

Clober Primary School Newsletter

December 2022



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to have in-person events back this term; culminating in our Christmas Concerts "The Inn-spectors" and "No-one Wraps Like An Elf". It was a lot of fun to do and we hope you enjoyed the show. It has certainly felt very Christmassy here and the sub-zero temperatures have added to that! On behalf of the Clober Primary staff, I hope you have a restful break and a very happy, healthy Christmas.

Catriona Marshall
Head Teacher

Staff news

We were delighted to welcome Mr Kielty and Miss Butler to our support staff team this term. They are working with children across the school in class and out in the playground.

P7 online assemblies and teaching sessions with Douglas Academy

P7 have enjoyed monthly online assemblies with Miss Hoyle and staff from Douglas Academy this term. In addition, staff from the music and maths department have come to Clober to work with the P7 year group. This all helps ease the transition to secondary school.

Stay and Play

We were delighted to welcome our P1 parents to stay and play sessions this term. It was a great opportunity for parents to play with their child while learning more about our approach to play and its importance as part of the learning journey. The feedback from these session was very positive. We intend to offer stay and play sessions to P2 and P3 parents during the course of the session. P7 are also developing play and enquiry based learning.

Outdoor Learning

We continue to find opportunities to develop our approach to Outdoor learning. This term, P3 and P7 have been playing outdoors together and honing their skills of team work, perseverance and problem solving. Operation Play Outdoors delivered sessions for our P7s and P2b this term. Teaching staff have also received training on outdoor learning approaches.

P6 Assembly Friday 4th November

P6 presented their assembly about the rainforests to friends and family. Their assembly also included the important issues of sustainability and eco-friendly practice. They impressed us all with their knowledge of facts and sang a very poignant and heartfelt song, "Breathe". Following the assembly, P6 welcomed our visitors to their classrooms to find out more about the rainforests.

Every class delivers an assembly during the course of the year. Please see the "Dates for your Diary" section to find out when these take place.

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Children In Need

We dressed up for Children in Need and were delighted to see everyone in their bright, spotty clothes! Miss Scott, Mrs Chapman, Mr Billcliff and P5 did an excellent job of organising events for the children on the day and we raised the fantastic total of £453.39.



Anti-bullying Week 14th – 18th November

The theme of this year's anti-bullying week was "Listen Up! Respect Our Rights". We discussed this at assembly and raised awareness of our anti-bullying policy. More and more often children tell us they will be accused of "snitching" if they tell an adult about bullying behaviour. Telling an adult is never snitching, it is doing the right thing. There is helpful advice for parents and children on the Respect Me website: www.respectme.org.uk Our anti-bullying policy is on our school website and is updated regularly.



Mugdock Planting

All classes took part in wildflower planting at Mains Park in November. It was a great opportunity to work with the Mugdock Rangers to develop children's understanding of the importance of protecting our environment. The children will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labour in the years to come too.

PTA Film Night

Thank you to our hardworking and supportive PTA who organised two events this term. The children chose "Minions – The Rise of Gru" for our film night on Thursday 1st December. We had a lot of fun while raising lots of money for school funds.

PTA Christmas Fayre

It was great to see the return of our Christmas Fayre on Friday 16th December. We had lots of donations which were very much appreciated and the sum of £3400 was raised which is a tremendous total!

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This term the PTA have donated a total of £3500 to the school. This money has been used to fund Generation Science workshops for every class next session and the pantomime “Jack and the Beanstalk”. We have recently purchased new playground equipment for the children and will subsidise the leavers hoodies for P7 next term. We really couldn’t do all this without the generous donations the PTA continue to offer. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this by helping out at an event, sending in donations or attending an event.



East Dunbartonshire Carol Concert

Nine P7 pupils represented us at the EDC Christmas Concert in the Royal Concert Hall on Monday 5th December. Accompanied by an orchestra of secondary pupils and instructors, they sang in the choir and really did us proud. It was a lovely evening and a great experience for the children. Many thanks to Miss Cowan and Miss Scott for working with the children to prepare them for the concert.

Christmas Service

We were unable to go to the church this year and so Mr McLeod came to us. We had a service for P1-3 and another for P4-7. Well done to Mahee and Isla for delivering the readings so confidently, and to the string group who performed under the expert tuition of Mrs Mackay and Mrs Leitch from the instrumental service.

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Pantomime

The children enjoyed "Puss in Boots" from Hopscotch Theatre last Wednesday. It was great to see a live theatre performance and we were kept thoroughly entertained!

Foodbank Donations

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the foodbank this year. Mrs Chapman and the health and wellbeing groups did a great job of organising and delivering it all.



Christmas Tree Festival

Our P4s designed and made Christmas tree decorations which they then used to decorate a Christmas tree at St Paul's Church. They made a fantastic job!

Christmas Concerts

We were really excited to do live shows this term.

P1-3 presented "The Inn-spectors" who were not very pleased to find a stable being offered to visitors and their newborn baby, a health and safety nightmare!

P4-7 produced "No-one Wraps Like An Elf" in which the elves were faced with a wicked plan to destroy the magic of Christmas.

Thanks to all the staff who worked with the children to bring it all together and to the cast of both concerts, who clearly enjoyed performing for you all.

Santa on a bike!

A surprise visitor arrived at school on Tuesday 20th December.

We were delighted to see Santa ride past on his bike and dance around for the children— the elves tell me that all the Clober children are on the nice list and they can expect to have a very happy Christmas indeed!

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Community carols

The P7 choir visited the residents of Riverwood and performed some Christmas carols and songs for them. They also had a chat with the elderly and enjoyed some treats as a thank you for visiting. P5b visited Oakburn Retirement Housing. Both centres were so impressed with the children's manners and ability to interact with the residents.



Early Years Centre (EYC) Nativity

The EYC presented "Christmas Eve In The Toyshop" on Wednesday. It is the story of a toymaker who leaves the toyshop, resulting in the toys coming alive and getting ready for Christmas. P1, the Rainbow Room children and all siblings were given the opportunity to watch and they loved it! I'm sure friends and family did too.

Dates for your diary

Term 2:

Monday 9th January

Monday 16th January

Tuesday 17th January

Friday 20th January

Tuesday 24th January

Friday 27th January

Friday 3rd February

Tuesday 7th February

Monday 13th /Tuesday 14th February

Wednesday 15th February

Friday 24th February

Thursday 2nd March

Friday 3rd March

Tuesday 14th March

Wednesday 15th March

Monday 20th March

Term 2 begins

Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Meeting for P7 parents, Inverclyde Trip, 6pm, school hall

P4a and P4b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

P3a and P3b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

P5a and P5b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

PTA event (tbc)

Curriculum meeting for parents, 6pm, school hall

School closed

Inservice day – school closed to all pupils

Tempest Photography (year groups)

PTA film night, all pupils

P2a and P2b assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

Parent/Teacher meetings, 3.30pm to 6pm, school hall

Parent/Teacher meetings, 6pm to 8.30pm, school hall

Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

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Tuesday 28th March

Friday 31st March

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

School closes at 2.30pm

Easter holidays

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.

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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.

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:

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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 _____