

# Clober Primary School Newsletter

## December 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy term for us. We started with a visit from the HMIE inspection team and their inspection report has been published this week – key messages are below. We have enjoyed preparing for the Christmas concerts too - "Baaarmy Bethlehem" and "Aladdin Trouble". We hope you enjoyed our performances!

On behalf of the Clober Primary staff, I hope you have a restful break and a very happy, healthy Christmas.

Catriona Marshall  
Head Teacher

### HMIE Inspection

The inspection team visited our school and EYC week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The inspection team found the following strengths in our school's work:

- Children's achievements and successes in the Early Years Centre. Their 'Clober Enterprises,' work on children's rights and overall success is recognised through national awards.
- Led by the headteacher and senior leaders, children learn in an environment where the school vision, values and aims support strong, nurturing relationships.
- Children are proud of their school. They are welcoming, engaging and speak enthusiastically about their learning.
- Staff across the school know children and families well. They work hard together to provide a range of effective supports to address children's barriers to learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with Mrs Marshall and a representative from East Dunbartonshire Council.

- Staff in the Early Years Centre should continue to develop working relationships further to support the pace of change and improvement.
- Children need more opportunities to set targets to improve their learning. Staff should give children greater opportunities to lead their learning.
- Staff should continue to develop high-quality learning and teaching more consistently across the school. They need to develop further their understanding of national standards to improve the accuracy of their assessments of children's learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to raise attainment across the school.

Quality Indicators for the school	Evaluation
Leadership of change	Good
Learning, teaching and assessment	Good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Good
Raising attainment and achievement	Good

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Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Good
Securing children's progress	Good

### **P7 online assemblies and teaching sessions with Douglas Academy**

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



### **P7 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Day**

P7 spent the day at Douglas Academy on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, engaging in team activities with their peers from Craigdhu, Milngavie and Baldernock Primary Schools. They enjoyed making new friends and loved the challenges set on the day.

### **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 sessions was very positive. We intend to offer stay and play sessions to P2 and P3 parents during the course of the session.

### **P6 Assembly Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Currie, Mrs Greer, Mrs Chapman and P5 did an excellent job of organising events for the children on the day and we raised the fantastic total of £364.51

### **Anti-bullying Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.respectme.org.uk) Our anti-bullying policy is on our school website and is

updated regularly.

### **PTA Fundraisers**

Thank you to our hardworking and supportive PTA who organised three events this term – the Halloween Disco, film night and Winter Fayre. The PTA have donated £3000 this term – the money has been spent on Generation Science workshops for every class and some new playground equipment, which has been chosen by the Pupil Council. The Hopscotch panto, "Cinderella" was also funded by the PTA. Thanks to you all for contributing to their fundraising efforts to ensure we can provide exciting activities and resources for the children.



### **East Dunbartonshire Carol Concert**

Seven P7 pupils represented us at the EDC Christmas Concert in the Royal Concert Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Mrs Greer for working with the children to prepare them for the concert.

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### **Christmas Service**

Thanks to Mr McLeod and Mr Shields for conducting our Christmas Service. Well done to Joshua and Kai 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.

### **Pantomime**

The children enjoyed “Cinderella” from Hopscotch Theatre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. It was great to see a live theatre performance and we were kept thoroughly entertained – oh yes we were!

### **Foodbank Donations**

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the foodbank this year. The foodbank team were delighted to collect your contributions to ensure those in need in our community receive enough food over the festive season.

### **Christmas Concerts**

We loved doing our Christmas concerts this week. P1-3 presented “Baaarmy Bethlehem” – a story about some fun loving sheep who find a great reason to party. P4-7 presented “Aladdin Trouble” 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.



### **Community carols**

The P7 choir and P1/2 visited the residents of Oakburn 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.

They were so impressed with the children’s manners and ability to interact with the residents.

### **Early Years Centre (EYC) Nativity**

The EYC presented “Born In Bethlehem” on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. 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.

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### Dates for your diary

#### Term 2:

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 2 begins
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	P4a and P4b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	P5a and P5b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	P3a and P3b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Inservice day – school closed to all pupils
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Tempest Photography (year groups)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA film night
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 3.30pm to 6pm, school hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 6pm to 8.30pm, school hall
<i>We will contact you the week before to book an appointment with your child's teacher.</i>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Residential trip to Inverclyde
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes at 2.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays

#### Term 3:

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 3 begins
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inservice day – school closed to all pupils
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	P2 Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome <i>This includes the P2s in P1/2</i>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	P1-3 Sports event 9.30am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	P4-7 Sports event 9.30am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome <i>This includes the P1s in P1/2</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	PTA Summer Fayre
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 induction meeting for parents 6pm, school hall
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers' Farewell Assembly, 1.30pm, families welcome
	PTA disco for all pupils
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Stepping Up Day (children meet new class and teacher)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	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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### 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:** There is an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in place until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Driving is prohibited between 08:30 – 09:15 and 14:30 – 15:15, Monday to Friday, during school term time on Kirk Street and Craigielea Crescent (from its junction with Kirk Street to its junction with Ashburn Road). Access will be maintained at all times for those who are exempt from the restrictions. A full list of exemptions is available on the Council website.

**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.

**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. Pupils should be able to remove their earrings themselves.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_