

Clober Primary School Newsletter

October 2022



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I'm delighted to bring you the first newsletter of this session and would like to welcome the children and families who have joined our school community this year. We are a busy, vibrant, happy school and there is always lots going on! This term we have been exploring the school values and certificates have been awarded to children who demonstrate these. We have had a lot of wet weather recently but it hasn't dampened our enthusiasm for learning! However, I hope next week is drier and sunnier for us all as we enjoy the October break.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. Please visit our website www.clober.e-dunbarton.sch.uk and twitter feed @cloberprimary to keep up to date with the latest news.

Catriona Marshall
Head Teacher

Staff news

We have had a number of new staff join us this session - please see below a list of classes and staffing for your information:

P1a: Mrs O'Donnell

P1b: Miss Gibb

P2a: Miss Robertson

P2b: Miss Macdonald

P3a: Mrs Denniston/Mrs Relly

P3b: Miss Mitchell

P4a: Mrs Barr/Ms Dayer

RCCT: Mrs J Chapman/Mrs Glennie/Ms Dayer

SfL: Mrs Mackay/Mrs Furnish

Rainbow Room: Mrs K Chapman

P4b: Mrs Adair

P5a: Mr Billcliff

P5b: Miss Scott/Mrs J Chapmam

P6a: Mr Lees

P6b: Miss Weir

P7a: Mrs Dunn/Mrs Cook

P7b: Ms Cowan/Mrs Mackay

Support for learning assistants: Mrs Evans, Mrs Donlin, Mrs Holding, Mrs DiLillo, Mr Flaherty, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Taylor

Classroom Assistants: Mrs Saunders and Mrs McGrory

Office staff: Mrs McDougall and Mrs Muir

Building Manager: Mr Austin

Acting Principal Teacher (APT): Mrs Mackay

Depute Head Teacher (DHT) EYC and P1-3: Mrs Law

Acting Depute Head Teacher (ADHT) P4-7: Mrs Greer

RCCT teachers work in a variety of classes to ensure we meet contractual obligations ensuring that teaching staff have preparation and correction time during the school day.

Throughout the year, teaching students join us for placements. This happens in every school.

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Our assemblies

Assemblies take place on a Friday morning and alternate between P1-3 and P4-7. This term I have focused on our school values; Aspire, Respect, Achieve and Enjoy. Our Star Pupil certificates reflect our school values. These are presented at every assembly and are a great success. We also celebrate achievements out of school.

These certificates are displayed at the school office where everyone can see them. At the end of every newsletter there is a slip that you can fill in to tell us what your child has achieved in their free time – we love hearing about this!

During the year, each class or stage presents an assembly about what they have been learning. You will be invited to join us for this assembly, which includes a visit to your child's classroom and tea and coffee. Please look at the Dates for your Diary section of this newsletter to check when your child's class assembly will be.

Committees

The Pupil Council and Eco/Health Committee meet throughout the year; the Pupil Council help to make decisions that affect pupils throughout the year, such as charity fundraisers and playground games equipment. The Eco/Health Committee aim to promote eco friendly, sustainable and healthy habits. Our librarians encourage reading for pleasure; they ensure the library books are well organised and can recommend books to read. We have two representatives from P7 who sit on the East Dunbartonshire Pupil Forum. Lily and Jacob are this year's representatives. Our Junior Road Safety Officers are Xander and Jennifer in P6.

	Pupil Council	Health/ Eco Committee	Librarians
P1a	Ella C	Asher	Zara
P1b	Barry	Olivia	Cora
P2a	Violet	Elijah	Tire
P2b	Leon	Alfie	Louisa
P3a	Finlay	Anna	Blair
P3b	Dylan	Morven	Max
P4a	Corrin and Cass	Jamie and Alex H	Daniel and Emily
P4b	Luc and Makah	Georgie and Kieran	Joseph and Wafaa
P5a	Joshua and Daisy	Lucas and Tayo	Ruby and Ben
P5b	Grace and Jessica	Melanie and Elliot	Kara and Molly
P6a	Joshua and Claudia	Layla and Amber	Cathie and Logan
P6b	Jack and Ellis	Ronnie and Ayla	Larissa and Tito
P7a	Kayla and Luke	Isla and Marc	Gurasees and Lauren
P7b	Amelia and Harry	Mahee and Alex	Olivia and Lucia

Meet the Teacher

We were delighted to welcome you into school in September to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. We hope you enjoyed this informal opportunity to see your child's learning environment and learn more about their day.

