

# Clober Primary School Newsletter

## June 2023



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The glorious weather has been most welcome this term and we are fortunate at Clober to have fantastic grounds to make the most of it. It's been great to see everyone enjoying themselves outdoors. We have been very busy, with lots of events, performances and sporting fixtures on the run up to the summer break. We are all looking forward to a rest! Whatever you have planned, I hope you have a sunny, relaxing summer.

Happy holidays!

Catriona Marshall

Head Teacher

### Staff News

Our school roll will fall below 350 pupils in August so the role of Acting DHT will not continue. Mrs Greer will return to her substantive post as Principal Teacher (PT). This means we must say goodbye to Mrs Mackay who has done a wonderful job as Acting PT this session.

It's time to say goodbye also to Miss Cowan and Miss Scott. We have loved having them as part of the Clober team and wish them every success for the future.

Mrs Furnish is retiring, and we gave her a lovely send-off on Wednesday with a farewell assembly.

Miss Davie is also leaving us to begin teacher training. We wish both ladies the very best of luck in their new adventures.

Miss Currie, Mr Young, Miss Wesley and Miss McNeice will join our teaching team in August and we look forward to working with them.

### Classes next session

Our school roll will be 335 pupils and the class structure will be as follows:

P1a Miss Mitchell

P5a Mr Young/ Mrs J Chapman

P1/2 Mrs O'Donnell

P5b Miss Currie/Ms J Dayer

P2 Miss Macdonald

P6a Mr Lees

P3a Mrs Relly/Mrs Denniston

P6b Miss Weir

P3b Miss Robertson

P7a Miss Wesley

P4a Mrs Barr/Ms Dayer

P7b Miss McNeice

P4b Mrs Adair

Rainbow Room: Mrs K Chapman

### School Uniform

I have sent a letter out to all parents and carers regarding school uniform. If you are purchasing new school uniform, please avoid skinny jeans or leggings. It is important to look smart for school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Transition

Our P7 pupils are looking forward to going on to secondary school. They have had lots of visits and are feeling excited about this new chapter of their lives! We are always sad to say goodbye to our P7s but we know that they will do us proud and we look forward to hearing about their achievements in the future.

P1-6 pupils know who their new teacher is for next session and we have sent home transition booklets for each child with this information on it. They met their new teacher this morning at Stepping Up.

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Pupils start back to school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 9am for P2-P7 and 9.30am for P1.

### Attainment data

Every year, we submit our attainment data to EDC. This is based on the number of children achieving a level by the end of P1, P4 and P7. You can find more information about CfE levels on our website.

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

Almost all: 91 – 99%

Most: 79 – 90%

Our attainment figures are above the national average and almost all are above EDC averages.

### School Improvement Priorities 2023/24

Our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) is £50, 225 next session. This will be spent on an additional SLA (Mr Flaherty) to support health and wellbeing and will partially fund Mrs Chapman in the Rainbow Room. Following self-evaluation, we have agreed that writing and curriculum design should continue to be on the improvement plan next session. We will also continue focus on health and wellbeing, delivering nurture groups, promoting positive behavior, family engagement and working towards Rights Respecting Silver Award.

### Rights Respecting Schools Award

Well done to Mrs Greer and the Rights Ambassadors who achieved the Bronze Award for our school. We will share the action plan for our Silver Award in the new session.

### Sports Day

Our sports events on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May were great fun; we were delighted that friends and families could join us. Thanks to Miss Barrett for organizing the events. In the afternoon we had outdoor classroom day which was organised and facilitated by Miss Mitchell, our Outdoor Learning Champion. We all had a lot of fun!

### School Clubs

We have run a number of school clubs throughout the school session, including:

Lunch time cross country for P7

After school basketball for P6 and P7

After school yoga for P3

After school football for P4-6 girls

Lunchtime music for P4

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### **Bikeability– P6 and P7**

P6 and P7 have been honing their cycling skills this term, learning in our school grounds and, for competent P7s, on nearby roads. We always encourage children to scoot or bike to school when possible as it's a fun way of keeping fit and it's a low cost way to travel. We ask all children to wear helmets if scooting or biking to school and, once in the school grounds, they should dismount to ensure safety for pedestrians, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. We anticipate there will be an increase in bike and scooter traffic when the traffic restriction order comes into place in August and we have worked with East Dunbartonshire Council to improve and increase our storage facilities as a result. Please note that all bikes and scooters are stored at owners' own risk. EDC will not be liable for any loss or damage to items on school property.

