

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 28th November 2025



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Some great outdoor learning has taken place this week for our P3/4 class who were at Old Melrose on a class trip supported by TweedWATCH. The children took part in workshops that were linked to their interdisciplinary learning in school.

Our P7 children took part in a Developing the Young Workforce event at the Academy as part of their ongoing transition and the feedback from the children was positive; *"It was really good!"*

P4/5 also headed off to the Academy this week, but their focus was on taking part in the annual St Andrew's Day Ceilidh event which was open to all schools in our cluster. Meanwhile in ELC, the children have also been exploring and celebrating St Andrew's Day. They have been singing Scottish songs and created 'Donald'. They have been asking him *'where his troosers are.'*



Active Schools have been supporting the children this week running the virtual P4-5 and P6-7 Archery Competitions. Active Schools also organised the recent Gala Area Netball Championships and we are delighted at how well the children performed. After a tense shoot out, Clovenfords came home in second place with the Shield. We are so proud of all the children's positive attitude towards each other's efforts and their teamwork. When asked about their favourite part of the competition they said it was *"cheering each other on!"* Our News Leaders have written their report on this event which you will find below.

These events and trips are showing the children what it means to be safe and respected – the two school aims we have had a focus on this term, and which formed the main theme of our assembly this week.

For all the events taking place this week, we are grateful to the parent helpers who supported and enabled the children to engage in these valuable learning experiences.

Tickets are now on sale for all our Christmas Shows. Please get in touch with the school office if you have any issues purchasing these through ParentPay.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful long weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school and ELC on Tuesday 2nd December.

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

Free Books

As part of our ongoing library refresh and sort out we now have a wide variety of second hand books available for families to take home and enjoy with their children. There will be a table out at the Christmas Fair next Friday so please help yourself to any books you would like. If you would like to make a donation for any books you take, this money will support the children's ideas for our refreshed library space.

Cloven Netball Win

On Friday, the 21st of November, Clovenfords girls team went to the Queens Centre in Galashiels to take part in Live Borders netball competition 🤩. They did so well placing second in the netball tournament! They played Balmoral first and the score was 0-0. The second game was against Tweedbank and they lost 1-0. In the end, the girls came second and won the shield. Congrats to the girls.

By Finn and Connor your news team.



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!

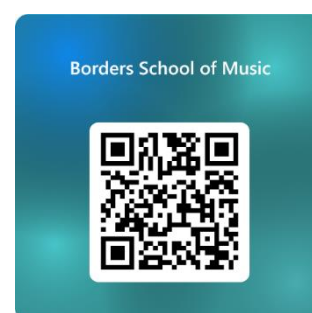
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<https://www.childrenfirst.org.uk>

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 close today. Many thanks.

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



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

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.

Below from left:

Sean and **Connor** helped to put up the village Christmas tree last weekend.

Anna, Eilidh and **Bonnie** all took part in the Graham School of Highland Dance show recently. They coped amazingly well with a busy week of rehearsals and late nights and then performed beautifully on the night.

Our Netball teams were fantastic at last week's competition. Thank you to **Amelie, Millar, Ellis, Phoebe-Faith, Orla, Katelyn, Lucy, Olivia, Sophie, Chartlotte, Emily, Summer, Aimee, Lori** and **Daisy** for representing our school so fantastically; cheering each other on and having a brilliant attitude to sporting competition.



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.

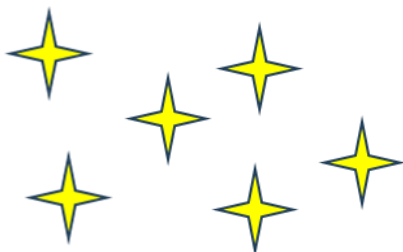


Contributions Assembly

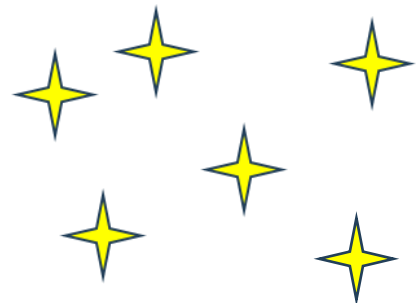
Children across school shared their growing understanding of all the ways they demonstrate respect towards each other, themselves and their school through their engagement with learning and by showing how they can keep themselves safe. We celebrated our netballers and our Rights Ambassadors. Our P7 House Leaders launched a competition to design a logo for our nurture room which is now called The Nest.

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	Charlotte N
P1/2	Fin
P2/3	Molly
P3/4	Max
P4/5	Lyle
P5/6	Ivar
P6/7	Lucy





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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