

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness **Respect** **Honesty**

Weekly Update - Friday 13th March 2026



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

This week at Gathering the children all engaged in a short survey to demonstrate their understanding of their learning about the UNCRC to support our application for our Silver Award. Our Rights Ambassadors and our P5/6 class were a key support in making sure our youngest learners were able to take part in sharing their voice successfully.

We were also delighted to hand out the Leavers' Hoodies to our P7 children. They were so excited to receive their hoody, with comments ranging from, "they are so comfy", to "We look good in black, it's the best colour!"

Thank you to all who supported with the fundraising and organising of the hoodies - the children really are so pleased with them.



This week Millar, Joey, Charlotte, Eli and Ellis, took part in the annual Euroquiz competition and we are proud of the studying and teamwork that was on show.

Our P5/6 assembly was very well attended by families, and it was lovely to welcome them all into school to support their children and celebrate their learning.

Our ELC children have been learning more about Spring and would like to ask that if anyone is out and about and spies an old, unused bird's nest (please do not disturb any wildlife) the children would be delighted to have this. They have a keen interest in what is happening in the world around them at this time of year.

Thank you if you can help with this.

Please do look below to see all our wider achievements this week - we are especially proud of our Basketball teams who represented Clovenfords at the tournament last Friday. Spoiler alert! We are going all the way to the finals! Well done to all.

Next Wednesday it is our annual Café Conversations event. This takes place prior to our Pupil Progress Consultations each year and provides you with the opportunity to spend time with your child(ren) in school in a relaxed environment sharing their learning with them. You will find additional details for this event below. We look forward to seeing you if you can come along.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 18th March	Café Conversations Open Afternoon - all families invited 1.15-3.15pm
Thursday 19th March	Travelling Book Fair arrives
Friday 20th March	P2/3 Class Assembly - 9.00am - All P2/3 parents invited
Wednesday 25th March	Pupil Progress Consultations 4.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 26th March	Pupil Progress Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 27th March	Charity Bake Sale 11.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1st April	Travelling Book Fair departs
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of term
Friday 3rd April	Easter holidays begin
Monday 20th April	All resume

Open Afternoon - Café Conversations

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school on **Wednesday 18th March** to share in your child's learning. This will take place in the gym hall in the style of a 'café' with comfy seating and tea and coffee being served.

We hope that this relaxed environment will encourage meaningful conversations between you and your child about their learning and allow you time and space to explore their learning together. If you have more than one child in school, they will come to their café conversation session together.

To support numbers, space and shared iPads there will be two sessions. Please come to the main school entrance at the time below according to your child(ren)'s house:

1.15pm-2.15pm - Caddon and Fairnilee*

2.15pm - 3.15pm - Peel and Meigle*

If you are not sure which house your child is in, please contact the school office in the first instance. Our P7 leaders will support with bringing children from their classes to the hall when you arrive.

***For parents who have children in ELC we would ask that you come at 2.15pm, regardless of which house any older sibling is in.**

Children in P4-P7 will bring their iPads so you can look through their online profile and achievements together.

If you have a child in ELC-P3 you can bring a personal mobile device - your phone will work best - to access your child's online profile. There are also several shared iPads that our P7 leaders can support you and your child with to access their portfolio. Alternatively, older siblings who have their own iPad can sign out and access sibling ELC-P3 profiles during your time together. Your child will bring their QR code to log into their profile.

Children will also bring jotters and other learning to share with you.

Charity Bake Sale

We will be supporting charities and organisations again this year as identified by the children (this will be decided at next week's Gathering) and will be raising funds for these through our Charity Bake Sale which is taking place on **Friday 27th March**.

If you would like your child to participate in the event you can do so by baking with them at home for their class stall, and /or provide your child with some money to buy something. The children will set up their class stall and sell their baked goods towards the end of the day. Please ensure your child brings in their baked

goods, either on Thursday 26th March or on the Friday morning ready to sell. If you need a bit of inspiration, you can find some great recipes online at:

[Kids' baking recipes | BBC Good Food](#)

If you would like to purchase something with your child, you are welcome to come into school **from 11.30am, via the main school entrance.**

We respectfully remind all families that we are an allergy aware school so baked goods will go home with any children whose parents are unable to attend to support and manage individual dietary requirements.

It will be great to raise as much money as possible! Thank you in advance for your support!

Expressive Arts - Curriculum Rationale



have across this curricular area.

The link below can also 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 this for and with the children.

[Expressive Arts - Curriculum Rationale - Fill in form](#)

Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale

Expressive Arts

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 Expressive Arts. Themes include art and design, drama and music. The QR code will support your understanding of the range of opportunities the children

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 practise 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.

Katelyn, Connor, Ellis, Struan, Fin, Caolan, Harold, Joey, Tyler and Mason represented our school at the Basketball tournament last week. After some great games our two teams finished in first and third place which means they will go on to take part in the finals on the 20th March. A fantastic achievement! What was really wonderful to hear was Miss Fairbairn's post match report. Miss Fairbairn shared that she was most proud of all of the children's support of each other on and off the court; cheering each other on and displaying excellent attitudes across the whole afternoon.

From left below:



Charlotte, Ayla and Katelyn auditioned and were successful in gaining parts in GAOS's production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', within the children's choir. They performed in 6 shows, which followed about 5 months of regular rehearsals. Lots of singing, dancing and being part of a very well received show by the general public, going by the number of extremely positive and complimentary comments! Well done to all for being part of such a successful show!



Innis has achieved his Swim Skills 1 - well done Innis, it was lovely to hear how proud you are of this achievement.

Zain is especially proud of himself as he has been practising his writing at home. We loved the video that was shared with us. What a successful learner!



Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are P3/4! 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.

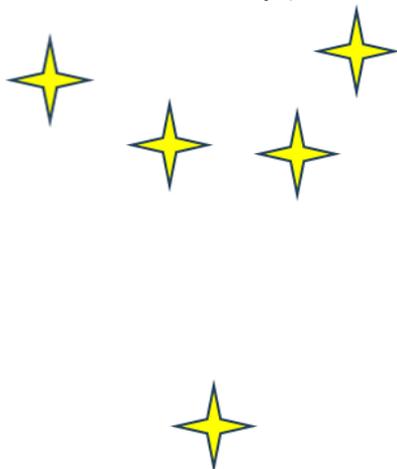


P5/6 Assembly

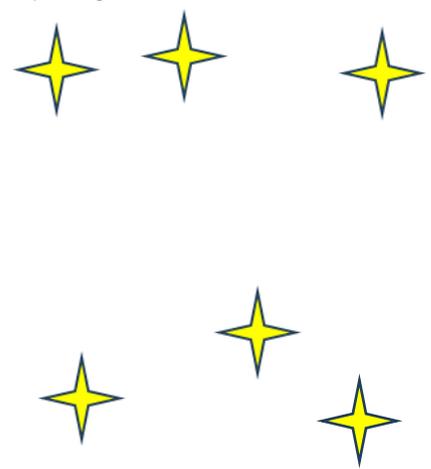
Together We Can Make A Difference! This was the theme of P5/6's class assembly. The children shared their learning around this in a range of different ways. From making bird feeders and wildflower seed bombs, to litter picking and weeding around the school grounds. They also shared how their out of school clubs and groups are part of how they make a difference together. We loved the singing and the clear links the children were able to make to the UNCRC and our school Vision, Values and Aims.

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 celebrations today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	Wren
P1/2	James
P2/3	Hadley
P3/4	Olivia
P4/5	Alice
P5/6	Poppy
P6/7	Finn



Community Announcements



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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