

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty



Weekly Update - Friday 22nd May 2026

Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Lots of children have been taking their learning beyond the school gates this week. Our ELC children continue to be fascinated by the diggers working in the grounds outside of school and have been along to see what is going on, asking lots of great questions along the way! Our P5 children travelled further afield to Kelso to take part in the authority wide Countryside Day. This is an interactive, fun, educational event where children can hear, touch, feel and see many aspects of the countryside around them. On Wednesday it was the turn of the P1/2 class who also took their learning outdoors and had a very successful class trip to Bowhill House. The children tried pond dipping for mini beasts, learned about animals that can be found in the garden and how they affect plants and flowers, planted sunflowers to take home, met a beekeeper and had loads of fun in the adventure playground! Thank you very much to all the parent volunteers who helped to support on these valuable educational trips for the children.

We are hoping the P3 children will enjoy the outdoors even more now they have taken ownership of a free scooter and helmet, thanks to Scottish Border Council's RIDONKULOUS active travel campaign. What great timing as it has been Walk to School Week this week.

In school the learning also continues. The P6/7s have been using their creative skills with playdough, making characters for their imaginative writing. There was lots of enthusiasm and motivation as well as discussion about how the children are going to develop their stories. We can't wait to read their finished pieces of writing.



You are warmly invited to our Citizenship Gathering next Wednesday 27th of May where we will be sharing more on the opportunities the children have had this session within Health and Wellbeing. Part of this will be linked to how the children's learning spaces encourage independence and promote wellbeing.

We are also excited to welcome musicians Ross and James from Live Music Now Scotland into school next Wednesday to sing and play guitar as part of a free music concert for our P5-P7 children.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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!

Maths and Numeracy - Curriculum Rationale



Clovenfords Curriculum Rationale

Maths and Numeracy

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 Maths and Numeracy. Children at Clovenfords are taught using the **CPAL** approach (**C**oncrete - the 'doing' stage, **P**ictorial - the 'seeing' stage, **A**bstract - the 'symbolic' stage and **L**anguage - using the correct mathematical terms and notations). You can read about this and other ways that maths and numeracy are differentiated and supported for children by scanning the QR code or clicking on the link below. The link also provides you with an opportunity to feedback to us on these aspects of our whole school curriculum.

[Maths and Numeracy - Curriculum Rationale - Fill in form](#)

Clovenfords Coins



P6/7 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.

UNCRC Assembly

This week children in all classes, led by our Rights Ambassadors shared their knowledge and understanding on how the rights are linked to their learning, their play and their health and wellbeing. Each class demonstrated this using a range of different Articles that make up children's rights:

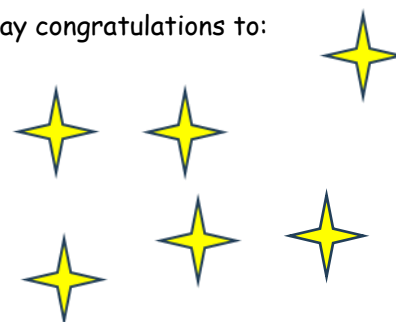


As always, we enjoyed celebrating the successes of our weekly Star Achievers. All children's learning paths are different, from their progress and understanding, to their social and emotional regulation, as well as their skills development. We recognise that everyone's learning journey is unique to them.

Our Star Achievers enjoyed their celebrations today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	George
P1/2	Owen
P2/3	Owen
P3/4	Leo
P4/5	James
P5/6	Sean
P6/7	Eva



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: clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk

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