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Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was great to see you all at the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. We know that working in partnership with you ensures your child meets their full potential. Please be assured that you are welcome to discuss your child's progress at any time by telephone or by emailing the school office.

Road Safety

Please refrain from parking on the yellow zigzags outside the school gate and the white markings opposite. This gives our children enough space to be able to look both ways and cross in safety. The best place to park is in St Luke's church car park.

Although it can be frustrating in the morning when you are in a rush or on wet days, it is important to remember that I ask this to ensure that all our children are safe. If you see any cause for concern then please contact the police.

Tempest Photography

Our children looked lovely and smart for the recent Tempest Photographs. We decided to concentrate on family and individual photos for now – year group photographs will take place on Friday 24th February 2022.

Macmillan Coffee Morning P5

We had a lovely morning on Friday 30th September. P5 organised the event and raised the fabulous sum of £751.75 for MacMillan Cancer Support. We all enjoyed the fabulous cakes – thank you to everyone who donated cakes, attended the event and contributed to this total.



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School Improvement Plan/Standards and Quality Report

Our priorities for this year are:

	IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY	TARGETS
1	Literacy: Writing	Establish a programme for non fiction writing and appropriate pedagogy Planning, assessment and moderation with stage partner and across CfE levels Agree a whole school programme for writing, fiction and non fiction Deliver an information session for parents regarding our approach to teaching writing
2	Curriculum: Refreshed narrative	Three working parties will identify good practice, pilot teaching materials with their classes and evaluate the effectiveness of these with learners. New planners and cohesive progression pathways will be devised. Expressive Arts: Music Digital Learning Early level Play/play in P2
3	Health and Wellbeing	A renewed focus on Promoting positive behaviour relating to the rights of the child and Rights Respecting Schools Award Introduce the relationships and sexual health resource www.rhsp.scot Develop staff understanding of nurturing approaches/ACES/The Promise Encourage family engagement to enhance pupil learning

Curriculum for Excellence Levels at the end of June 2022

	Reading	Writing	Talking & Listening	Numeracy & Mathematics
Early level by end of P1	almost all	almost all	almost all	almost all
First level by end of P4	most	most	almost all	most
Second level by end of P7	almost all	almost all	almost all	most

Almost all: 91 – 99%

Most: 75 – 90% (our attainment is at the top end of most!)

Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)

The Scottish Government has allocated this money directly to schools, targeted at those children most affected by the poverty related attainment gap. The funding reaches schools in every local authority area in Scotland and is distributed on the basis of the numbers of pupils in P1-S3 known to be eligible and registered for free school meals.

The amount we have received at Clober Primary School for session 2022-23 is £50, 225. This must be spent on raising attainment in literacy, numeracy or health and wellbeing. This year, PEF money has

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enabled us to retain Mr Flaherty in his role as support for learning assistant and to enable Mrs Karen Chapman to work in the Rainbow Room, our nurture base, full time. Support for Learning is still a focus, and this is delivered by our Acting PT Mrs Mackay and our DHTs, Mrs Greer and Mrs Law.

Confucius Classroom

Clober is the Primary Confucius Hub for East Dunbartonshire. This means we promote the learning of Chinese language and culture as part of the Scottish Government's commitment to equip young people with the skills and competencies needed for our increasingly globalised world.

Hanshu Dong is our Hanban volunteer this year. She will work with P5-P7 developing language skills and enhancing our knowledge of Chinese culture as well as spending some time with the younger children over the course of the year. Miss Dong will also work with primary schools across East Dunbartonshire Council.

