

Clober Primary School Newsletter

March 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy term for us at Clober with lots going on. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and finding out what we have been up to! We are all looking forward to recharging our batteries in the sunshine (fingers crossed!) over the Easter break, ready for the excitement that the summer term always brings.

Have a very happy Easter,

Catriona Marshall

Head Teacher

Staff News

Mr KIELTY has left us to work as a supply teacher. His Classroom Assistant post has been advertised and will be filled in the next few weeks.

We are delighted with the news that Miss Gibb is expecting her first child in July. She has been keeping well and her class are very excited!

School Improvement: Writing and rshp: Meeting for parents

We held a successful curriculum evening for parents on Tuesday 7th February regarding our approach to teaching writing and the relationships and sexual health resource, rshp.scot

The feedback we received from 42 respondees was as follows:

Writing:

Talk 4 writing looks great! Can imagine the approach is really helpful for those with literacy difficulties and social communication difficulties too due to the structures

The new library behind the stage – SPECTACULAR

Would be good to know what stories they are working on in class so we can discuss it at home

Kids seem engaged in story maps so it seems to be working well

Excellent resource. Great to see the progression in the children's writing

Can the slide pack be sent to us so we can practise at home and ensure we are following the same process? My child needs to improve their writing and needs motivation to read more. This process looks really good, would like to carry that on at home

Sounds great! A lot of information – examples really helpful

*Great to relate the terms * is using at home with the educational aspect*

Very informative. A general outline of maths topics with rough dates would be good to support learning at home

Thanks. This was really interesting

Can you email out the slides for the writing improvement session so I can go over this

I have definitely been aware of the children talking about writing this year

Rshp:

We like that we can access the information at home to ensure we are saying the same things

Website look up to date and good to know what the children will be learning, which is very important

Fantastic resource, will be going home and reading more. So helpful

Looks good

Sounds good – wish there was online resources for all subjects for parents

The online system looks great. Updates of where they are on seesaw would help us follow the same topics at the same time.

This would be more useful than a letter at the start of the year

Links are better than downloadable documents

Great presentation

I think that having more information about what is being taught throughout the term will be beneficial

Great that we can align the same resources. I'm really glad you're proactively addressing the online space. It would be really helpful to know when specific lessons are coming up

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Good that parents have full visibility of what's being taught as kids are too embarrassed to tell parents about it so therefore unknown what kids knew

Full information

I just wanted to send an email to say how impressed I was with last night's talk particularly the information given about the RSH programme. Your approach to this is spot on, normalising sexual health discussions in an inclusive and age appropriate way. I feel passionate about educating our young people around sexual health and relationships and to raise awareness of sexual exploitation and abuse in order to keep them and those around them safe. I really appreciate Clober Primary holding the same values. Thank you all for all that you do!

We will begin rshp lessons next term. A letter will be sent to all parents with links to the lessons which will be delivered to your child. In addition, teaching staff will post on Seesaw when specific lessons are covered.

School roll for next session

Numbers for P1 entrants are being finalized; it is likely that we will continue with 14 classes next session, two classes per stage. There's lots to organise between now and June and I will keep you informed regarding staffing and class structure when plans are finalised.

Reporting pupil progress

All classes will receive an end of year report, which will detail progress and next steps in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. This will be issued to parents in June.

Parking

We have recently had news that we will be a pilot school for EDC's Traffic-Free Schools pilot project. This is where small sections of road immediately outside the entrance to schools are closed to motor vehicle traffic for a short period of time at the start and end of the school day. The aims of the project are to improve road safety for all children and adults accessing the school, while at the same time, making the areas more attractive for journeys to be made by walking, wheeling and cycling.

It is a requirement for the Council's Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Committee to give approval before the pilot can begin but in advance of this, a council officer met with the senior management team and the chair of the Parent Council this week to discuss the scope for the pilot and how we can feed into the development and delivery of the project.

In the meantime, our Junior JRSOs, Jennifer and Xander, have organised walk and wheel to school week. They have also surveyed the children in school to ask about their road safety and parking concerns and will be sharing this over the next few weeks. The JRSOs also plan to devise a parking charter to ensure everyone understands the need to park safely while we wait for the traffic free schools plan to be implemented. Additional bike and scooter shelters will be installed in the school grounds.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

As part of our school improvement plan, we have revisited our approach to promoting positive behaviour. Consultation with the teaching and support staff, Parent Council and Pupil Council has resulted in the production of our Behaviour Blueprint. I have attached a copy of it to this newsletter. As part of this initiative, we have established Hot Chocolate Wednesday as a reward to those who behave above and beyond. We have also introduced Good News! Postcards home and kindness and respect

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chains in classes. We are really seeing a difference when we are consistent in our behaviour expectations.

School Clubs

We have run a number of school clubs this session. These include:

Lunch time cross country with Ms Barrett for P7

After school basketball for P7 with Mrs Barr and Ms Cowan

After school yoga for P3 with Mrs Kerr (parent) and Mrs Chapman

After school girls football for P4-6 with Active Schools

After school basketball for P6 with Mrs Barr and Ms Cowan

Lunchtime hockey club for P5 with West of Scotland hockey and Active Schools

Thanks to the staff, parents and organisations who have delivered these.