### **Traffic Free Schools**

Our school has been selected to be part of the Council's Traffic-Free Schools pilot project. This is where small sections of road immediately outside the entrance to schools are prohibited 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.

The Project was recently approved at the Council's Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Committee to proceed with the pilot. The pilot is due to begin at the start of the 2023 / 2024 school term and will be in place from August 2023. An information leaflet has been sent out to the school community.



The map opposite shows in red the roads which will be closed to traffic between

08:30 – 09:15

14:30 – 15:15

For full details on the pilot scheme, including maps, FAQs, how to apply for permits, etc, please visit the webpage:

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/traffic-free-schools>

For information on walking, wheeling and cycling please visit: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/cycling>

If you have any questions, please contact:  
TrafficFreeSchools@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

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### **Parent Survey**

We received 86 responses to our parent/carer survey. 62% of respondees had children in P1-3, 38% had children in P4-7.

Overall, the results were positive. Almost all respondees feel that their child enjoys learning at school, their learning is progressing well, their child feels safe and overall they are happy with the school. Most parents feel that the school helps their child to be more confident, their child's learning is progressing well, their child is encouraged and stretched to work to the best of their ability, their child is treated fairly at school, staff really know their child as an individual and support them well and the school is well led.

The majority think the school keeps them well informed about their child's progress, child benefits from school clubs and activities provided outside the classroom, the school asks for my views and school takes my views into account.

The results have been shared with the Parent Council and parental engagement is a feature of next year's school improvement plan.

Almost all: 91- 99%

Most: 75-90%

Majority: 50-74%



### **Rotary Quiz**

Well done to Ranveer, Niamh, Harry and Mahee who represented us at the Rotary Quiz on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We came in 4<sup>th</sup> place, which was a phenomenal result.

### **Book Fair**

We welcomed the Book Fair to school after the Easter holidays and enjoyed choosing books to take home. In total, our school community raised £1383 which gave us £770 for the school to spend on books to restock our school library. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this smashing total.

### **P1-3 stay and play**

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have been working on play pedagogy in P1-3. To raise awareness among parents and carers, and to demonstrate the importance of play when learning, we invited P1-3 parents and carers to some stay and play sessions. The feedback from these sessions was extremely positive.

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### **P4 Beat Buddies**

We welcomed the families of P4 to the school hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to their Beat Buddies performance. The children obviously enjoyed learning percussion and drumming skills and they did a great job. Thanks to Graeme Barclay for teaching the children this term.

### **Gardening group**

Many thanks to the gardening group for the beautiful plants and flowers in the school grounds, and for all the watering during the recent hot spell.

### **Summer Fayre**

We had a great time at our Summer Fayre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. We had a variety of stalls and activities, including a plant stall, tombola, hot dogs, fire, police and mountain rescue, bouncy castle and a very special unicorn. The PTA raised £1425.53 for school funds. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event, and to the PTA for organising it all.

### **P6 HWB day at Douglas**

To prepare for the move to secondary school, P6s enjoyed a health and wellbeing day at Douglas Academy on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Our pupils spent the day in the school, learning about health and wellbeing from a range of departments including PE, Science and Food Technology. They had a great time.

### **Cross Country Competition**

Mrs Greer took a team of cross country runners to Douglas Academy on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We competed against Baldernock, Craigdhu and Milngavie Primary Schools. Although Clober did not place the children enjoyed taking part – however, the most enjoyable part of the experience was afterwards, when everyone got to indulge in delicious cakes and a bottle of water or juice.

### **P1-3 Toy Sale**

P1-3 held a toy sale on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds for their trip to Briarlands Farm. It was a very busy day, and lots of items were sold. The children were very excited to learn they had raised enough money for their trip. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this.

### **P1-3 trip to Briarlands Farm**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May the infant department had a grand day out at Briarlands Farm, near Stirling. They were very excited to all go together and had a great time, playing in the sunshine and petting the small animals there. Thanks to Mrs Law for organizing the trip.



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### **P7 STEM day**

P7 had a fabulous STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) experience at Douglas Academy on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. They visited STEM subjects and careers, worked together to build balloon cars, and voted on their most used skill in their lessons. Lots of fun was had by all!

### **Milngavie Week**

Did you spot P6's Milngavie shields in shops and businesses during Milngavie Week? Along with other local primary schools, P6 created shields reflecting the reason why we love living in Milngavie! These

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were displayed during Milngavie Week for everyone to see. Thanks to the organisers of Milngavie Week who donated art materials to the school for this to happen.

### Hot Chocolate Wednesdays

As part of our approach to promoting positive behaviour, we began Hot Chocolate Wednesdays in January. These have been popular with the children, who have enjoyed a half hour in the Rainbow Room with hot chocolate, a biscuit and games and activities to play.



