

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 23rd January 2026



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We hope you will enjoy reading this term's Family Learning Overview which is published on your child's Class Community Group. Some of the learning that is taking place this term will include:

- The children being introduced to, developing or extending their skills in persuasive writing.
- A focus on measurement and time in Maths and Numeracy.

The children will also continue to have opportunities to engage in learning in science topics and are currently working with Miss Fairbairn on their gymnastics skills.

Your child is currently immersed in learning more about Scotland and its language, culture and heritage. We welcomed families into school on Wednesday to join in with the P7 Burns Supper, with the haggis being piped in. Thank you to our piper, Alan, for helping to make the afternoon a success. The children led the adults round the floor in the Dashing White Sargent and enjoyed haggis pies and a wee glass o' bru. Thanks also go to Julie and Fiona in our kitchen for preparing this lovely supper.



Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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 18 th March	Café Conversations Open Afternoon - all families invited 1.15-3.15pm
Thursday 19 th March	Travelling Book Fair departs
Friday 20 th 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

Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale



What is a Curriculum Rationale? Quite simply it is a document which helps us all to stay on track when we ask ourselves, "What do we want for our children and how are we working together to achieve this?"

Following workshops, focus groups and active sharing opportunities with staff and the children, our Curriculum Rationale has now been agreed and collated. Please take a few minutes to scan the QR code or access this via the link below to read more about what we offer your children as part of their learning. This QR code and link features all areas of

our curriculum.

We have also created QR codes for individual curricular areas which provide you with the opportunity to give feedback and ask questions about this learning. We will be sharing these codes with you over the coming weeks in the Weekly Updates. In the meantime, we would like to welcome you into school to access all the links and information on our newly created Curriculum Rationale display board. This is situated in the main reception area beside Clothingfords.

Your feedback and ideas on how we can further strengthen the 'why', the purpose, and the impact of each curricular area will be welcomed so please do be part of this conversation. Thank you.

<https://padlet.com/clovenfordsps/clovenfords-curriculum-rationale-o1np787vbbqlf3ed/slideshow>

Parent Council Meeting



Thank you to the Parent Council for funding Lego kits which will be used to support clubs, interventions and group work. Our ELC staff are currently consulting with the children about resources for outdoor play (a water wall) from allocated Parent Council funds. Minutes from our meeting on Monday night will be shared with families soon, and will be posted on our school website.

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. 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.

This week we have enjoyed chatting with **Myla**, (left) who had her hair cut short and will be donating it to the Little Princess Trust. This is a charity that helps children and young people that have suffered hair loss from cancer treatment and other conditions. Myla has demonstrated her values and her



understanding of inclusion and nurture. We are also proud of **Oliver** who has worked hard to achieve his Level 2 Swim award. Well done, Oliver!

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 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.



Borders School of Music

We recently undertook a survey requested by parents to gauge your interest in music lessons through the Borders School of Music. We had 20 responses, over half of which were from parents with children in P4-6 year groups. The cost of this tuition is £40 per month per child, and 60% of the responses were happy to pay this monthly fee. This equates to 12 families. The decision at the Parent Council meeting was not to proceed with this music offer at present due to the small numbers.

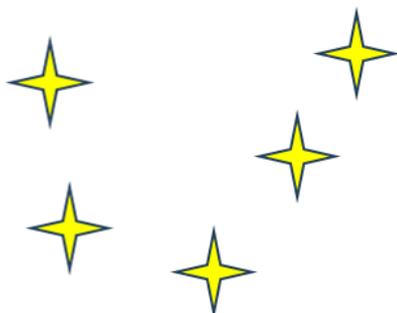
Currently in school, our Expressive Arts offer includes Strings Instruction on a Monday for P5-P7 pupils with Mr Whitefield, Youth Music Instruction with Mrs Rowan across the whole school year with all pupils and across two terms Mrs Wilson also provides music lessons for all classes.

Scots Assembly

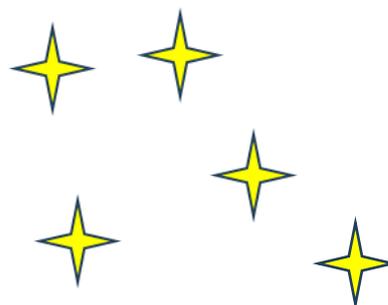
It wis braw to hear aw about the learnin that has been takin' place across the schuil at Assembly this week as part o oor Scots Focus Fortnight. See above for some photies o' the bairns learning. There wis a guid wee bit o singin an aw.

We did a guid job o celebratin oor star achievers anaw. Aw bairns' learnin roads are different, fae their progress and kennin, to their social and feelin steerin, as weel as their growin skills. We ken that ilka learnin traivel is their ain.

Oor star achievers enjoyed their het chocolate an biscuit the day an we would like tae say weel done to:



ELC	Harper
P1/2	Hamish
P2/3	Sophie
P3/4	Jackson
P4/5	Lewis
P5/6	Emily
P6/7	Orla



LEGO CLUB
COME AND CREATE WITH YOUR
FRIENDS AT OUR LEGO CLUB.



AT CAFE
RECHARGE
FRIDAYS
1.00-3PM



LUNCH SERVED UNTIL
2PM
COFFEES, PASTRIES,
CAKES AND SNACKS
UNTIL 3PM
PAY WHAT YOU CAN

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Keeping children safe online - with Education Scotland and Police Scotland - Wednesday 25

February, 5:30-6:30pm, online

This webinar is being delivered in partnership by Parenting Across Scotland, Police Scotland's Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team and Education Scotland for Cyber Scotland Week. There will be a short presentation by Police Scotland exploring how you can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe whilst online, followed by Education Scotland discussing concerns about the use of technology in schools and digital awareness in the curriculum, then an opportunity to ask questions.

For more details and to book a spot:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cyber-scotland-week-2026-keeping-children-safe-online-webinar-tickets-1978241976003?aff=oddtcreator>



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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