

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update - Friday 20th March 2026



Head Teacher's Update

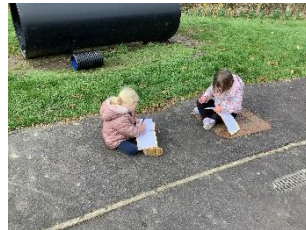
Dear all,

Once again, our Café Conversations event was a huge success with many families coming along to share in their child's learning and make the most of the relaxed atmosphere and hospitality. We received some lovely feedback as always about this event. Look out next session for further Café Conversation events to support working patterns and commitments you may have as families. Below you will find feedback and photos from the event. Once again, our P7 leaders were a key factor in the event being such a success.

We would like to say thank you to the parent volunteers and well done to the children who took part in the rearranged Borders Cross Country event this week. The weather was much more amenable than last week's heavy downpours!

Families of P2/3 were also in school this morning to enjoy their class assembly where they celebrated Neurodiversity Week. Children are continuing to learn about each other's differences - and similarities - which support our school vision of being unique and of being lifelong learners. We are very proud of all the children for leading such a terrific assembly.

Our ELC children have been out and about looking for signs of Spring. The children drew pictures, collected nature samples, and took photos of the signs of Spring they saw on their walk around the school grounds to make their Spring nature journal.



We were delighted to receive a free box of books from Live Borders Library and Scottish Book Trust this week. There is a lovely range of fiction and non-fiction books for the children to enjoy, and we are pleased to be able to further enhance our school and class libraries.



Next week, our teachers will be sharing your child's progress in their learning during our Pupil Progress Consultations. We look forward to seeing you all at your appointed time.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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 2 nd April	Last day of term
Friday 3 rd April	Easter holidays begin
Monday 20 th April	All resume

Open Afternoon - Café Conversations

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Café Conversations. It was lovely to receive such positive feedback on the relaxed and welcoming environment. We were particularly proud of the feedback given to our P7 leaders who supported the afternoon, serving refreshments and ensuring that children were fetched and returned to their respective classrooms across the afternoon. Many of them also stayed back for a short time after school ended to help staff relocate all the chairs, sofas and soft furnishings etc. back to their usual spaces around the school.

"So cosy looking through jotters on a comfy beanbag! P7 hosts were very attentive - thank you!"

"Such a cosy environment! Loved the chat! "

"Great to have the time set aside to sit quietly, have some 1-2-1 time to look through the jotters. P7 helpers very welcoming and supportive. Thank you."

"Very enjoyable being able to go through my child's work. Well done to the P7s, lovely, well-mannered kids!"

"Thank you for a lovely relaxed afternoon. Loved the ambience and getting time to look through our children's jotters and artwork. Nice to see some of the things they have been talking about at home. Thank you to the P7s for the refreshments - very much appreciated!"

"Fantastic event! Great to see what the kids have been working on. Thanks! Well done Cloven!"



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!

Health and Wellbeing - Curriculum
Rationale



Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale

Health and Wellbeing

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 Health and Wellbeing. Themes include our focus on Children's Rights (UNCRC), resilience, the RSHP programme, soft starts, PE and respectful relationships. The QR code will support your understanding of the range of opportunities the children 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.

[Health and Wellbeing - 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 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.

Fergus wanted to share that last weekend he was out bucket collecting for the Hibernian community foundation charity at Hibs stadium. He then got to showcase his skills by playing on the pitch with the Hibernian 2018s/2017s teams during half time at the Hibernian v Livingston game.

Gregor was pleased to reach his Swim Skills Level 1 last week.

Charlotte was delighted to start Acro Dance Classes last weekend and on her first week was awarded Boogie Bear for the week for excellent listening skills and a great forward roll.

James loved being selected as the Star Achiever, and at his Star Achiever hot chocolate and chat last week he shared his love of Lego building. We were delighted to receive a photo of James with his completed Minecraft Lego set. What a fantastic example James - well done!

Sophie, Katelyn, Ellis, Lucy, Connor, Eli, Struan, Joey and Tyler all represented Clovenfords at this week's Borders Cross Country event. Well done all for taking part.



Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are P1/2! 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.

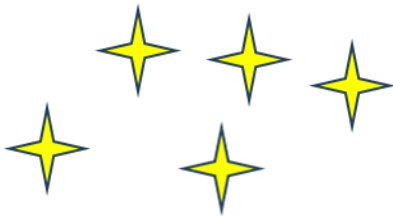


P2/3 Assembly

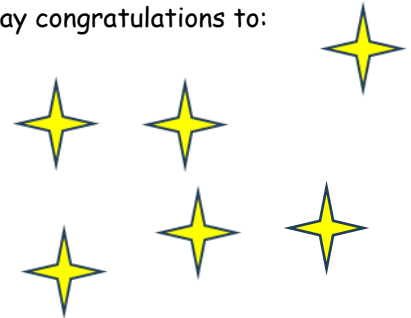
P2/3 celebrated Neurodiversity Week as part of their class assembly and shared all the ways they are inclusive and how they are 'Bucket Fillers! We loved their singing and role play and how they included the audience in their assembly.

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	Ben
P1/2	Brooke
P2/3	Penelope
P3/4	Torin
P4/5	Luc
P5/6	Rowan
P6/7	Lori



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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