

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 27th February 2026



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We have had a productive start back to the second half of this term. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school and into another week of learning.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to the parent workshops and drop-in sessions to add their ideas and thoughts to how we can improve our outdoor learning areas. We are grateful for everyone's input.

This week we have worked with the children and in partnership with the NSPCC to support their campaign Speak Out. Stay Safe. The aims of the campaign, fronted by Ant and Dec, are to help children understand abuse in all its forms, to recognise the signs of abuse; how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse and to make children aware of how to get help and the sources of help available to them, including Childline.

This morning, children attended the Galashiels Cluster Scots Poetry Recital Competition to represent our school in both poetry recital and dancing. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and terrific performances. They did our school proud!



The children have come home with their World Book Day tokens this week, in readiness for World Book Day next week and we are looking forward to hearing what books they have chosen to redeem their token against. Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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 18th March	Café Conversations Open Afternoon - all families invited 1.15-3.15pm
Thursday 19th March	Travelling Book Fair departs
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
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of term
Friday 3rd April	Easter holidays begin
Monday 20th April	All resume

Digital Literacy - Curriculum Rationale



Digital Literacy

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 Digital Literacy (themes include how children use iPads to support their learning as well as how digital literacy improves skills in creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving as learners in the 21st Century.

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.

[Digital Literacy - 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:

Eilidh successfully completed her Level 1 skiing qualification at Midlothian Snowsports Centre over the half term holiday! She loved it and can't wait to move on to Level 2!

Lucy and **Ronnie** both represented Gala swimming club at the Glenrothes Spring Meet. This was the biggest and most competitive swimming competition that either had taken part in. They were very proud of themselves for diving and doing tumble turns for the first time in a competition and they both achieved Personal Best times!

Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are **P2/3**! 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

Thank you to the families who came along to share their views on the improvements that are being proposed for our outdoor learning spaces. We will keep you informed of the finalised plans and the ongoing progress of this exciting project.

World Thinking Day Assembly

The weekly Star Achievers will resume next week, and we look forward to celebrating their successes at our next assembly. This week's assembly was led by Mrs Wilson and Miss Scott who shared with the children the history and importance of World Thinking Day which is celebrated by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, which connects over 10 million members in more than 150 countries. World Thinking Day reminds us that even small acts of kindness can connect us across the world and we are part of a worldwide family. It was lovely to see so many children in school wearing their uniforms with pride.

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

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



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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