

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 6th February 2026



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We had a very active Citizenship Gathering this week! The children were tasked with a range of mathematical challenges to solve. They worked together to solve these and create a knowledge pyramid, demonstrating how new learning is built on the foundations of prior knowledge. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to this as they were an amazing help!



There is another opportunity for you to come and see how your child is learning Maths and Numeracy skills and knowledge with our **Family Stay and Learn Open Afternoon** next Monday. Full details below.

Lots of learning across other curricular areas has also been taking place this week. We are loving the P6/7's new tartan designs and their persuasive writing about why people should visit Scotland. There was also lots of learning shared from the P3/4 class assembly this morning too. We learned more about their developing skills in persuasive writing, and we heard some interesting facts about the River Nile compared to the River Tweed through their Interdisciplinary Learning. Well done to all who took part!

In ELC, the children have been engaging in lots of imaginative play which is supporting their social and emotional skills and their understanding of the world around them. There has also been lots of mark making taking place which is supporting many of the pre-writing skills that young children develop through their play.

This learning in ELC, and how that looks as children progress through school is explained in more detail with the latest QR code and link below which is part of our information sharing about our Curriculum Rationale, this week focusing on 'Active Enquiry and Play.'

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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
Wednesday 25th February	Parent Workshop Outdoor Learning Project - 2.30pm
Thursday 26th February	Parent Drop In Sessions Outdoor Learning Project - 8.45-9.15am & 2.45-3.15pm
Friday 27th February	Parent Drop In Session Outdoor Learning Project - 8.45am - 9.15am
Friday 27th February	World Thinking Day - Pupils can wear their Brownie, Scout etc. uniforms

Tuesday 3 rd March	Ready to Learn Team Drop In Session 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th March	Travelling Book Fair arrives
Friday 13 th 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

Active Enquiry - Play - Curriculum Rationale



Active Enquiry and Play

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?"*

This week we are sharing more on Active Enquiry and Play. The QR code and link below can be used to find out more on this aspect of your child's learning. We would be delighted to hear your ideas on how we can further strengthen and develop active play and enquiry for and with the children.

[Active Enquiry - Play - Curriculum Rationale - Fill in form](#)

Wider Achievements

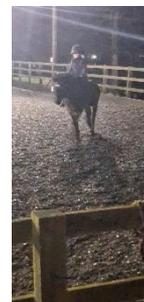
To support a wide range of achievements, and to help your child continue to develop key skills and qualities, we would like to invite you to email our school office with examples - photos would be great! - based on your child's developing understanding and demonstration of our school aims of **Included** 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 the achievements that are shared at our end of term assemblies where the children are celebrated.

From left:

Amélie took part in a National Athletics SUPERteams competition where she represented Gala Harriers. Her efforts helped her team to achieve 3rd place!

Rosie has been keen to share her developing horse-riding skills. She also shared her trophy from Brownies, which is given for demonstrating a range of skills. Great job Rosie!

Oliver was Tweedbank Thistle Player of the Week.



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.



Clovenfords Outdoor Learning Project

Please join us for the Parent Workshop and/or Drop In Sessions to hear more about how we are going to be developing our outdoor spaces around the school and ELC and to share your ideas. We are hoping to move at pace with this project to ensure we get this project underway as soon as possible.

Wednesday 25th February - 2.30pm - Parent Workshop

ELC to P7 parents invited. Please come to the main school entrance.

Thursday 26th February - Parent Drop In Session

Additional opportunity for parents to share their views from 8.45am - 9.15am and then 2.45-3.15pm. ELC to P7 parents invited. Please come to the main school entrance.

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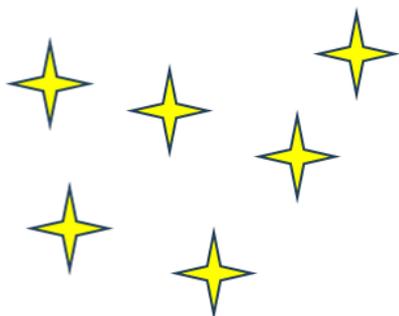
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P3/4 Assembly

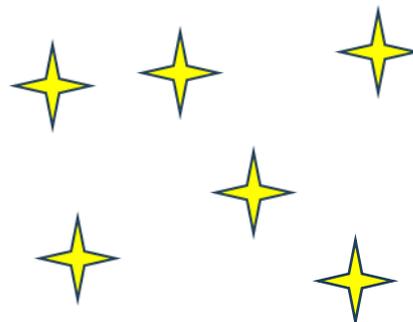
Our P3/4 class led our assembly this week and shared their learning very well. They all had a part to play; they shared letters, persuasive techniques in written and spoken form and finished with a wonderful song about cake!

As always, we enjoyed celebrating the successes of 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	Zain
P1/2	Molly
P2/3	Arthur
P3/4	Robbie
P4/5	Myla
P5/6	Rowan M
P6/7	Struan



Community Announcements



The Rotary Club of Galashiels has agreed to take part in a Primary School **Primary School Quiz**

If you are interested and would like further information, please email Lynda on lyndastoddart@yahoo.co.uk

The Rotary Club appreciate that this is short notice for this year and aim to share information for the 2027 event well in advance of the new year.

Quiz this year and are reaching out to parents to see if there is interest to create a team(s) of 4 to participate in the event.

The team should be made up of young people in upper primary.

Date of event: 6th March 2026

Location: Galashiels Rugby Club

Time: 1.30pm

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->



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



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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