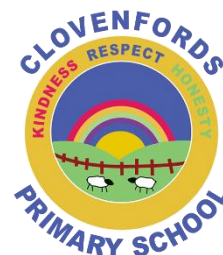


Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 7th November 2025



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

This week the children have been preparing for our Contributions Remembrance Assembly which took place this morning, and our P7s then joined their peers at Gala Academy for their Remembrance Assembly.

The mobile library has visited us again and the children have all had the opportunity to choose another book to enjoy reading in school. This week classes joined up and engaged in reading buddies, sharing stories and texts with each other and giving the children opportunities to read aloud and develop their fluency and expression.

The Parent Council met on Monday (see last week's update for the agenda) and the Minutes will be shared with all shortly. As always, the Parent Council work hard to promote and provide opportunities for the children and the school are grateful for all they do. Please do consider supporting where you can.

Our ELC staff team have been engaging in moderation of how they report to families in ways that align with our school approach. This will ensure that Showbie is being used as effectively as possible as a reporting and communication tool. They have begun creating a digital floorbook which will capture learning that is taking place across each term. We hope you enjoy this method of sharing the children's learning and their voices.

If you can make it to our Gathering next Wednesday morning at 9.15am, a warm welcome awaits you. There will be a focus on sharing the opportunities the children have in their literacy learning. We are also looking forward to our P4/5 Class Assembly next Friday, as well as the P7 Quiz and Bingo night!

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 12th November	P2-P7 Families invited to Citizenship Gathering 9.15am-9.45am
Friday 14th November	P4/5 Class Assembly 9.00am – all P4/5 families welcome
Friday 14th November	Cloven Quiz and Bingo Night – 6.30pm
Friday 14th November	Travelling Book Fair arrives
Monday 17th November	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 19th November	Pupil Progress Consultations
Thursday 20th November	Pupil Progress Consultations
Friday 21st November	Travelling Book Fair departs
Monday 1st December	St Andrew's Day holiday. School closed to all
Tuesday 2nd December	ELC Families Stay and Make session 2.15pm
Tuesday 2nd December	Galashiels Ready to Learn Team Drop-In session 2.30pm
Friday 5th December	Christmas Fair 11.30am-1.00pm
Monday 8th December	P6/7 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Tuesday 9th December	P5/6 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Wednesday 10th December	ELC Christmas Show 2.15pm
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day – donation for charity
Thursday 11th December	P1 and P2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm and Evening Show at 6.00pm
Friday 12th December	P4/5 Christmas Class Party 11.15am
Monday 15th December	P3/4 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Tuesday 16th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th December	P2/3 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Wednesday 17th December	P3-P7 Christmas Sing Along Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm & Evening Show 6.30pm
Thursday 18th December	P1/2 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Friday 19th December	ELC Christmas Party
Monday 22nd December	Christmas holiday begins
Monday 5th January 2026	Staff and pupils resume

Enrolment Week ELC

**EARLY LEARNING
AND CHILDCARE
ENROLMENT WEEK**
FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS AND
DEFERRED ENTRY TO P1
17 - 21 NOVEMBER 2025
Further information visit:
www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc
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Early Learning and Childcare (3 and 4 year olds)

- To register for and Early Learning and Childcare care place for all children born between 1 March 2022 and 29 February 2024 you should complete the online form during enrolment week.
- 3 year olds will be eligible to start Early Learning and Childcare the school term after their 3rd birthday (August; January; April).
- Please contact the Early Learning and Childcare setting of choice prior to making an online application.
- Find out more at and to access the form, visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc

Deferred entry to Primary 1

- Children who will turn five years of age between 20 August 2026 and 28 February 2027 are eligible to apply for an additional year of funded Early Learning and Childcare. To defer entry to Primary 1 you only need to complete an application for another year of Early Learning and Childcare do not apply for a Primary place.
- Find out more at and to access the form, visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc

Primary 1

- To register for Primary 1 for children who are 5 years old before the 28 February 2027 please complete the online School Enrolment application form during enrolment week.
- For more information and to access the form, visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment

Making a placement request

- If you would like to a placement request to send your child to a school out with their catchment area, please complete the online School Enrolment application form for the catchment school and select that you are applying to a non-catchment school to complete the Placement Request.
- To find out more, visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment

We are delighted to be supporting **Poppy Scotland** again this year. Collection tins and poppies are available in your child's class and at our main office if you and your child(ren) would like to make a donation. Many thanks.

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 our school aims of **Respected** and/or **Safe**.

Some examples of children showing their understanding of the meaning of **respected** may include:

- Good sportsmanship
- Playing fairly
- Positive communication
- Respecting their own and others' belongings.

Some examples of children showing their understanding of being **safe** may include:

- Following rules and procedures during out of school activities
- Using equipment properly in games, or during other activities such as baking and cooking
- Being safe in their environment such as looking both ways before crossing the road
- Helping younger or less experienced peers to follow safety rules.
- Learning how to stay safe online

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

Joey received a trophy for becoming Lindean Under 18s Carpet Bowling Champion. Congratulations!

Lucy and **Emily** competed in the first night of Gala Swimming Club's Championship. Lucy won gold and Emily bagged two bronze medals. Well done both!

Emily and **Amelie** enjoyed themselves at a recent football tournament with their team - the Gala Fairydean Girls Team. They played a total of five games and were still smiling at the end. Well done girls!

Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are P5/6! Congratulations to all the children in this class!



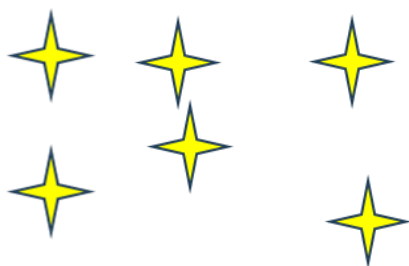
Please keep supporting your child to explore and practise how to be part of a team at home; to positively share in others' achievements, and support others to feel included and welcome in events and activities outwith school. This will help them to keep doing this in school too.

Remembrance Assembly

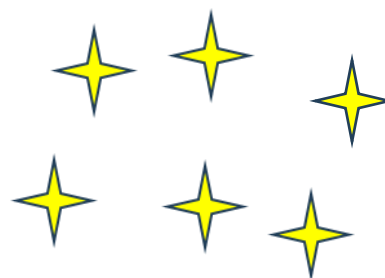
The children all took part in our Remembrance Assembly this week and shared some of their learning around this important day in our calendar.

We 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	Hayden
P1/2	Ellie-Maie
P2/3	Tom
P3/4	Robbie R
P4/5	James
P5/6	Amèlie
P6/7	Connor



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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