Operation Play Outdoors/Learning Through Landscapes

Teaching staff enjoyed a training session with Learning Through Landscapes at the end of August and have been enthused by the fabulous ideas that were shared with us. We continue to work with Operation Play Outdoors; this session we have purchased equipment to allow children to develop their co-operation and problem solving skills. P3 were lucky enough to enjoy an introductory session using our new equipment and they had a great time!



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PTA Funds

We are so grateful to the PTA for all their fundraising efforts. At the PTA AGM, they gave us a cheque for £2000. Money from the PTA subsidises the school pantomime and we looking forward to welcoming back Generation Science in March, following a two year break due to the pandemic. This sum will go towards the cost of these bookings this session.

Lost Property

We have had a number of items handed in to lost property with no names on them. It's really helpful if you name all items as this enables us to return any lost items quickly. All lost property can be found outside the office of Mr Austin, the Building Manager. We regularly put lost property out in the playground at the beginning and end of the day and will let you know when we do.

Cost of the school day

We understand that the cost of living is cause for concern for us all, now more so than ever. We will bear this in mind when planning events and trips to ensure any costs to you are competitive and you have plenty of notice.

We run a school uniform swap. Items are regularly out in the playground and you can take what you need. If you have any items of uniform in good condition that you wish to donate please bring these to the office.

There are a number of sources of help available to parents. Free school meals are currently available to all P1-P5 children. Parents of those in P6 and P7 can apply for free school meals using the link below, which is also the link for applying for clothing grants. Eligibility for these can change so it is worth taking a look at what the current criteria are:

Apply if you are in receipt of

Income Support

Income-based Job Seekers Allowance

Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £17,005

Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £7,920

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £660

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant#>

The East Dunbartonshire Money Talk Team, run by the Citizens Advice Bureau, can offer help too. I have attached a copy of their latest leaflet with this newsletter along with a further service, the Income Maximisation Service.

Getting It Right for Every Child/ Conflict and Bullying

Last session we worked with the Parent Council to produce these leaflets for parents which are attached to this newsletter. They outline the approach we take in school to ensure pupils are well supported in our care. Please take the time to read them and if you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch.

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Dates for the diary

Term 1:

Friday 14 th October	Inservice day – school closed to all pupils
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st October	October Holidays
Thursday 3 rd November	PTA Halloween Disco
Friday 4 th November	P6a and P6b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
Tuesday 8 th November	PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Monday 14 th November	Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Thursday 1 st December	PTA film night, all pupils
Tuesday 6 th /Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas concert P1-3 9.30am and P4-7 11am
Tuesday 13 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14 th December	P5 Christmas Party
Thursday 15 th December	P6 Christmas Party
Friday 16 th December	P7 Christmas Party
	PTA winter fayre (evening) (tbc)
Monday 19 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th December	P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 21 st December	P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 22 nd December	School closes at 2.30pm
Friday 23 rd December – Friday 6 th January	Christmas holidays

Term 2:

Monday 9 th January	Term 2 begins
Monday 16 th January	Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Friday 20 th January	P4a and P4b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
Tuesday 24 th January	PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Friday 27 th January	P3a and P3b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
Friday 3 rd February	P5a and P5b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
	PTA event (tbc)
Tuesday 7 th February	Curriculum meeting for parents, 6pm, school hall
Monday 13 th /Tuesday 14 th February	School closed
Wednesday 15 th February	Inservice day – school closed to all pupils
Friday 24 th February	Tempest Photography (year groups)
Thursday 2 nd March	PTA film night, all pupils
Friday 3 rd March	P2a and P2b assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
Tuesday 14 th March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 3.30pm to 6pm, school hall
Wednesday 15 th March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 6pm to 8.30pm, school hall
Monday 20 th March	Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Tuesday 28 th March	PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Friday 31 st March	School closes at 2.30pm
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	Easter holidays

