

Clovenfords Primary School

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Weekly Update – Friday 3rd May 2024



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

This week we have been spending time looking at our numeracy learning, working with the children and staff to gauge our strengths and areas for development. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us on Wednesday to engage in their children's learning around numeracy at our Citizenship Gathering.

We asked these parents to engage in a short, two minute online survey to share their understanding of how their children learn and how we can work in partnership to develop opportunities for families to be able to support their child. Please use the QR code or link below to share your views. We always appreciate your feedback.

We were also pleased on Wednesday to welcome a number of visitors from Fife Council who came along to see how we have embedded digital learning in our school. The children were terrific ambassadors for their school, and this was widely commented on by all the visitors. Next week we will be taking part in an online assessment to further progress our Digital Schools Award which is recognition of how we promote, embed and appropriately use digital technologies to support our planning, teaching and learning. We are very much looking forward to sharing our journey so far and will let you know how we get on with this!

This week the children have also enjoyed opportunities to engage in our Indi Sphero Club, the new Micro:bit Club, Braw Lads Choir, Wellbeing Wednesday and Chess Club. All of these opportunities are the result of the children's interests and are predominantly led by the children.

Next week we will be welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday, with our P7 pupils heading off on their residential. We have our fingers crossed for some dry and sunny weather for their adventures!

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

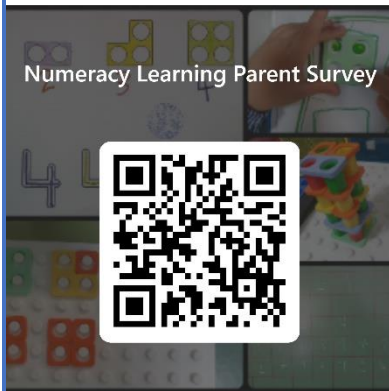
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Dates for the Diary

Friday 26th April	Curriculum Overviews published on Showbie Class Communication Groups
Wednesday 1st of May	Peel House families invited to Gathering – Numeracy focus – 9.15am
Friday 3rd May	Building Resilience Family Learning issued
Monday 6th May	Holiday – school closed to all
Tuesday 7th May	In Service Day – school closed for all pupils
Wednesday 8th May	Pupils resume
Wednesday 8th May	P7 Residential
Thursday 9th May	P3/4 Class Assembly – 1.30pm. All P3/4 parents' welcome.
Friday 10th May	P7 pupils return from Residential
Friday 17th May	Charity Bake Sale in aid of Mary's Meals 11.45am-12.30pm
Tuesday 21st May	P5 Countryside Day
Thursday 23rd May	P1/2 Class Assembly – 1.30pm. All P1/2 parents' welcome.
Friday 24th May	Building Resilience Family Learning due
Monday 3rd June	Local holiday – school closed to all
Tuesday 4th June	All resume
Wednesday 5th June	P6 Inspire Learning Festival
Tuesday 11th June	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 12th 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! 😊

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. Please get in touch with them if you are able to help, either beforehand, or on the day.

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

<https://volunteersignup.org/FLETM>



Update from ASN and Wellbeing Support The Chat

“The Chat”, is a national engagement process with parents and carers across Scotland on the subject of their children’s relationships, sexual health and parenthood learning at home and at school.

This final stage is a short online survey which will run throughout the month of May and which we would like as many parents and carers across the country to complete as possible. The survey can be found here: www.thechat.scot

The Chat has been delivered on behalf of the SHPN Scottish Sexual Health Promotion Specialists Group with funding from five health boards and one local authority and has been commissioned to TASC Scotland to conduct. The results of the survey will augment the recent qualitative engagement with over 120 parents and carers across Scotland in focus groups and interviews.

The Chat is being undertaken to provide an up to date picture of:

- How parents and carers currently discuss and communicate with children and young people on RSHP
- Parents and carers own needs in relation to their crucial role as primary educators on this topic
- How they currently experience communication with schools on these matters
- Their views on how schools and parents can best work together to ensure that children and young people have the best outcomes and experiences in relation to RSHP
- What parents/carers want for their children and young people in relation to RSHP, including the role of school and the role of parents/carers

Final reports of the work will be published by the end of June 2024 and the findings will inform approaches and resource development for parents and carers.

Wider Achievement



Congratulations to **James, Harry and Archie** for their recent rugby success – James also shared that he is Player of the Week at his football club; **Owen** went to Scot Plant with his Mummy and Daddy which is developing his skills in trying new things, and **Zain**

is developing his understanding of what it means to be a responsible citizen by rescuing an injured snail in his garden.

