

# Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We have had a lovely week in school this week with the weather warming up and children enjoying making use of our outdoor spaces. Our much-anticipated basketball hoops were installed in the MUGA this week and children across the school have been making use of these.



Our younger pupils have now also had the opportunity to add their ideas to the outdoor learning project. We look forward to continuing to develop the ideas that have been shared over the last few weeks and seeing further changes in our school grounds.

Our ELC children have been out and about this week, conducting traffic surveys. They worked together to tally the number of different vehicles that passed through the village. Many thanks to the parent helpers who supported this learning for the children.



Thank you to the parent council and staff in school for organising our World Book Day activities. It has been lovely to see all the learning that has taken place across the school shared at assembly this morning. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers for supporting the classes on their walks around the village, finding characters and spotting clues to solve the case of the mystery author. Finally, a thank you to all the families who got involved in the activities, displaying characters and clues in their windows for the children to find. The children really enjoyed taking part and it was the highlight of the day for many.

With International Women's Day this Sunday, we have learnt more about the Olympian Ibtihaj Mohammad who was the first American woman to compete in the Olympics in hijab, the first American Muslim woman to win an Olympic medal, and the first Black woman to win an Olympic medal in the sabre event. She is also the best-selling author of 'The Proudest Blue', 'The Kindest Red' and the 'Boldest White' all of which we have read during our Citizenship Gathering and Assembly this week.

This afternoon, our basketball teams will be participating in the Galashiels Area Basketball Championship 2026. We are very proud to have them represent our school and wish them the very best of luck!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	P5/6 Class Assembly - 9.00am - All P5/6 parents invited
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Café Conversations Open Afternoon - all families invited 1.15-3.15pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fair arrives
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	P2/3 Class Assembly - 9.00am - All P2/3 parents invited
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Pupil Progress Consultations 4.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Pupil Progress Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Charity Bake Sale 11.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Travelling Book Fair departs
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter holidays begin
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	All resume

### Reading - Curriculum Rationale



### Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale

### Reading

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 Reading. Themes include: systematic synthetic phonics - learning to read, reading for pleasure and reading to learn throughout the curriculum.

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 this for and with the children.

[Reading - 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.



**Callum**, (left), **Harry** and **Oliver** all took part in the Mini Maroons rugby tournament in Langholm over the weekend where they won three out of three games for their age groups despite some very challenging weather conditions!

**Harry** also managed to complete his final swimming certificate - Swim Skills 4!



### Clovenfords Coins

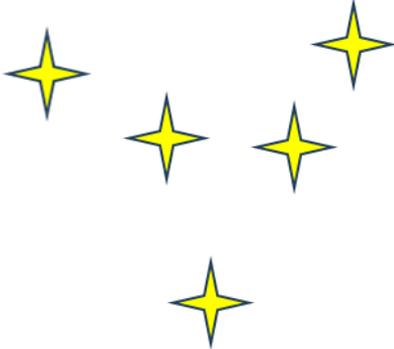
This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are **P3/4!** Congratulations to all the children in this class! Please keep supporting your child to explore and practise how to be part of a team at home and in the wider community; to positively share in others' achievements, and support others to feel included. This will help them to keep doing this in school too.



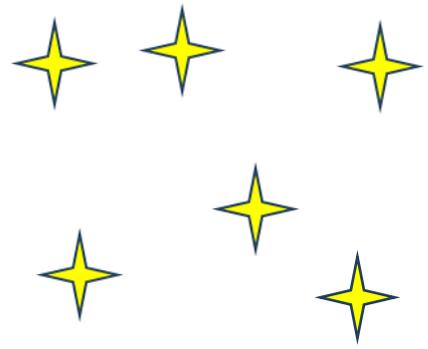
## World Book Day Assembly

At assembly today we shared learning linked to some of our favourite books. We have seen some wonderful examples of books being used as a stimulus for Expressive Arts, Persuasive Writing, posters and more. 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	Freya
P1/2	Nico
P2/3	Innis
P3/4	Cadence
P4/5	Struan
P5/6	Isla
P6/7	Mason



## Community Announcements

### Primary School Quiz

The Rotary Club of Galashiels has agreed to support a Primary School Quiz this year and as such, are reaching out to parents to see if there is interest to create a team(s) of 4 to participate in the event.

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

The team should be made up of young people in upper primary. If you would like further information, please email Lynda on [lyndastoddart@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lyndastoddart@yahoo.co.uk)

**Date of event: 6th March 2026 Location: Galashiels Rugby Club Time: 1.30pm**

**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 5PM PAY WHAT YOU CAN

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To find out more or book, call 01753 423232



### 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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