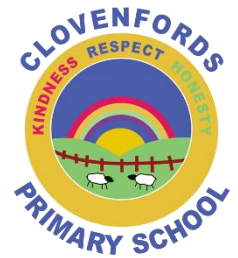


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Weekly Update – Friday 21st of June 2024



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Welcome to what is the final Weekly Update of this session. Next week will be very busy with graduations, visits and a Leavers' Assembly, so we will sign off our regular Updates in order to ensure the focus is on everyone having a great last week of Session 2023-2024!

At this week's Gathering we revisited the key messages from the recent International Day of Play and the children were then given resources to play with and use their skills of creativity to make thank you items for George – the main character from the book, *The Smartest Giant in Town*. The children made so many different items. A few highlights were: crowns, cards, cushions, cameras, flags, earmuffs, a chocolate bar, bunches of flowers and juice bottles so that George had something to drink! Part of the challenge included a tidy up at the end and the children were amazing at this! A whole school tidy was quite some feat, but they rose to it and left the hall looking super tidy.

You will notice on your child's Communication Group that we have posted a 'Social Story'. This is simply a short document with pictures and child friendly language that will support their transition into their new class and, where appropriate, their new teacher(s). Your child can access this at any time over the summer holidays if they choose to, and you can use this to answer any questions your child may have about the start of next session.

Your child's Pupil as a Learner report will come home today. This is a short overall report on their learning this session and includes their attainment to date. You will have discussed your child's progress at both the Pupil Progress Consultation events that were held in November and March as well as the ongoing learning that you can access at any time on your child's Showbie profile. We hope you enjoy sharing their achievements and successes with them.

We welcomed Galashiels Green Watch into school for a fire safety talk with our P6 and P7 pupils this week. The children learned about safety in the home and best practice in the event of a fire. They also learned about summertime fires and barbecues as well as riverside safety.

As this is our last Weekly Update of the session, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many people that have supported the school this year. This includes everyone on our Parent Council and the volunteers who turned up to meetings, events and worked behind the scenes to make our fairs, trips, purchase of resources, organisation of ice lollies and all the other many small – but so important - things happen across our school this year. Particular thanks go to our Chair and Treasurer, Katie Finlay and Isla Young, who have sent off grant applications, worked with businesses and other community members to support with resources for events and attended council meetings on behalf of the school as well as being regular supporters and problem solvers throughout the year! We would also like to thank David from P1 Fencing Ltd., for supplying the school with a number of gardening items to support outdoor learning. We also had support for our school grounds and fundraising events from Jim Murray who has donated plants and gardening equipment to our P7 leaders. We have had the support of a number of parents this session too. Knowledge and classroom visits to enhance learning, parent volunteers for class trips and stay and play sessions, support at sports clubs and transporting children to and from various events. The children were also lucky to receive an advent calendar from the Salmon Inn's charity fund, and we are grateful for kind donation also.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the staff team here at Clovenfords who go above and beyond on a daily basis to support all children. Our teachers, ELC practitioners, support staff, Miss Murray in the office, the cleaning staff, Julie and Fiona in the kitchen who have all made significant contributions outwith their normal

duties and responsibilities to help make our school as good as it can be and give the children some wonderful learning opportunities. Each child comes to school with their own unique needs, and all are welcomed on a daily basis and celebrated for their strengths and talents. The staff value the positive relationships they have with the children, and each other, and they are a wonderful team to work with.

Wishing you all a happy, hopefully sunny, and peaceful summer holiday break when it arrives, and in the meantime, we are all looking forward to the final few celebrations and events of the last week of term.

I am very much looking forward to seeing the children again in August.

Wish best wishes,

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Friday 21st June	Pupil as a Learner reports issued
Tuesday 25th June	ELC Graduation 2.00pm
Friday 28th June	P7 Leavers Assembly – 11.00am – all P7 parents' welcome.
Friday 28th June	Last day of term
Wednesday 14th August	All pupils begin new academic session

End of Session Questionnaire

Please take a few minutes to fill in our school's end of session survey. This information helps to support our self-evaluation processes and informs our improvement planning. The survey is anonymous and only takes a couple of minutes to fill in. You can find this link on your child's Showbie Communication Group also. Thank you for your engagement in this.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mLc3WQvkvW>

Donations of Role Play Clothes/Costumes

If you are planning on having a clear out over the summer and come across any items of clothing that would be suitable for role play and drama activities, we would love to have them in school. We are of course happy to accept any items over the last week of term too. Many thanks if you can support with this.

Braw Lads Swimming Gala

We are very proud of all our pupils that took part in the Braw Lads Swimming Gala on Tuesday night. They represented the school so well, were respectful and gave their best. Great to hear all about it in school this week. Huge thanks to Mrs Wilson for being there to support them.



Wider Achievements

Lots of achievements to celebrate this week! Well done to **Phoebe Faith** (left) and **Lucy** who both engaged in the Royal Life Saving Society's Drowning Prevention Week, receiving certificates for the skills they have developed to enjoy fun safely in water.



Hadley (left) was delighted with her recent football medal and is proud of her developing football skills.

Archie, Harry and Adam (centre) took part in the Melrose Football Club Tournament last weekend. They play for the 2016 team, and it was the final match of the season - they were all amazing, playing for 3 hours in the pouring rain!!

Harry also won Most Improved Player and is very proud of himself.



Meanwhile, **Lottie** (above left) has been continuing this year with her volunteering at Langlee Youth Club and has been recognised by the club for the contributions she makes, the time she gives up doing this and her leadership skills that she utilises each week at the club.

Erin brought in the trophy that was presented to her mum's shop in Melrose for their window display and **Alice** was so proud of herself for her Brownie Bronze Certificate and badge as she has earned two Theme awards. Finally, **Nathan** (far right) was delighted to receive his very first visit from the tooth fairy and will now be learning how to look after his grown-up teeth which will be making an appearance shortly!

Moving On Assembly

We had our final assembly of the session (not including the Leavers' Assembly next Friday!) where we celebrated our Star Achievers and reflected on moving on, changing, new beginnings and endings. We shared the session total of house points and **Caddon** were delighted to hear that they were the overall winners for this year. This week's Star Achievers will bake their biscuits next week, but will be presenting these to the Braw Lad, Lass and their entourage on their visit next week as this is the last week of our Star Achievers.



ELC	James
P1/2	Delta
P2/3	Rosie
P3/4	Emily
P5/6	Mila
P6/7	Sean



School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: admin@schoolsoutclovenfords
They offer care for children after school and during holidays. 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. We also welcome donations.

We currently have lots of items of clothing aged approx. 3-4 years so if you have children who are perhaps moving into P1 next session please do come and take what you need for the start of your child's next academic year. Our children often engage in messy, sensory play in the early years so extra uniform always comes in handy and means the children can join in fully with all learning opportunities as there are always spare clothes if things get a bit wet, muddy or messy.

Additionally, we would love to have some larger sizes for our older pupils – perhaps our outgoing P7s will have items they can donate? 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.

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