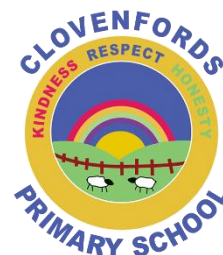


Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 26th September 2025



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We have had a lovely week of sunshine and school has been busy with visitors and trips. Firstly, thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our family Stay and Play session on Wednesday. This is an important part of the children's day as it provides time for them to settle and reconnect with their peers as well as having opportunities to develop their ongoing social and emotional skills, their curiosity and creativity through play, and to have opportunities to support their resilience with problem solving activities. Teachers also use this time to organise your child's day with their lunches and any other housekeeping tasks, and they take time to have learning conversations to support children's engagement with aspects of their learning for that day.

Our P5/6 class represented our school at the Galashiels Big Sing event on Thursday. They have been practising their songs for the last few weeks and have been sounding fabulous. Thanks to the partnership with YMI (Youth Music Initiative) and their class teacher Mrs Turner, who have supported the children to sing for our school so beautifully. Mrs Turner reported *"They were perfect, I was so proud of them all, and their singing was wonderful."*

Our ELC children have been making the most of the outdoors this week, taking part in a shape hunt, developing their gross motor skills through running jumping and climbing, and building friendships through their play.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming P6/7 parents in for their child's class assembly, and the following week our ELC families are invited to join their child for a Literacy Stay and Learn session.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Friday 3rd October	P6/7 Class Assembly – 9.00am. All P6/7 parents invited.
Monday 6th October	ELC Family Stay and Learn Literacy Session 2.15pm-3.10pm
Monday 13th October	October holiday begins
Monday 20th October	In Service Day. Staff return only
Tuesday 21st October	Pupils resume

Shoe Box Appeal – Can you help?

Despite the difficulties that they face everyday – through poverty, illness, disability or other disadvantages – receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe, that their faces light up with huge smiles.

Thank you so much for your continued support for our Shoe Box Appeal. Last year your unwavering support enabled the charity, Blythswood, to send over 85,000 shoeboxes to eight different countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. From those we deliver these gifts to, thank you so very much.

Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

There are shoeboxes available at the school office if you don't have one at home. Please read the leaflet brought home by your child for further information on what to fill your shoebox with, and drop them off at the school office. The final date will be confirmed soon, but please note it is normally mid October. There is more information online at: [Shoe Box Appeal | Blythswood](#)

Wider Achievements

To support an even wider range of achievements, and to help your child to continue to develop key skills and qualities, we would like to invite you to email our school office with examples – photos would be great! - based on your child's developing understanding and demonstration of how they are being **responsible** and/or **achieving**.

Some examples that may help:

- Making their own bed each day
- Getting themselves ready each morning; getting dressed, packing their own schoolbag, remembering to fill their water bottle.
- Helping to clear the table after dinner
- Tidying up their games and toys after they have finished with them, without being asked.
- Continuing to practise a task or activity and mastering it – such as tying shoelaces, learning to ride a bike or a new skill such as knitting, sewing etc.

We will use all that you share as part of our termly contribution and achievement assemblies where the children will be celebrated. Thank you in advance.

Anna attends the TLJT run, jump and throw club, and was the points winner of the mini Olympics which combines running, high jump, long jump and discus.

Delta recently won a competition for designing a rocket car. Her design was the one closest to the target on the day.

Harris recently ran the 1k race at the Berlin Marathon. He came 8th out of 30 children in his age category.

Fergus was delighted with his Football Player of the Week award recently.

Connor and **Amelie** have been competing with the Gala Harriers at the Junior Track and Field Championships. Connor won 1st place for the Boys Under 13s and Amelie won 3rd place for the Girls Under 11 section. Both managed a PB at this event.

Gregor was Player of the Week at his football club a couple of weeks ago and has now been awarded Player of the Week for Gala Mini Maroons Rugby. Well done Gregor!

Luca recently received the Under 9s Junior Club Championship trophy for his efforts as part of Team Gala Harriers, competing in six different events at a recent competition.

Clovenfords Coins

This session, Clovenfords Coins are being awarded to children for showing community spirit and participation. Coins are given out by staff during assemblies and gatherings and can also be earned by pupils for wearing their uniform with pride consistently, including on PE days where they are still expected to come in wearing their school jumper.

Each week the class with the most coins will be celebrated in assembly and have sole use of the MUGA area in the playground on a Friday to enjoy games and activities of their choice. Classes will accumulate coin totals across the term and the class with the most coins can enjoy a non-uniform day on the last Friday of each term. The children are very positive and enthusiastic about earning coins for their class.

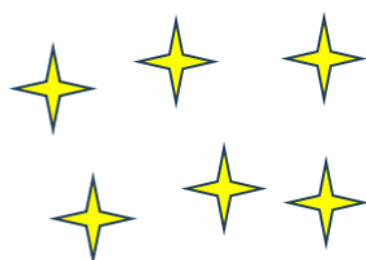


Congratulations to this week's coin winners – P5/6!

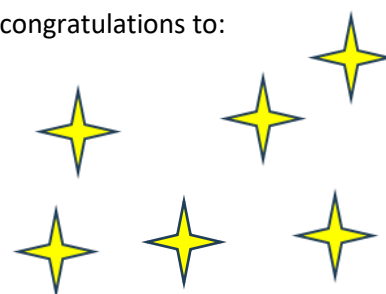
Assembly

We are delighted to continue to celebrate our weekly Star Achievers. All children's learning paths are different, from their progress and understanding, to their social and emotional regulation, as well as their skills development. We recognise that everyone's learning journey is unique to them.

Our Star Achievers enjoyed their hot chocolate today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	Hridya
P1/2	Molly
P2/3	Sophie
P3/4	Liv
P4/5	Bella
P5/6	Harold



Community Policing

To continue to develop partnerships in our community, PC Gary Beaumont has asked us to share a QR Code with you in order to capture your views and encourage feedback regarding any issues or concerns you may have. The short survey is anonymous and our community policing team hope you will take a few minutes to complete this. Many thanks on their behalf.



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.

Please pop in for a browse for any additional uniform items that you require for your child.

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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