

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness **Respect** **Honesty**

Weekly Update - Friday 30th January 2026



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We have had some wonderful news this week about our outdoor learning spaces. Over the last year, and in partnership with the Parent Council, the school has been working with the local authority's Major Projects Department to secure funding to significantly develop our grounds and ELC outdoor spaces.

After several meetings and site visits from the team and surveyors, we now have the green light on this project, and an upgrade to our play and learning areas outside is going ahead!

This is an exciting development for all the children who are going to be fully involved in this project, sharing their ideas on what they want outside and helping to shape the design and the resources needed.

Mr Callum Parker, Project Manager, will be working closely with the school and the children to gather their ideas, using site maps and workshops etc., to capture their ideas and find out how they use the spaces currently and how they would like these spaces to be developed.

We also want to gather your views as families. You will find dates for parent workshops and drop-ins below and we really want to hear from you so you too can help shape the children's daily experiences and develop our outdoor learning offer for all.

More details will be shared across the coming weeks about how the project is developing and when the work will take place.

In other news, we have shared our next QR code and link below for you to read more about our Curriculum Rationale, this week focusing on 'The Ethos and Life of our School.'

You will find the latest Parent Council Minutes attached along with this week's update and you can see photos below of the Lego purchases they have helped us to buy.

Please keep checking in with your child's Class Community Group to keep up to date with the learning that is taking place and ways you can help at home (via the Family Learning Overviews and the weekly posts) as well as celebrating their progress with them to date via their online Portfolio.

We also love to hear about your child's achievements outside of school so please keep sharing these with us. If your child has an achievement but does not want to share this across the school, for example during assembly, please let us know as we can still include this in their Achievements folder on Showbie.

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
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 27 th February	Parent Drop In Session Outdoor Learning Project -8.45am - 9.15am
Friday 27 th 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

The Ethos and Life of our School -
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?"

This week we are sharing more on the Ethos and Life of our School, The QR code and link below can be used to find out more on this aspect of your child's school and we would be delighted to hear your ideas on how we can further strengthen and develop our community ethos.

[The Ethos and Life of our School - Curriculum Rationale - Fill in form](#)



Parent Council

Thank you to the Parent Council for funding these Lego sets for use in school. These will support small group work, targeted interventions and class play to promote problem solving and creativity skills.



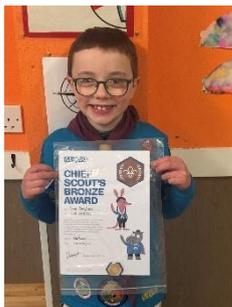
Wider Achievements

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. From left below:

This week we have enjoyed chatting with **Leo** who has achieved his Chief Bronze Award from Beavers. This is the highest accolade you can get as a Beaver. Congratulations Leo - a wonderful achievement!

Harry is very proud of himself for making his own bacon and egg roll for breakfast!

Fergus wanted to share his wider achievement. He won players' player at his football team Hibernian Football Club under 8s. A super achievement Fergus!



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 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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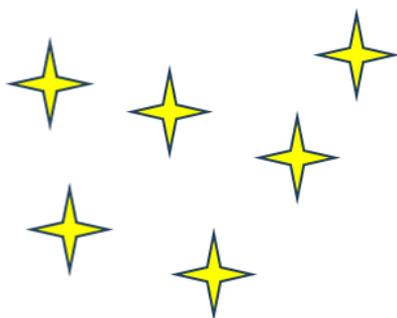
Contributions Assembly - Nurtured and Included

We held our Contributions Assembly today sharing the children's understanding of what it means to be Included and Nurtured. We have also shared with them the BIG NEWS about the Outdoor Learning Project and how they are going to be involved.

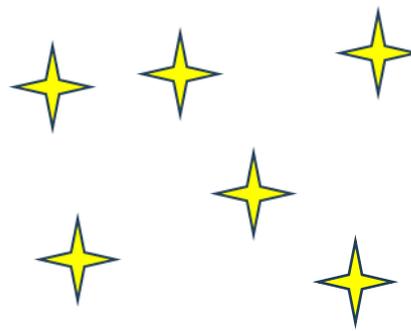
We are continuing to develop our skills in BSL (British Sign Language) and each week are learning new signs. Ask your child if they can show you how they sign which classroom is theirs, or what the sign is for 'celebrate'.

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	Harry
P1/2	Fergus
P2/3	Nathan
P3/4	Callum
P4/5	Zac
P5/6	Brodan
P6/7	Eli



Primary School Quiz

The Rotary Club of Galashiels has agreed to take part in the Primary School 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

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.

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

HEY. HO...
LEGO

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->

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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