the learning powers they needed to use. We listened to a story Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty which was being read by an astronaut from the International Space Station!

Thank you to the families who have engaged with the Have A Goal family learning activity. This was shared on the Showbie class communication groups on Friday 9th of February. It would be appreciated if you could share the goal you worked towards as a family and how you went about achieving this with school by **Friday 8th of March**.

Congratulations to the following Star Achievers for continuing to show our school values and aims in action, as well as use their learning powers to continue to progress in their learning:



ELC	Willow
P1/2	Brodie
P2/3	Bonnie
P3/4	Grace
P5/6	Ralph
P6/7	David



The biscuits went down a treat and the children were starting to plan the designs for their biscuits they will make next Wednesday!



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 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. Please pop along when you can to use this great facility.

WANTED!

We are still keen to receive children's wellies that no longer fit and are in good condition. Thank you for the donations 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

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))