

# Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty



Weekly Update - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

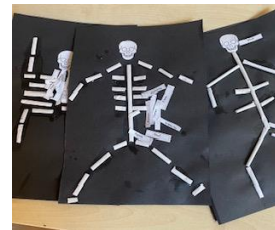
The new term is well underway with the children engaging in some super learning that is supporting their knowledge, understanding and application of concepts and ideas.

In P1/2 the children have been extending their knowledge and strategies in numeracy. They have been exploring how to skip count in fives.



P3/4 have been discovering more about the human body as part of their interdisciplinary learning.

In ELC the children have been continuing to learn about caterpillars and the process of metamorphosis. They also welcomed families in for our Stay and Play session on Monday.



P7 have been on their residential and have been developing key skills and new learning outdoors, working as a team and supporting each other to take on new challenges. We love how our current school theme of encouraging others is also being practised at Whithaugh! Huge thanks must go to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Davie for accompanying the children, caring for them so well and ensuring they have a great experience.



Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	ELC Trip to Harestanes
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	P1/2 Class Assembly 9.00am, all P1/2 families warmly invited
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	P5 Countryside Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Citizenship Gathering P2-P7 Families warmly invited 9.15am-9.45am
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Holiday - school and ELC closed to all
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P6 Inspire Learning Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Spring Fair 12.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	ELC Assembly 9.00am - all ELC families warmly invited
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	ELC Sports Afternoon 2.15pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P3 Cycle Skills Week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	ELC Graduation Ceremony 10.00am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupil as a Learner Summary issued
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	P7 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Term

## Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale

Listening and Talking - Curriculum Rationale



### Listening and Talking

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 Listening and Talking (Oracy). Children at Clovenfords regularly take part in learning conversations, have opportunities to develop their oracy skills through a range of planned activities such as class assemblies, genius hour and annual shows and their voice is regularly sought as we enact our vision of 'My Voice Matters' through gatherings and pupil focus groups. The QR code will support your understanding of the ways we develop this key area of literacy learning.

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.

[Listening and Talking - Curriculum Rationale - Fill in form](#)

### Clovenfords Coins

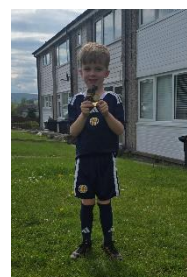
**P2/3** are this week's coin winners and were very proud to be on the benches at assembly and have access to the MUGA as a class during brunch.

Supporting your child at home to explore and practise how to be part of a team, to positively share in others' achievements, and to encourage each other all helps them to keep doing this in school too.



### 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 **Healthy** and/or **Active**. We use all the achievements that are shared at our end of term assemblies where the children are celebrated.



**Frankie** was delighted with his football Player of the Week trophy!

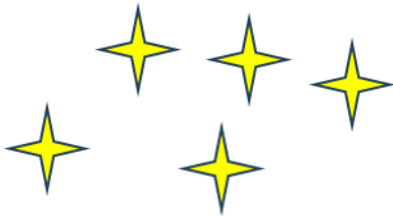
**Maeva** has learnt to swim with no armbands and has been learning how to ride her bike without stabilisers! Well done to both - taking part in physical exercise is a great way to stay healthy and active!

## Assembly

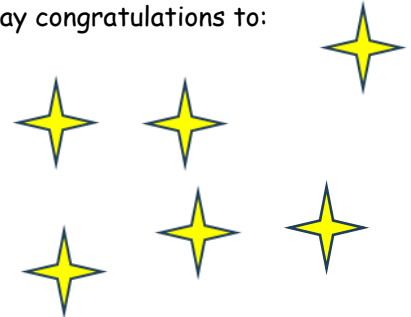
This week we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir David Attenborough and took time to think about the positive benefits of being healthy and active outdoors and being curious about the natural world around us.

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	Eden
P1/2	Ellie-Maie
P2/3	Reina
P3/4	Katie
P4/5	Sophie
P5/6	Joey
P6/7	Charlotte



### Braw Lads' Gathering Children's Song Club

Starting Monday 4th May until 15th June, 6-6:45pm

In the Mission Hall, Galashiels

Come along and learn the songs of the Gathering!

Children of any age welcome.

We would ask an adult to stay with any children under 5 years old.



This club aims to encourage youngsters to learn the songs of Gala town. Children will get the opportunity to perform at various Braw Lads' functions as a result.



### 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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