

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 31st May 2024



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

As is always the case in school, it has been another busy week. On Monday evening we held our Parent Council meeting where we discussed the success of last weekend's Spring Family Fun Day. There was lots of positive feedback as well as some things to think about for next year, such as perhaps providing seating for people who are enjoying the refreshments and how fun activities for children in the middle stages of school can be organised and facilitated. This is great feedback for the Parent Council and future events such as this, however it was also noted that the Parent Council rely on volunteers and families to support events such as these and it is only with lots of pairs of helping hands that they will be able to make these events even better. The day raised lots of money for school and the sun came out so overall it was definitely a success! Thank you to everyone who came, and particularly those who manned stalls, cooked, moved furniture around and helped to tidy everything at the end of the day.

On Monday our P1/2's travelled to Bowhill, where they had lots of engaging outdoor learning experiences. On Thursday, children from our after-school football club took part in a football festival at Netherdale. This was a lovely chance for our children who have been attending the after school football club to put their skills into action.

Our ELC children have enjoyed further transition events by joining in with our P1 pupils who have all been wonderful role models and so kind to our upcoming P1's for next year. They will continue to have a range of transition activities over the coming weeks to support their move into P1.

A reminder that school is closed to all on Monday 3rd June so we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 4th.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 3rd June	Local holiday – school closed to all
Tuesday 4th June	All resume
Wednesday 5th June	P6 Inspire Learning Festival
Friday 7th June	Digital Schools Award Scotland Celebration
Monday 10th June	New ELC Parents Information Evening – 6pm
Tuesday 11th June	P1-P7 Sports Day – times detailed below
Wednesday 12th June	ELC Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 12th June	New P1 Parents Information Evening – 6pm
Thursday 13th June	P7 visit to Galashiels Academy
Friday 14th June	P7 visit to Galashiels Academy
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

Wider Achievements

Kindness in the Community

In the Easter holidays, Millar and Robbie volunteered to help Lisa from Go Wild to plant trees and pick up litter at Mauldshaugh Community Woods in Selkirk. It is fantastic to see them applying our school values in action to positively influence our local community.



Football Festival

A group of children from P6 and P7 took part in a football festival yesterday morning at the 3G pitch at Netherdale. This was to celebrate the children's time at our after-school football club. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing together. Thank you for all the parents who supported with this event.



Sports Day

Miss Fairbairn has been working hard to plan and organise Sports Day on Tuesday the 11th 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

If you would like to volunteer to support the potted sports and/or accompany the children in the afternoon to the playing fields, please can you get in touch with the school office in the first instance.

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



Building Resilience Expect the Unexpected Sharing Assembly

This week our Expect the Unexpected assembly was led by children from all classes. They shared their learning and understanding in a range of creative ways, including role play and puppet shows. Across the classes, the children clearly showed that they know a range of strategies to support their resilience and mental wellbeing.

Well done to all of our Star Achievers from this week, who have been showing our school values in action. They enjoyed a hot chocolate and star biscuit to celebrate their achievement.

We will have an additional hot chocolate celebration next week with Gus and Kylah to celebrate with them too!



ELC	Gus and Kylah
P1/2	Lochlan
P2/3	Harry H
P3/4	Summer
P5/6	Ellis L
P6/7	Isla



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. 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

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