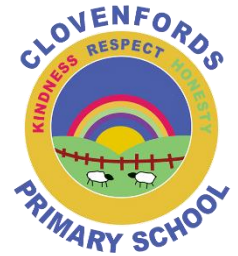


Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 19th December 2025



Head Teacher's Update



Dear all,

An explosion of glitter, lots of twinkly lights and some wonderful festive songs were the highlights of our P3-P7 Christmas Shows. The children did a fantastic job of performing, entertaining their audiences and adding in some dance moves and well-rehearsed signing! We are very proud of all the children who took part and helped make the shows such a memorable experience. Thank you to all the families who supported their child to engage and learn their songs.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Julie and Fiona in the kitchen who cooked a delicious Christmas Lunch for everyone in school. Cue more twinkly lights, festive tunes and lots of full tummies!

This week has also seen the remaining class parties taking place so all in all school has been very Christmassy again this week. The children have engaged enthusiastically with everything that has been planned and so thoughtfully prepared for them by the staff who have worked hard to help the children enjoy this special time of the year.

As we sign off for 2025, everyone in school would like to wish you a safe and peaceful weekend, and a happy festive break. It will be lovely to welcome everyone back for the new term on the 5th of January 2026!

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 22nd December	Christmas holiday begins
Monday 5th January 2026	Staff and pupils resume
Monday 12th January	ELC Families Stay and Read 2.30pm
Thursday 15th January	ELC Families Stay and Read 2.30pm
Friday 16th January	Family Learning Overviews published
Wednesday 21st January	P7 Burns Supper - 2.00pm

The Nest

Our P7 House Leaders organised a competition to create a logo/door sign for *The Nest* which is what the children agreed to call our Nurture and Wellbeing Room in the school. It is here where we have our Book Clubs, Star Achiever Celebrations and Wellbeing Groups, amongst other things.

We asked Mrs McGlinchey, who has designed logos and created artwork and flyers on behalf of the Parent Council to come in and help to judge the competition and choose the winning entries. Mrs McGlinchey was impressed with the calibre of entries and declared that the competition was "very hard to judge with so many creative designs to choose from."

We are delighted to announce that our House Leaders and Mrs McGlinchey have chosen a First, Second and Third place with the winning entries receiving 50, 30 and 20 house points respectively. The results will be shared at an assembly when we return after the holidays and the winning design revealed!

Many thanks to Mrs McGlinchey for supporting our House Leaders with this very well organised competition.

Parent Council Update

For Christmas this year, the Parent Council are supporting 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=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_4

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

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 achievement assemblies where the children will be celebrated. Thank you in advance.

Next term our focus will be on wider achievements that show the children's understanding and application of how they are included and nurtured.

Below from left to right on each row:

James is feeling very proud of himself for being Player of the Year with his Brass Band. He will move up to the Youth Section next year and continue to be part of this wonderful group of musicians.

Charlotte completed her first Showcase for the Borders School of Dance and did 2 dances. She really loved being on the stage!

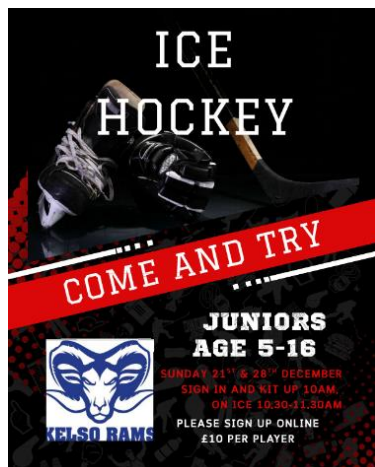
Anna and **Isla** were part of the recent Gala Pantomime - Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and performed so well alongside their fellow cast members. Well done girls!



Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are **P4/5**! 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.





We're still here

Supporting you over the holidays and beyond

- Chat with our friendly team
- Read helpful articles
- Use our self-help tools
- Get support from the community



Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period

24th December	(Christmas Eve)	12pm - 8pm
25th December	(Christmas Day)	4pm - 8pm
26th December	(Boxing Day)	12pm - 8pm
31st December	(New Years Eve)	12pm - 8pm
1st January	(New Years Day)	4pm - 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm - 10pm on weekdays and 6pm - 10pm on weekends.



Watch a 5-minute walkthrough video of Kooth:

go.kooth.com/dhvx



JOIN THE CLUB

Don't forget that the Parent Club website is there for you 24/7, with advice from experts you can rely on and trusted tips from other parents who understand exactly what you're going through.

ParentClub.scot

Have you signed up for the Parent Club emails yet? From bedtime battles to teatime tantrums, once you've signed up, you'll receive regular emails tailored to your child's age.

ParentClub.scot/join-the-club

Why not join our communities on Facebook and Instagram for regular tips and useful advice to help you through the highs and lows of parenting?

Facebook.com/ParentClubScotland
Instagram.com/ParentClubScotland

Parent Club
parentclub.scot

Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba



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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