

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 10th May 2024



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We waved our P7 pupils off on their residential this week and it sounds like they have been having a brilliant time. They have enjoyed lots of great outdoor learning experiences and the sun has shone which has kept everyone smiling. The children are due back this afternoon and we are looking forward to welcoming them home.

This week, we have had our P3/4 class assembly which the children planned and presented, showing us lots of their learning including French, Literacy, digital learning and more. We loved the glow sticks and the singing.

Next week we hope that all our families will support our charity bake sale in aid of Mary's Meals. More details about this can be found below.

Our P1/2, P2/3 and P3/4 class are all going on class trips over the next few weeks to Bowhill. Look out for information on your child's Class Communication Group as well as letters and permission slips etc., that will be coming home shortly. Our P5 pupils and our P6 pupils will also be going to the **Countryside Day** and **Inspire Learning Day** respectively, and more information on these trips will follow from your child's class teacher.

Please also see the update below from the Parent Council on the Spring Family Fun Day. We hope you will be able to engage in as many of the upcoming planned events as possible. If you have any questions about any of our events planned for the remainder of this term, please do contact the school office in the first instance.

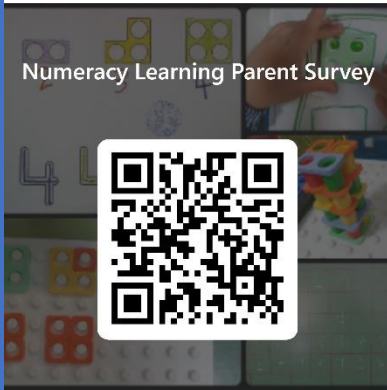
Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16 th May	P2/3 Class Trip to Bowhill
Friday 17 th May	Charity Bake Sale in aid of Mary's Meals 11.45am-12.30pm
Tuesday 21 st May	P5 Countryside Day
Thursday 23 rd May	P3/4 Class Trip to Bowhill
Thursday 23 rd May	P1/2 Class Assembly – 1.30pm. All P1/2 parents' welcome.
Friday 24 th May	Building Resilience Family Learning due
Saturday 25 th May	Spring Family Fun Day 12.00pm-2.30pm
Monday 27 th May	P1/2 Class Trip to Bowhill
Monday 3 rd June	Local holiday – school closed to all
Tuesday 4 th June	All resume
Wednesday 5 th June	P6 Inspire Learning Festival
Tuesday 11 th June	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th June	ELC Sports Afternoon
Thursday 13 th June	P7 visit to Galashiels Academy
Friday 14 th June	P7 visit to Galashiels Academy
Friday 21 st June	Pupil as a Learner reports issued
Tuesday 25 th June	ELC Graduation 2.00pm
Friday 28 th June	P7 Leavers Assembly – 11.00am – all P7 parents' welcome.
Friday 28 th June	Last day of term

Numeracy Learning Parent Survey



<https://forms.office.com/e/N57LuVNSQa>

Please take a couple of minutes to share your understanding of how numeracy is taught in your child's class. We will use this information to support future learning opportunities with you such as workshops, stay and learn sessions, and teacher/parent info sheets. By engaging in this survey your views will enable us to co-create the best ways to work in partnership with you.

We promise there are no maths questions to answer! 😊

Mary's Meals Charity Bake Sale

We will be hosting a charity bake sale on Friday 17th of May to raise money for Mary's Meals. We would greatly appreciate donations of home baking to add to our stalls. Please send baking into school on either Thursday 16th or Friday 17th of May.

A reminder that we are a nut free school so cannot accept any goods containing nuts. All baked goods will go home with the children to support any parents who need to check and manage their child's dietary requirements. The children will be selling the home baking at stalls outside of the classrooms from 11.45am to 12.30pm. If you are coming along, please enter through the main school office. Thank you with your support with this!

Parent Council Update Spring Family Fun Day

Our Parent Council are working hard behind the scenes to plan a Spring Family Fun Day on 25th May.

They are looking for raffle prizes and home baking– these can be handed in to the school office.

They need volunteers – please consider signing up to help.

Below is the link to sign up to help. Thank you for your support!

<https://volunteersignup.org/FLETM>



Good to Know – School Visitors



As part of our safeguarding procedures, visitors are asked to wear a Visitor's Badge. This is to ensure that all adults and children in school know that visitors (volunteers, maintenance workers or other SBC or agency staff) have been signed in and the purpose of their visit is known. All adults who work in school, as part of their safeguarding and child protection training are entitled to respectfully challenge any non-staff adults in school without a visitor's badge.

For all visitors, including parents and families, we ask that you continue to come to the main front door of the school where someone will be able to assist you. Thank you.