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Term 3:

Monday 17th April

Friday 28th April

Monday 1st May

Tuesday 2nd May

Friday 26th May

Monday 29th May

Saturday 3rd June

Tuesday 6th June

Wednesday 7th June

Monday 12th June

Thursday 22nd June

Wednesday 28th June

Term 3 begins

P1a and P1b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

School closed

Inservice day – school closed to all pupils

School closed

School closed

PTA Summer Fayre (tbc)

PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

P1 induction meeting for parents 6.30pm

Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

P7 Leavers' Farewell Assembly, 1.30pm, families welcome

PTA disco for all pupils

School closes at 1pm

Please note that all schools in East Dunbartonshire close at 2.30pm at the end of Terms 1 and 2, and close at 1pm at the end of Term3.

Important Reminders

Nut Free School: Please **do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts or nut traces**. We have children within the school who have **severe allergic reactions** which could result in anaphylactic shock.

Medication: Only certain members of staff are allowed to administer medication to pupils. This can only be done after the parent has visited the school and completed the necessary paperwork. We have strict guidelines which we must follow.

Parking: Please do not park on the pavements, block driveways or double park outside the school. Too often there have been near misses at the school gate. **Please think of all children and park away from the school at all times.**

Wet Intervals: Wherever possible, children will be outside at break times. Please ensure they have a named waterproof jacket with them every day – regardless of the forecast as we all know how reliable they can be!

If the weather is terribly wet, we provide your child with activities to do during wet intervals. If you would like to provide your child with a book or small, inexpensive game, that would be great. Please do not send your child in with any valuable items such as a PSP or iPods.

Anti Vandalism / Health & Safety: Please report any sightings to the police. As you know we are equipped with CCTV cameras and these are very beneficial to us. Such cameras are fully operational both day and night and allow us to identify and report any vandalism.

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Head Lice: Please check your child's head on a regular basis and inform the school if you find an infestation. We send out advice on headlice at regular intervals.

Physical Education: Please provide your child with a gym bag which has a water bottle, white t-shirt and black shorts – this is all they need for PE during good weather. In the winter please make sure your child adds a pair of bottoms and warm top – preferably waterproof – as they go outside for PE very often. It would also be useful for outdoor trainers to be brought for PE sessions – these can be put in school bags or kept in the gym bags in school - Please remind your child to bring this home on occasion for washing.

All Jewellery MUST be removed during Physical Activities (incl PE): I would ask that you refrain from piercing your child's ears until the beginning of the summer holidays as any size of earring prohibits your child from taking part in physical activities. Policy states that staff cannot remove jewellery.

School Dress Code: Pupils are encouraged and praised for wearing our school uniform. White shirt and school tie together with the school blazer are always encouraged.

Mobile phones: EDC policy states that any child requiring a mobile phone in school should hand their phone into the school office each morning and collect it at the end of the day.

Attendance: We monitor attendance every morning and afternoon session. If your child is going to be absent please contact the school office on **0141 955 2232**. Failure to do this puts a series of actions in place which could result in calling the Attendance Officer and Police Scotland. If your child is late please explain that he/she must pass the office to check off their name. The class teacher may have already alerted the office to begin the attendance check procedures and your child coming to the office when late could stop this procedure more quickly.

Keep in touch:

Twitter: @CloberPrimary

Website: www.clober.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Email: office@clober.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Phone: 0141 955 2232

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Recognising Pupils' Achievements outwith Clober Primary—Please Return

We encourage children to tell us about their achievements outwith school however big or small. For this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, a badge at Scouts /Brownies/Boys Brigade etc) then please let us know by completing the tear off slip below. This will then be discussed at assembly and added to our achievements wall and records.

-----CUT and RETURN OR EMAIL THE FOLLOWING DETAILS: -----

Recognition of Achievement

I would like (name) _____ (Class) _____ to be recognised for his/her achievements in (please provide as much detail as possible):

Parent Signature _____ Date _____