P7 trip to Inverclyde

P7 had a great week at Inverclyde from Monday 6th to Friday 10th March. They were kept very busy with a range of indoor and outdoor pursuits and in the evenings they enjoyed a murder mystery night, film night, disco and a walk to the ice cream shop in Largs. Thanks to Mrs Greer, Mrs Mackay, Miss Cowan, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Barr and Miss Scott for accompanying the children.



Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March, we celebrated Red Nose Day by dressing up or down. This year the theme was about having fun and making other people smile! We held a best joke in each class event which worked very well – we had lots of original jokes we hadn't heard before. We raised £308 on the day; thanks to all who contributed to this fabulous total and to those who will have donated directly to Comic Relief.

World Book Day

We loved dressing up as our favourite book characters, dressing down and dressing as a word for World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Lots of children brought in books from home and enjoyed sharing these with their friends. Over the week classes enjoyed having stories read to them and we read some of our wonderful stories to each other! Thanks also to those of you who sent in photos of children reading in interesting places. They have caused a lot of interest in the Can Do Corridor, along with some mystery staff readers. We hope that the children have enjoyed using their World Day book tokens to buy books

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they are interested in. An addition to this year's World Book Day was a fun potato activity. We were really impressed with the creativity here – you can see for yourselves below!



Basketball at Craigdhu Primary

On Wednesday 29th March, our basketball team visited Craigdhu Primary for a friendly game. There were 4 teams for each school. Clober won the tournament and also the All Stars game. We had a lot of fun and everyone showed great sportsmanship.

Netball and Football tournament, Douglas Academy

We sent two football teams, Clober Athletics and Clober Rovers, and a netball team to Douglas Academy last Wednesday to take part in the sports festival. Clober Athletics won three of their games and drew one, Clober Rovers drew 2 games, won 1 and lost 1. All teams displayed great sportsmanship and lots of parents turned out to cheer us all on. The warm sun was shining down

on us until the last game. Many thanks to Mr Flaherty and Mrs Greer for accompanying the children.

The netball team have trained hard each week and thoroughly enjoyed taking part with other cluster schools. Many thanks to Mrs Adair for all her support in getting the team match ready! We are looking forward to further games planned for next term.

You can find pictures of our sports teams below.

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P7 Football Festival

On Monday 27th March a team of footballers represented Clober Primary at the Primary 7 football games, organised by East Dunbartonshire Council Football Development Team at Huntershill Community Sports Hub in Bishopbriggs. Mr Flaherty and Mrs Taylor reported on excellent behaviour and sportsmanship.

Euroquiz

Our P6 team took part in the Euroquiz non Friday 25th March. They performed very well and scored a magnificent 51/60. The children were also excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done everyone! Thanks also to Mrs Mackay who prepared the children for the competition.



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Danceathon

We had a great time in the hall on Monday, dancing away to raise money for school funds. Thanks to Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Mackay for keeping us moving to brilliant dance music. We had a great time and raised a total of £443.40.



PTA Fundraising

The PTA have donated £8100 to the school since August. This money has paid for:

Hopscotch Pantomime

Generation Science workshops P1-7

8 Laptops

Play equipment for break times

Inverclyde subsidy

Clyde River Foundation for P4

Infant playzone equipment

Leavers hoodie subsidy

End of year star awards

We are grateful to the PTA for their generous donations and to all parents and carers who have contributed to fundraising activities over the school session.

Please don't forget that Clober Primary PTA - Milngavie is registered with easyfundraising to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you.

When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cloberpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e3

This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support.

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Stepping Up

Usually, the children meet their new teacher and class mates in their new classroom at the end of June to prepare for the year ahead. We will be doing this in person on Monday 26th June – the children will meet their new classmates and teachers in a short session during the school day.

Sports Events

Each class will take part in an outdoor event, organised by our PE teacher Miss Barrett, on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May. Please see the dates for your diary at the bottom of the page for more information.

EYC Graduation/Leavers' Farewell P7

Our early years children and P7 pupils will begin preparing for these events in term 3. The EYC Graduation is on Wednesday 21st June at St Luke's church at 11am. P7 Leavers' Farewell is on Thursday 22nd June at 1.30pm. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Term 3:

Monday 17th April

Friday 28th April

Monday 1st May

Tuesday 2nd May

Monday 8th May

Wednesday 17th May

Thursday 18th May

Saturday 20th May

Friday 26th May

Monday 29th May

Tuesday 6th June

Wednesday 7th June

Monday 12th June

Wednesday 21st 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 – King's Coronation

Sports Day P1-3 9.30am

Sports Day P4-7 9.30am

PTA Summer Fayre 11am – 1pm

School closed

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PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

P1 induction meeting for parents, school hall 6pm

Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

EYC graduation, 11am St Luke's Church

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.

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Recognising Pupils' Achievements outwith Clober Primary

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 emailing the office. This will then be discussed at assembly, your child will receive a certificate and will be added to our achievements wall and records.

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. 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. This will continue to be enforced and monitored.

Arrival times for school

Children can arrive any time between 9am and 9.10am.

Dismissal is at 3.05pm, except P1 who will be matched to their adults at 3pm.

Dates for the Diary

You can find all dates for the diary for session 2020-21 on our website; look under the school Information tab.

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 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. St Luke's Church car park is a suitable place.

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

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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.

Physical Education

At the moment, PE must be done outdoors. Please send your child to school dressed for PE. Waterproofs and sensible footwear should be worn. No jewellery is permitted.

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.

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. No smart watches should be worn in school.

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.

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