Sunscreen

As the weather (hopefully!) continues to warm up and we see a bit more sunshine please remember to either apply cream beforehand or send your child to school with sunscreen and a sun hat. It is also extra important for all children to have a reusable water bottle at this time of year.

Wider Achievement



Congratulations to **Harry** for being selected to spend time at Hibs football ground to showcase his goalie skills, to brother **Oliver** who was chosen as Player of the Week at his local football club and to **Leo, Ronnie, Lochlan** and **Ailsa** who have all had a great first year as Mini Maroons at Gala Rugby Club, celebrating the end of the season with a family fun day at Netherdale and receiving these medals in recognition of their successes.

Parent Handbook Bitesize

Here is the final instalment of our Parent Handbook in chronological order as it appears in the handbook. This week the focus is on School Improvement and Community. The remainder of the handbook contains term time dates, staffing and data protection rights which you can view via our school website.

School Improvement

At Clovenfords Primary School, we aim to provide the highest standards of education for your child. We continually evaluate all aspects of teaching and learning to identify strengths and areas for development that inform our school improvements.

At the end of each school year, every school produces an annual School Improvement Report, giving details of progress in school priorities and achievements over the last session.

In addition, we write a School Improvement Plan for the next session which outlines our priorities for the year ahead. This plan reflects the development needs identified from the feedback we receive from our self-evaluation evidence and from evidence gathered from pupils, staff and parents. Pupil Voice and the Parent Council have an important part to play in developing this report and we welcome feedback from all parents to inform these next steps in school improvement. You can find our School Improvement Plan online on our school website, alongside our School Improvement Report.

Pupil Leadership and Pupil Consultation

Pupil voice is highly valued at Clovenfords Primary School. All P7 pupils have leadership roles, based on their interests and ideas. Our weekly Citizenship Gatherings are used to consult all pupils in P2-P7 about a range of school improvements and projects. Children are also involved in whole school moderation of teaching and learning through taking part in Learning Walks and pupil focus groups with a member of SLT.

Community

Braw Lads Gathering

Each year across the summer term Clovenfords pupils have the opportunity to be involved in a number of activities and events to ensure they are involved in the Gathering. This includes a visit

to the school by the Braw Lad, Braw Lass and Attendants. Children are also invited to take part in the School Children's Concert, the Art and Essay Competition, Braw Lads Sports Day and Braw Lads Swimming Gala. More information can be found on the Braw Lads Gathering website: www.thebrawladsgathering.co.uk

Community Links

As a school, we aim to be an integral and supportive part of our wider community, to ensure our pupils take a full and active interest in their local environment, local clubs and activities offered and to make use of the learning opportunities.

Examples of this include our partnership with Live Borders and our Active Schools Coordinator who supports and helps to plan opportunities for the children to be involved in local competitions and events.

The school has links with Clovenfords Community Council and are working in partnership to develop the green space at Caddonfoot playing fields to support outdoor learning and community projects. One example of this was the recent planting of trees for the orchard.

The school also work closely with parents and members of the wider community and beyond during our Developing the Young Workforce Focus Fortnights. As part of this learning for children, parents, local businesses and other supportive members of the wider community hold workshops, presentations, talks and hands on active learning experiences for the children in which to develop their understanding of the world of work. Other focus fortnights which support community links include our Scots Focus Fortnight and Novel Study Focus Fortnight.

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Gala Rugby Sponsored Colour Run

Gala Rugby are having a sponsored Colour Run on 1st June 2024. If you would like to take part, you can get a sponsorship form from Fountain News and Confectionery or Bulldog Bakes. The Children and Families Run will take place at 10.00am and the Teen Run at 12.00pm. There will also be a 5km Fun Run at 2.00pm.

P3/4 Class Assembly

Our P3/4 pupils had jellies, castles, the Eiffel Tower, French flags and glow sticks on hand to help share their learning with us all this week. The singing was a highlight and we also loved the digital skills that were shared in the form of a 'mash-up' of their musical creations using the GarageBand app.

We also celebrated this week's Star Achievers. Congratulations to the following children for showing our school vision, values and aims in action, as well as using their learning powers to continue to progress in their learning:



ELC	Cali
P1/2	Innis
P2/3	Mason
P3/4	Sean
P5/6	Katelyn
P6/7	Robyn



The children were so delighted to share their successes and reasons for being Star Achiever with each other and Katelyn and Robyn were excellent washer-uppers!



School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: admin@schoolsoutclovenfords
They offer care for children both before and after school. Please continue to use this great service where you can as it supports our community and is a wonderful asset to have in Clovenfords.



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.

As we move into our summer term we would be very grateful for any donations of sun hats. Many thanks.

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))