Parent Handbook Bitesize

Here is the next instalment of our Parent Handbook in chronological order as it appears in the handbook, this week looking at Transitions and Parental Involvement:

Transitions

Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)

The school's current ELC setting provides term time provision for children aged 3-5 years as part of the 1140 hours entitlement. There is also provision for eligible 2 year olds. Clovenfords has a comprehensive transition programme for children who are moving into our P1 class from ELC. Our ELC setting is very much part of our whole school and across the year, all 2, 3 and 4 year olds make use of all the learning spaces around school and outdoors. They attend assemblies, enjoy weekly sports club with Sports Leaders, have play dates in the primary classes and reciprocal afternoon snack times together with other classes at various point across the year.

In the summer term before starting school, an increase of planned visits to the P1 classroom take place with opportunities to get to know the adults and teachers who work in our primary classes. Parents are invited to an induction meeting in June where they will receive detailed information on their child's transition into Primary 1, meet their child's new teacher and have the opportunity to tour the school.

Transition between Classes

As children move from stage to stage and class to class, transition meetings take place between staff to share important information and documentation to ensure pupils' learning experiences continue in a positive and progressive way from class to class and that their particular needs are shared and understood by all staff involved. This happens in June, and across the academic year there are opportunities for the teachers to meet and continue to support all the children.

Transition from Primary to Secondary

Pupils normally transfer to Galashiels Academy at the end of P7. A structured transition programme is in place to allow a smooth and effective transition between primary and high school. Pupils will visit Galashiels Academy during the year and will take part in induction days in June where they find out their new classes and timetables for the new session. The Headteacher of Galashiels Academy, Mr Kevin Ryalls, will visit our school to meet with the P7 pupils and their parents to share information about the Academy. Pastoral staff from the Academy also work with the P7 teacher and Clovenfords Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to ensure important information is passed on. The Academy and Clovenfords Primary School work in partnership across the academic year, with the Academy providing videos, offering Q&A Sessions, in school visits, and, where appropriate for some pupils, an enhanced transition.

The contact details for Galashiels Academy are:

Galashiels Academy

Elm Row

Galashiels

TD1 3HU

Tel: 01896 754788

Website: <https://www.galashiels.org.uk/>

Parental Involvement

We very much appreciate and welcome the active involvement of parents in all aspects of school life. We have parents who give their time to support our library, help in classes and support our Clothingfords school uniform recycling hub. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like to help in any way. Teachers will send home requests during term time when help is needed for any specific outing or for help in classes.

Anyone working in the school on a regular basis will be required to have a Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) certificate from Disclosure Scotland. These forms are available from the school office.

Each year after Easter, we ask parents to complete a questionnaire giving us feedback on how we are doing as well as how we can improve the quality of educational experiences for your child. The results are shared with the Parent Council and used to inform school improvement and partnership working for the following session.

As we develop curricular programmes, procedures and policies, we often ask for parental input through working groups, parent workshops or questionnaires. These are invaluable means of obtaining parental opinion and we would encourage you to participate as fully as you can to ensure we provide the best educational experiences for all pupils.

Parent Council

The main functions of the Parent Council is to support the school in its work with pupils. It aims to represent the views of parents; encourage links between school, parents, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community and report back to the Parent Forum (made up of all the parents in the school as required by Scottish Government regulations).

The Parent council holds regular meetings to which all parents are invited. A representative from each class attends the meetings. If you would like to raise an issue or question, please contact your class rep. Minutes of these meetings and details of class reps are available on the school website. The Parent Council support with fund raising activities to provide the school with extra items for the benefit of pupils. Whilst the school's basic resource needs are funded by Scottish Borders Council, there are many resources and activities that these funds do not cover. For example, the school is currently working in partnership with the Parent Council to support the development of our playground and outdoor learning spaces as well as our nurture spaces in school.

If you are interested in supporting the Parent Council, please ask at the school office for the contact details of the Parent Council Chair.

Alternatively, you can email the Parent Council:

clovenfords.parent.council@gmail.com

The Cost of the School Day

We are committed to ensuring that every child at Clovenfords has access to opportunities available to them, regardless of financial position. We consider the costs of all activities and ensure that all children have access to resources and experiences that may incur a cost. The Parent Council supports us with the cost of the school day in addition to the fundraising they do to benefit the wider school community as a whole.

We have a uniform store called **Clothingfords**, which the Parent Council support. This contains pre-loved and gently used items of uniform which is available for all families at any time to take what they need. The store also welcomes suitable donations.

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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.

Expect the Unexpected Building Resilience Whole School Assembly

We introduced the last unit in our Building Resilience programme at our assembly on Thursday. You will find details of the family learning opportunity posted on your child's Class Communication Group. The children are exploring how change can be positive, that it is part of life and that there are ways we can look after ourselves when things change.

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	Harper
P1/2	Zara
P2/3	Archie
P3/4	Ellis
P5/6	Lori
P6/7	Ella Mae



Every week as part of her leadership role, Ella Mae prepares and sets the Star Achievers table, so it was lovely for her to hear how appreciative the other children are of the effort she makes every week to make this celebration feels special for everyone.



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))