

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 16th January 2026



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

This week we welcomed families into our Stay and Read sessions in ELC. The children enjoyed playing and sharing with their families and the feedback that was gathered regarding frequency and times of these sessions will be useful to support ongoing partnership working. Thank you to everyone who came along, and to those who have volunteered their time to support future learning opportunities for the children.



A reminder to all families please to keep sending your child into school with appropriate outdoor clothing as we try to get the children out every day for fresh air and play. In addition, we would like to respectfully share that during inclement weather staff do their utmost to keep areas inside the school gates as safe as possible, however there will continue to be times during winter for example, when icy conditions occur. Please continue to be respectful in your interactions with staff on playground duty as our Respectful Relationships Statement is one which, in school, the children are taught to understand applies to all adults as well as to the children themselves. Thank you for supporting the children by continuing to model what respectful relationships look and sound like.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th January	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm - online
Tuesday 20th January	Ready to Learn Team Drop In Session 2.30pm
Wednesday 21st January	P7 Burns Supper - 2.00pm
Friday 23rd January	Family Learning Overviews published
Wednesday 4th February	P2-P7 Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering 9.15am-9.45am
Friday 6th February	P3/4 Class Assembly - 9.00am - All P3/4 parents invited
Monday 9th February	Family Maths Stay and Learn Maths Session - ELC - P7 2.15pm
Monday 16th February	February Half Term Holiday week begins
Monday 23rd February	In Service Day. School closed for pupils
Tuesday 24th February	Pupils resume
Friday 27th February	World Thinking Day - Pupils can wear their Brownie, Scout etc. uniforms
Tuesday 3rd March	Ready to Learn Team Drop In Session 2.30pm
Thursday 12th March	Travelling Book Fair arrives
Friday 13th March	P5/6 Class Assembly - 9.00am - All P5/6 parents invited
Wednesday 18th March	Café Conversations Open Afternoon - all families invited 1.15-3.15pm
Thursday 19th March	Travelling Book Fair departs
Friday 20th March	P2/3 Class Assembly - 9.00am - All P2/3 parents invited

Wednesday 25 th March	Pupil Progress Consultations 4.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 26 th March	Pupil Progress Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 27 th March	Charity Bake Sale 11.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of term
Friday 3 rd April	Easter holidays begin
Monday 20 th April	All resume

Parent Council Meeting



The Parent Council warmly invites you to their next meeting on Monday 19th January online at 6.30pm. Please see link below to join. The Agenda is attached with this week's update.

Meeting ID: 390 935 138 714 68

Passcode: VD76Dv2a

teams.microsoft.com

Apple Distinguished School Award

You may remember in a previous Weekly Update (Friday 3rd October) we shared with you that we had been recognised by Apple as a school that uses technology in innovative ways to support children's learning. We have been recognised as an Apple Distinguished School. Apple's message to us was as follows:

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.

Scottish Borders Council shared a press release with local papers recently about this award so you can read more about our achievement in the Border Telegraph, Peeblesshire News etc. This was a fantastic team effort from all staff and of course, our pupils. We are delighted to be recognised.



Distinguished School

Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.



We were pleased to share the completed logo for The Nest with all the children at assembly this week. This was developed by Mrs McGlinchey from Daisy's design. It is now proudly up on the door to The Nest and Daisy is very happy with how the new logo looks.

The Nest - Winning design



Daisy

Wider Achievements

To support a wide range of achievements, and to help your child 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 **Included** and/or **Nurtured**. All children can practice nurture and inclusion through simple, meaningful actions that foster a sense of

belonging and care, and build on the examples they shared with us this week, (see above). We would love to see how they are demonstrating these skills in the wider community. We use all that you share as part of our termly achievement assemblies where the children will be celebrated. Thank you in advance.

This week we have enjoyed chatting with **Isla**, (left) who showed her understanding of being included by welcoming new Brownies into her pack. She was awarded the Brownie of the Week trophy for her kindness.

Niall, (centre) created a story about Spider, Spiderman and Mario who all wanted to buy a new toy - what a super imagination and a great example of being a lifelong learner. Finally, **Penelope**, (right) used her learning powers, Have A Go Harry and Don't Give Up Dan to climb the biggest Eildon hill recently with her Mum and Dad. Fantastic effort Penelope!



Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are **P6/7**! 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 and in the wider community; to positively share in others' achievements, and support others to feel included. This will help them to keep doing this in school too.

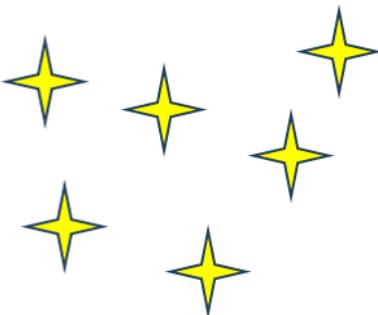


UNCRC Rights Ambassadors Assembly

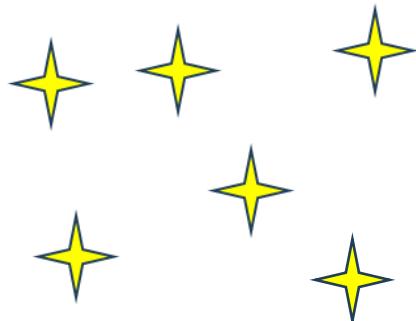
Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors led our assembly this week, sharing with the children more about what being a Rights Respecting School looks and feels like. This term they have chosen to concentrate on Article 3 - *Adults Must Do What's Best For Me*. The children will be learning more about this right and using their voice to share their views and growing understanding of this right.

We also celebrated our 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	Kylah
P1/2	Ella
P2/3	Tom
P3/4	Mason
P4/5	Eilidh
P5/6	Aimee
P6/7	Phoebe Faith



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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