

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty



Weekly Update - Friday 15th May 2026

Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Another week has drawn to a close and we find ourselves fully engaged in a range of planning that will support the many events that come along during the last term of each session. For example, staff and children are busy engaging in ways to support our ELC children's transition to P1 next session. Buddy play dates have been organised along with opportunities for the children to further familiarise themselves with the routines and life of the school day. At the other end of the school, there have been some super ideas discussed for the P7 Leavers' Assembly. There are lots of memories, shared moments and experiences for this cohort of children to reflect on and celebrate.

Our P2/3 children have been tasked with the care of the sunflower and vegetable seeds that the Parent Council planted in readiness for their Summer Fun Fest. See below for more details.

Our ELC children have been out and about; firstly, with their trip to Harestanes at the beginning of the week and then a trip to find out more about the diggers that are busy in the grounds outside the school.

Finally, our Peel House children enjoyed their additional play session for winning the House Cup last term. We loved seeing our focus of encouragement on full display during this time. Well done Peel!



Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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
Tuesday 2 nd 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

CLOVENFORDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

SUMMER FUN FEST

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 12.30PM – 2.30PM,
CLOVENFORDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

INCLUDED WITH £1 ENTRY:
REFRESHMENT ~ TRAIL CARD ~ LAWN GAMES

EXTRA ATTRACTIONS:
BBQ ~ DUNK TANK ~ MYSTERY SLIDE
SEEDLING STATION ~ P7 ENTERPRISE STALLS
(Facepainting, treats & more!)

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!

Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale

Writing - Curriculum Rationale



Writing

What is a Curriculum Rationale? 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 Writing. Children at Clovenfords write daily and all genres of writing are taught using a whole school approach to ensure consistency and equity. Spelling is taught using a systematic synthetic approach which means children are supported to develop strategies and understanding of *phonemes* (the sounds we hear) and *graphemes* (how those sounds 'look' when we write them down) and the relationships between the two. This means that writing and spelling for children can be supported in targeted ways. 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.

[Writing - Curriculum Rationale - Fill in form](#)

Clovenfords Coins

P4/5 are this week's coin winners, and all have shown great enthusiasm for supporting others. Helping 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 continue 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.



Above from left:

Kylah was proud to share her Learn to Swim, Pre School (3-5) Certificate & passing her Swim Skills 1B. Well done Kylah!

The Cloven P3s played for the Mini Maroons at Hawick Rugby Festival last weekend - a great way to stay active and healthy and have fun at the same time! Well done to **Lochlan, Callum, Leo, Alexander, Ailsa** and **Ronnie!**

Millar made her competitive debut for Border Raiders Cycle Speedway Club. She raced in the Scottish Open, held in Dunfermline. She won her first heat and placed in the top three in other heats. She ended fifth overall in the women's category. Fantastic cycling Millar!

Emily played at the Music from the Movies concerts with Galashiels Town Band in the Junior & Youth bands. She played a great selection of songs from various films, and the audience seemed to have a great time!

Oliver was also at the Hawick Rugby Festival last weekend playing for his Mini Maroons team.

P1/2 Class Assembly

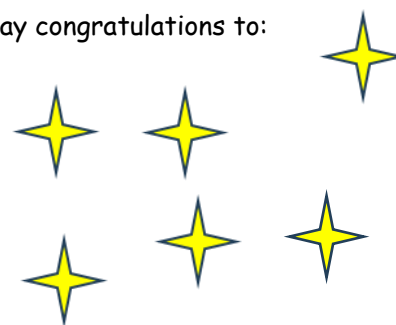
This week we enjoyed the P1/2 Class Assembly where they shared their learning about living things and how they depend on each other. The children were very brave with their speaking parts, and we very much enjoyed their singing and their artistic creations. Well done to all!

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	Tommy
P1/2	Ella
P2/3	Jamie
P3/4	Alexander
P4/5	Harry
P5/6	Georgia
P6/7	Ayla



Clothingfords

Clothingfords is available for you to come and browse across the school day as well as during after school and evening events. We welcome donations. **Pop in when you can!**

Communication

If your child will not be in school, you must inform the school by 9.00am. Please report absences by phone or email to:

Office phone number: 01896 662755

Office email: clovenfordsp@scotborders.gov.uk

Website: [Clovenfords Primary School - Kindness, Respect, Honesty \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Clovenfords Primary School - Kindness, Respect, Honesty (glowscotland.org.uk))