

# Clovenfords Primary School

**Kindness Respect Honesty**

Weekly Update – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024



## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

This morning our P1-P7 children enjoyed their chosen celebration of a hot chocolate and cupcake following our Digital Schools Scotland Award. Julie in the kitchen deserves much thanks for baking all the cakes and preparing the hot chocolate. Pictures will be posted in the children's Achievements Folders in Showbie for you to look at.

Our P6 pupils enjoyed a day at the Inspire Learning Festival on Wednesday, taking part in a range of activities that allowed them to use and develop their digital learning skills.

We have also begun preparing for next session – even though we still have lots to look forward to over the next, and final, three weeks of this term – and one of those things is classes for next year. See below for a short update on this.

Next week we are looking forward to meeting our new ELC parents at our Parent Information Evening and our New P1 parents at their Information Evening. We are also keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather for our P1-P7 Sports Day on Tuesday and our ELC Sports Afternoon on Wednesday.

Next Thursday and Friday our P7 children will be having their two day visit to the Academy in preparation for moving on next session. We know that there is lots of preparation underway for their Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term – and this will be here before we know it!

In the meantime, wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New ELC Parents Information Evening – 6pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	P1-P7 Sports Day – 9.00am start
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	ELC Sports Afternoon – 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New P1 Parents Information Evening – 6pm
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	P7 visit to Galashiels Academy
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	P7 visit to Galashiels Academy
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Pupil as a Learner reports issued
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	ELC Graduation 2.00pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	P7 Leavers Assembly – 11.00am – all P7 parents' welcome.
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Last day of term

## Session 2024-2025 Staffing and Classes

On Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>, your child will bring home a letter detailing their class and teacher for next session. On Friday (14<sup>th</sup> June) the children will have a short get together to meet up in their new class with their new teacher. Between now and the end of this session, teachers will have time together to ensure the transition for all children into their new classes will be as smooth as possible.

### Miss Jeffrey

Next session Miss Jeffrey will not be with us. She has decided to take advantage of the opportunity to travel and is therefore taking a career break for a year. We are so excited to hear all about her upcoming travels and find out

where in the world she is exploring and travelling to. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her back to Clovenfords for Session 2025-2026.

### Wider Achievements



#### 6th Galashiels Brownies

Daisy was delighted to be awarded the trophy for being Brownie of the Week.



#### Braw Lads Choir

Some of our pupils took part in the Braw Lads Concert on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to hear them singing over the last few weeks in school, giving up their brunch time to practice. Thank you to Mrs Wilson who used her musical talents to coach and support them.

### Sports Day

Miss Fairbairn has been working hard to plan and organise Sports Day on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Timings are as follows:

09:00 to 10:15	P1 - P7 POTTED SPORTS	School playground and MUGA
10:45 to 12:00	P1 - P3 SPORTS DAY RACES	MUGA
13:00 to 15:00	P4 – P7 SPORTS DAY	Caddonfoot Playing Fields

### UNCRC Sharing Assembly

We enjoyed our assembly yesterday with lots of children sharing their learning around the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). There were some really great messages from the children around their understanding of the Rights they have been exploring. Our P1/2 class spoke about the Right to Play (Article 31), P5/6 shared their knowledge of the importance of food, shelter and somewhere safe to live (Article 27); P2/3 had recorded a video about Article 23, (Children with a Disability) and P6/7 have been exploring Article 33 as part of their Health and Wellbeing learning which is the right to be protected from drug abuse.

Well done to all of our Star Achievers from this week, who have been showing our school values in action. We are so proud of the children when they can actively show and share how important it is to make choices based on our school values, vision and aims, as it is these actions that help to support our school to be a safe, happy and welcoming learning environment for all. Our Star Achievers enjoyed a hot chocolate and star biscuit to celebrate their achievements.

Gus joined us as a Star Achiever from last week and we enjoyed celebrating with him! We will catch up with Fin to share a hot chocolate and biscuit with him soon.

ELC	Fin
P1/2	Thomas
P2/3	William
P3/4	Robbie
P5/6	Ayla
P6/7	Calder



# Early Learning and Childcare 2 year olds

Is your child eligible for a free nursery place?

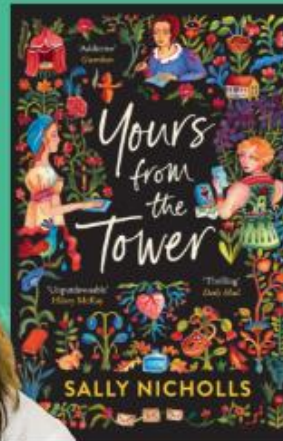
Applications can be made from 27 May 2024 by parents of children born between 1 March 2022 and 31st August 2022 who may be eligible for a free early learning and childcare from August 2024 if they meet the qualifying criteria.

Find out more

To apply or find out more, contact your nearest early learning and childcare provider or visit: [www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc2](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc2)



## Free tickets for Young Adult events at the Borders Book Festival



Here's your chance to see award-winning author Sally Nicholls as she talks about her latest gripping novel – for FREE! Packed full of wit, humour and a cast of feisty characters, this event is not to be missed!

### Sally Nicholls: Yours from the Tower

Saturday 15 June | 2.15pm | Age 12+

1896. Tirzah, Sophia and Polly are best friends who've left boarding school and gone back to very different lives. Polly is teaching in an orphanage. Sophia is looking for a rich husband at the London Season. And Tirzah is stuck acting as an unpaid companion to her grandmother. In a series of letters, they share their hopes, their frustrations, their dramas... and their romances. Can these three very different young women find happiness? Sally Nicholls talks about her latest novel, and the joys and challenges of writing historical fiction for young adults.

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**SPORTY CHURCH !**

**P1 – P7 Children**  
(but families very welcome!)

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE : 2-4 PM**  
Followed by a BBQ for the family

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH**  
Hawthorn Rd, Langlee

Parents/Carers  
welcome to stay  
or drop off and  
return at 4 pm

**FREE –  
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Register **ASAP** to  
[Anne.Noble@talktalk.net](mailto:Anne.Noble@talktalk.net)  
or phone 07796 668 847



#### School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: [admin@schoolsoutclovenfords](mailto: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. 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.

**School office phone number:** 01896 662755

**School office email:** [clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk)

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**School website:** [Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty (glowscotland.org.uk))