### Generation Science P4 Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May

P4s had a longer wait than our other year groups for Generation Science which was rescheduled for May. Power from the People was lots of fun and really fired up our enthusiasm for science!



### Netball Festival

Our netball team enjoyed the netball festival at the Allander Sports Centre on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Clober was represented by a team of P7s. We won three games and narrowly lost one game during the group stages. As a result we made the final! Well done, team.

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June Careers Event P7

Thanks to Mrs Greer and Mrs Mackay for organizing the careers event for P7s. A variety of vocations and professions were represented. P7 had five minutes with each visitor to find out about their jobs. They really enjoyed the event and have a much better idea about which skills and attitudes are necessary for the world of work.



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### **B&M Athletics**

A team of P6s and P7s participated in the Bearsden and Milngavie Athletics competition on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Douglas Academy. Well done to everyone who participated and in particular George in P7 who was second in the standing long jump.

### **Pupil Forum and Celebration**

Mrs Mackay, Lily and Jacob, both P7, attended the East Dunbartonshire Pupil Forum awards ceremony at Kirkintilloch High School on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The Pupil Forum allows pupils across EDC to have their say represent the wider pupil voice of all children at Clober Primary School. Lily and Jacob have done a fabulous job!

### **EYC Graduation Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Our P1s attended the nursery graduation on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. They sang a song to the children to welcome them into P1. We are looking forward to seeing them in August!

### **P6 Basketball tournament: Craigdhu v Clober**

We hosted a basketball tournament at Clober on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Overall, Craigdhu won the tournament but Clober won the All Stars match – great comeback! Thanks to Mrs Barr and Miss Cowan for coaching the team.



### **Leavers Farewell/PTA disco**

We said goodbye to P7 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June with a leavers party – pizza, fizz and cake – followed by a disco. Thanks to the PTA for organising the event.

There was a lot of excitement on the evening itself and lots of tired faces the next morning in school! The P1 – P6 children enjoyed the disco too – the DJ said Clober is one of his favourite schools to visit as we know how to party!



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### Achievement Assembly

This was held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June. At this ceremony, children from every class were awarded for showing our school values: aspire, respect, achieve and enjoy. Thank you to the PTA for funding these. We also presented three special awards: the Quaich for creativity P1-3, the Parent Council Shield for citizenship in P7 and the Boclair Cup for creativity in P7. The winners are on the following page.

Class	Aspire	Respect	Achieve	Enjoy
P1a	Daniel	Jasnoor	Oliver	Isabella
P1b	Arlo	Sarah	Charlotte	Cora
P2a	Hamish	Elijah	Rose	Ellen
P2b	Ruairi	Harlyn	Leon	Bella
P3a	Michael	Eva	Mason	Saoirse
P3b	Claudia	Zack	Joe	Evie
P4a	Daniel G	Corrin	Leif	Lewis
P4b	Caspian	Kieran	Emily	Aaron
P5a	Ben	Josh	Miriam	Maria
P5b	Isla	Sam	Melanie	Grace
P6a	Evan	Dylan	Cathie	Jessica
P6b	Kaden	James	Ellis	Amber
P7a	Ranveer	Isla	Niamh	Aaron
P7b	Harry P	Mahee	Jamie	Ronan

**P1-3 Quaich for Creativity:** Morven P3b

**P7 Boclair Cup:** Eva P7a

**P7 Parent Council Shield:** Alex P7b

### Summer Reading Challenge: EDC libraries

We recently had a visit from Milngavie library to tell the children all about the summer reading challenge. Just register at any EDC library and get started!

### Dates for the Diary – more information will be sent out regarding these in the new session

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1pm School closes for summer
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August Staff return to school
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 9am Pupils return to school
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 9am Individual/family photographs
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm Parent Council AGM, Douglas Academy
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm PTA AGM, Douglas Academy

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➤ Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm – 2.45pm	P1 homework talk
➤ Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15-4.15pm	Meet the Teacher
➤ Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm – 8.30pm	Parents Evening
➤ Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm – 6pm	Parents Evening

### 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. In August, our traffic restriction order will be in place.

**Wet Intervals:** 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 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.

**Head Lice:** Please check your child's head on a regular basis and inform the school if you find an infestation.

**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 and plasters cannot cover earrings.

**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.

**Tooth brushing:** All children in the nursery, P1 and P2 classes brush their teeth daily in order to create good habits and decrease mouth decay. Pupils brush their teeth within class, after lunchtime.

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**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-----

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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