

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty



Weekly Update – Friday 1st May 2026

Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We hope you enjoy reading and engaging with the P1-P7 Family Learning Overviews that are being published today on your child's Showbie Community Group. This details the learning that is happening in school for them and shares ways you can support at home. Spelling and reading learning will be uploaded weekly as always.

The Community Council were pleased to receive the bunting the children created to support the opening of the new Caddonfoot Footbridge last week. Their contribution added to the sunshine and real sense of celebration in the community. The new bridge is a fantastic improvement that will support more inclusive access to the playing fields.

Some of our P7 pupils represented our school at the Braw Lads Declaration Night last Friday evening. They danced the Dashing White Sergeant brilliantly and helped to make the evening's festivities go with a swing!



We were also delighted to receive positive feedback from the school photographer who took class photos on Monday. He said it was a pleasure to be in our school and he commented on the lovely atmosphere as well as how well behaved and well-mannered the children were.

A reminder to all that the school is closed on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May, due to a holiday day and subsequent In-Service Day. We look forward to seeing the children next Wednesday and waving off our P7 children on their residential with Mrs Davie and Mrs Wilson.

We will also be welcoming ELC families into their next Stay and Play session, and we hope that the floorbook which is capturing the children's learning is enjoyed by all. Currently the children in ELC are carefully looking after some live caterpillars and are counting the number of days until each of these changes into a chrysalis and then a fully formed butterfly.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4 th May	Holiday - school closed to all
Tuesday 5 th May	In Service Day - school closed to all pupils
Wednesday 6 th May	Pupils resume

Wednesday 6 th May	P7 pupils residential
Wednesday 6 th May	ELC Family Stay and Play Session - 2.15pm
Friday 8 th May	P7 pupils return from residential
Monday 11 th May	ELC Trip to Harestanes
Friday 15 th May	P1/2 Class Assembly 9.00am, all P1/2 families warmly invited
Monday 18 th May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 19 th May	P5 Countryside Day
Wednesday 27 th May	Family Citizenship Gathering P2-P7 Families warmly invited 9.15am-9.45am
Monday 1 st June	Holiday - school and ELC closed to all
Wednesday 3 rd June	P6 Inspire Learning Day
Friday 5 th June	Spring Fair 12.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 12 th June	ELC Assembly 9.00am - all ELC families warmly invited
Tuesday 16 th June	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	ELC Sports Afternoon 2.15pm
Monday 22 nd June	P3 Cycle Skills Week
Friday 26 th June	ELC Graduation Ceremony 10.00am
Friday 26 th June	Pupil as a Learner Summary issued
Thursday 2 nd July	P7 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Last Day of Term

Charity Bake Sale Thanks!

£217 was sent to each of the children's chosen charities following the recent Bake Sale in school. We have received thanks from the World Wildlife Fund, Cancer Research UK and the Galashiels and Area Foodbank.

World Wildlife Fund

"Thank you so much for the generous donation of £217.00 which you made to us recently. Your support is hugely appreciated. The battles we fight are not easily won, but we need to be ambitious to reverse the devastating loss of nature. We're determined to change hearts and minds to make it politically, socially and economically unacceptable to degrade our planet's precious natural resources. We're tackling the main problems that are driving nature's decline - notably deforestation through our food system and climate change. And we're fighting to ensure future generations have a world with thriving habitats and species. As you know, we depend on the kindness of people like you and all of this is made possible thanks to your donation."

Galashiels and Area Foodbank

"Many thanks for thinking about the Foodbank in your recent charity bake. Please tell everyone concerned that we very much appreciate their help. The donation will help us to continue to give out food to the people who need our help. They ask us to thank everyone involved and we are happy to pass on their thanks."

Cancer Research UK

"We can't thank you enough for your donation of £217. Your donation will help our researchers find new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer that will be transformative for future generations. It will also help create a world where everybody lives longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer, so thank you."

Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale

Achievements



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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 Achievements. Children at Clovenfords are recognised weekly during our Star Achievers celebrations, when sharing their wider achievements outside of school, and as a result of opportunities to engage in clubs and activities during lunchtimes and after school. The QR code will support your understanding of the opportunities the children have to celebrate success and recognise their contributions.

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.

[Achievements - Fill in form](#)

Clovenfords Coins

P3/4 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 support others to feel included 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.

Below from left:

Wren has recently started Acro dance and was delighted to bring home Boogie Bear for the week for doing so well in class.

Innes got a medal and certificate at the end of the Mini Maroons rugby season.

Amelie was part of the winning team (representing Gala Harriers) at a recent athletics event, setting a new long jump PB of 3.35m in the process.

Hadley helped rescue a lost dog who had escaped his garden. Hadley has also been on her first trip to Glasgow and visited Kelvingrove Gallery and Museum, the Science Centre, and other sites.

Ollie has been to the Trimontium in Melrose where he learned about the Romans. His favourite thing to look at was the swords and he completed the challenge to find hidden animal models throughout the museum!

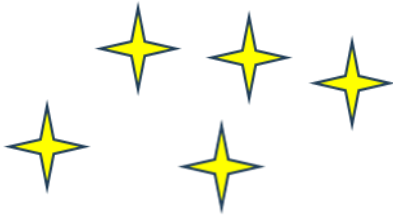


Assembly

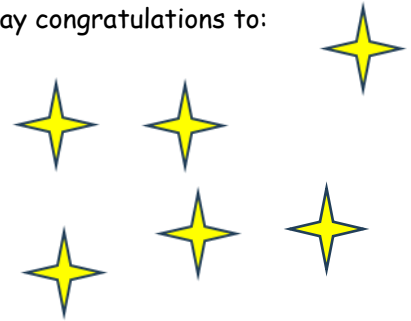
This week the theme for our assembly was a focus on two of our school aims - Healthy and Active. The children shared ways in which these aims support their wellbeing and help them to engage with others and in their learning.

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	Zain
P1/2	Niall
P2/3	Euan
P3/4	Amber
P4/5	Anya
P5/6	Isla
P6/7	Tyler





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.

BRIGHTEN UP GALA!

FREE WORKSHOP... JUST DROP IN! All ages & abilities welcome

Saturday 2nd MAY 10:30am-2pm

PAINT BIG!!

Get painting big and beautiful art to brighten up the town.

Join us to continue our theme to RE-IMAGINE GALASHIELS. Your paintings will then POP UP outside around town soon!

Take time to get creative in a friendly inclusive space using recycled and reclaimed materials...

Venue
LITTLE ART HUB
55 High Street
Galashiels TD1 1RX

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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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