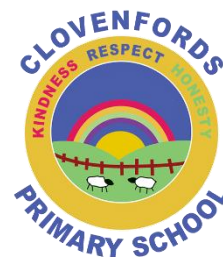


Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 21st November 2025



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Last Friday the P7s held their enterprise evening, a fun Quiz and Bingo Night. It was a great success, and the children are really proud of their efforts and thankful to everyone who supported the event. Our News Leaders, Finn and Connor have written an article on their Fundraiser which we have sent alongside this week's update.

It was lovely to see all our families in school this week for our Pupil Progress Consultations. The children's achievements and progress to date were shared by the teachers and we know that the encouraging messages left by parents in their child's tray has been lovely for the children to come back into school to. Thank you to everyone who engaged in our Family Friendly Overviews Survey with Robbie and Harris during both evenings. We will share the results with everyone soon.

Please can you ensure your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear to support break times and outdoor learning. If children are coming to school in wellies or walking boots etc, please pop a pair of indoor shoes in their bag. Our new and used clothing hub Clothingfords has wellies, indoor shoes, jumpers and coats for anyone who would like to come in, have a browse and take what they need.

We would also appreciate your support in children leaving all toys/games/personal possessions at home to support their engagement and focus whilst in school, as well as minimising the risk of upset if these items are lost or broken. Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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

Parent Council Update

For Christmas this year, the Parent Council decided to support local children in need through the charity *Children First*. Children First is helping children and young people to recover from significant abuse and trauma and making

them safer. Please consider donating by purchasing a gift chosen by a child from this Amazon wishlist and make a difference this Christmas!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2V46BXIGR2U3B?ref=wl_lfu_nav_4

<https://www.childrenfirst.org.uk>

Borders School of Music

There has been some interest from parents about children working with the Borders School of Music. In order to gauge interest in this please click on the link below to share your views about this programme in the first instance. The survey will remain open until the 28th November. Many thanks.

[Borders School of Music – Fill in form](#)

Borders School of Music



Wider Achievements

To support a wide 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 **respected** may include:

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

Some examples of being **safe** may include:

- Following rules and procedures during out of school activities
- Using equipment properly in games or baking and cooking
- Being safe in their environment
- Helping younger or less experienced peers to follow safety rules.
- Learning how to stay safe online



Sophie is proud of herself for completing her Rainbow Promise and receiving a certificate.

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.

Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are **P3/4!** 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.



Literacy Learning Assembly

Children across school shared their writing progress in creating recounts and instructional texts. They use a range of ways to support their progress, including Colourful Semantics, mind maps, planning and redrafting strategies etc., to produce texts that meet learning outcomes.

We also asked the children about their hopes for all children, following World Children's Day on the 20th of November. We asked the children "If you could tell an adult to change one thing that would make life better and fairer for children around the world, what would it be?" Here is a small sample of what they said:

"I would make sure homeless people had homes."

"To stop hunger and to stop pollution to stop war."

"For everyone to have access to an education because education is a super important thing to do."

"Less screens and no phones until high school unless needed more outdoor learning."

"No social media because kids might get scared and not have good sleep."

"I think that if every adult in the world could know the children rights the world would be better."

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 and biscuit today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	Innes
P1/2	Brooke
P2/3	Innis
P3/4	Robbie M
P4/5	Callie
P5/6	Adam
P6/7	Eva



Raising Children with Confidence
Six week online course

Open to primary school parents in the Galashiels, Selkirk and Berwickshire area

Delivered over Microsoft Teams
Tuesdays
27 January to 10 March
1-2.30pm

This course is designed to raise awareness and confidence about the importance of promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in parents/carers and young people. It uses a variety of current theories and research on what influences our mental health and wellbeing.

Priority will be given to P1 parents
To book your place email RCHC@scotborders.gov.uk

For more information please contact:
RCHC@scotborders.gov.uk if you live in the Galashiels and Selkirk areas.
Amanda.Dempsey@scotborders.gov.uk if you live in the Berwickshire area.

Scottish Borders COUNCIL



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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