

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 3rd October 2025



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

This week our P1-P7 children all took part in the national Restart A Heart Campaign, aimed at getting as many people as possible trained in CPR. We would like to say a huge thank you to Lee Myers, Steph Redhead, Mark Tokely and Haydn Watt from the Scottish Ambulance Service, and Liam Myers and Ruairidh Nairn from Police Scotland who came in to support this whole school refresher on a vital skill for life.

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you, the teachers and all the students from Clovenfords primary for allowing us to hold our training session today. The kids did absolutely amazing, and all of the team loved the experience!" Lee Myers

We have also welcomed parents in for our first class assembly of the new session. Our P6/7 children shared some important learning related to their mental Health and Wellbeing. It was a fun and interactive assembly, and it was great to see our families joining in with the singing and dancing!

Next week we are looking forward to our ELC parents joining us for a family Literacy Stay and Learn session; we will be sharing with the children who the class winners of the Clovenfords Coins are, who our first House Cup winners are, and we will be celebrating all the wonderful wider achievements that have been sent in by families this term at our assembly next Friday morning. There is lots to look forward to for our last week of the term.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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

Celebration Time!



Apple Distinguished School Award



Earlier this term we received confirmation that our school has been recognised by Apple as a school that uses technology in innovative ways to support children's learning. Almost all our teachers are Apple Teachers and are confident in using digital technology in a range of different ways to support all our learners. We are excited to continue learning and developing this aspect of our curriculum with, and for, the children.

We are looking forward to receiving our official certification but in the meantime here is a message for our school community from Apple:

Congratulations! Clovenfords Primary School has been selected as an Apple Distinguished School for 2025–2028, a three-year designation. You and your staff are being recognized for continuous innovation in using Apple technology to inspire, imagine, and impact teaching and learning. We're excited to have

you join the Apple Distinguished Schools global community and look forward to learning and growing together.

Compliments

Please do take a minute the next time you are in school to read our new Compliments Board which is situated in the Reception area beside *Clothingfords*. We often get positive feedback from families and the wider community and we thought it would be nice to share the positivity from these thoughtful messages with our whole school community. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to get in touch in this way as it is a real boost to staff to have their hard work and efforts acknowledged.

Showbie

Please bear with us as we engage in a process of moderation and implementation of the children's Showbie accounts. We are currently looking at ways to manage the information held on Showbie with regards to past classes, pupils no longer at our school, and how we continue to share learning via this online app in a way that is sustainable and relevant to all. A reminder that if your child is in P4-P7, you can use their individual iPads to view the learning that is taking place, even if you cannot access this on your own devices at present.

In the meantime, if you are unable to see your child's Achievement folder, Portfolio or Class Communication Group please get in touch with the school office in the first instance. Thank you.

Shoe Box Appeal – Can you help?

Thank you so much for your continued support for the 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. 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 for drop off is October 24th.** 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. This week's examples of children who are ACHIEVING and RESPONSIBLE are:

Torin achieved his Scouts Bronze Award – he is rightly proud of himself for this!

Nico has been working hard to learn to ride a bike with pedals and can now push off himself and stop using his brakes.

Innes has been learning to bake and was really happy and proud of his banana loaf and that he managed to crack all five eggs by himself!

Max was at the Langholm Show recently and is proud of all the trophies he won which included Champion Suffolk with his ewe lamb Anya and Reserve with his tup lamb Angus.

Tom wanted to share with the school that he is proud to have made it to the top of the “*biggest Eildon*” with his dad. Fantastic effort Tom! (And Dad!)

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.

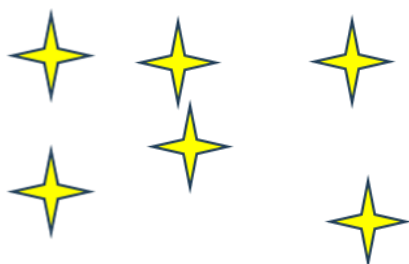
Congratulations to this week's coin winners – P1/2!

P6/7 Class Assembly

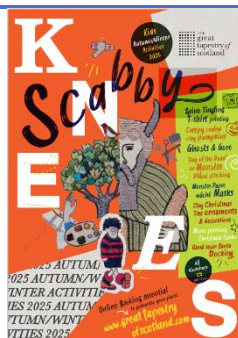
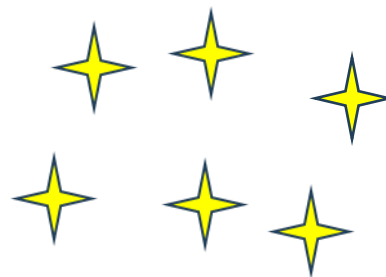
Our first class assembly of the new session was led by our P6/7 children, and they all spoke so well about the positive benefits of looking after their mental health. They shared a super array of strategies that everyone can use to support their own mental wellbeing.

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	Grayson
P1/2	Wren
P2/3	Euan
P3/4	Jackson
P4/5	Caelyn
P5/6	Jude
P6/7	Grace



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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