

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 13th February 2026



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

It has been a busy last week in school and ELC as the half term approaches. On Monday we welcomed families to our Stay and Learn Open Afternoon, with a focus on Maths and Numeracy. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and join in with their child's learning.

We also welcomed Callum Parker, SBC's Outdoor Learning Project Manager to our Gathering on Wednesday to help the children share their ideas on how they want their outdoor learning spaces to look. We welcome all families' contributions to this exciting project too - please try and come along to the workshop or drop-in sessions if you can. Alternatively, if you have any ideas or views on how to improve our outdoor spaces around the school and ELC, you can use the school email address, and we will add your thoughts to the plan.



P4/5 and P5/6 have had opportunities this week to work with Field to Fork as part of their Scots learning. They have further developed their understanding of where our food comes from, the importance of agriculture and the impact of farming and food chains. Some delicious oatcakes were made as part of this learning.



In ELC, the children have been exploring measure in lots of different ways, making good use of the measuring tapes, rulers and other resources to work out their height and develop their creative skills in the construction area.

A reminder that Monday 23rd February is an In-Service Day therefore children will resume school and ELC on Tuesday 24th February.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend, and a restful half term.

Mrs Saxon



Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th February

February Half Term Holiday week begins

Monday 23 rd February	In Service Day. School closed for pupils
Tuesday 24 th February	Pupils resume
Wednesday 25 th February	Parent Workshop Outdoor Learning Project - 2.30pm
Thursday 26 th 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

Citizenship - Curriculum Rationale



Citizenship

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 Citizenship (themes include community partnerships, the UNCRC, our engagement with local traditions such as the Braw Lads etc., and skills for life, learning and work). 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.

[Citizenship - 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:

Ollie and **Niall** did an amazing job making a chocolate cake from scratch together last weekend! We have heard that it was absolutely delicious!

Millar has been active and achieving through her engagement at her Judo club and was pleased to receive a trophy for her Tai Otoshi - which is a form of body drop! Well done, Millar!



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

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.

Friday 27th February - Parent Drop In Session

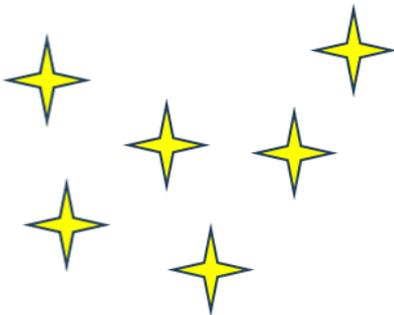
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Maths and Numeracy Learning Assembly

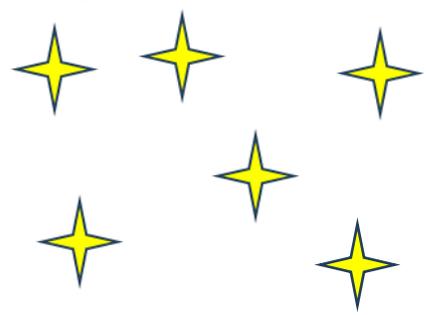
At assembly today we shared the stories of four trailblazing mathematicians in the 1950s who worked at NASA, Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson and Christine Darden. We talked about how maths and numeracy in the workplace are important for all career choices, not just those who want to specialise as mathematicians! The children also had the opportunity to see photos of the learning that took place during the Stay and Learn Numeracy Open Afternoon.

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 celebration today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	Eden
P1/2	Wren
P2/3	Ailsa
P3/4	Willow
P4/5	Bonnie
P5/6	Summer
P6/7	Robbie



Community Announcements

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-1978241976003?aff=oddtcreator>

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



ABBOTSFORD
The Palace of the Scots

FAMILY FRIDAYS

School's out and Scott's in!

Every second Friday of the month, when schools close their doors in the afternoon, head over to Abbotsford for Family Fridays!

The activities take place in both selected and free areas across Abbotsford's site including the visitor centres, Witch Corner outdoor trail, house and gardens. With a valid Abbotsford Unlimited Ticket, you can enjoy a year of access to Abbotsford's House, Gardens and Witch Corner and complete all of our Family Friday activities.

13 FEBRUARY 3PM - 6PM
FRIENDLY & FREE!

8 VALIANT VICTORIAN VALENTINE'S PAIR
This Family Friday, we will explore the intricacies of love, friendship, and rivalry in Scott's works. Come along to our drop-in Victorian Valentine's Day card activity or adventure around Witch Corner full of hidden friends and magical faes.

MARCH
Legendary Ladies of Scott's World
13 MARCH 1-4PM

MARCH
Pioneering Poet: Science at Abbotsford
13 MARCH 1-4PM

Scan for more info on what to expect
www.abbotsford.co.uk



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

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



SUPPORTING PARENTS AND CARERS ACROSS THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

PARENT SPACE

Scan for more info on what to expect
www.parentspace.org.uk

upcoming courses and workshops

- HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY
- PARENTING IN THE PRIMARY YEARS
- PARENTING IN THE TEENAGE YEARS
- PARENTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

free to attend

Our services:

- Parenting courses
- Tailored one-to-one support
- Neurodivergent parents drop-ins
- Workshops

To find out how we can help, get in touch
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PARENT SPACE

upcoming courses

- Handling Anger in the Family**
4 weekly sessions
Tuesday 24th February 10am - 12pm
Kelso
- Parenting in the Primary Years**
6 weekly sessions
Wednesday 18th February 10:30am - 12:30pm
online via Teams
- Parenting in the Teenage Years**
8 weekly sessions
Thursday 21st May 8:30pm - 10:30pm
online via Teams
- Supporting Neurodivergent Children**
Once the contact us to be added to the mailing list.
in person & online

Join our mailing list to find out about more courses
www.parentspace.org.uk
079102 41232



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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