

# Clober Primary School Newsletter

## October 2019



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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! Our outdoor space has been developed with the MUGA pitch now in use and Chinese pagoda and picnic benches on the grass. The children are loving the outside area and we have plans to keep developing this. Our children have returned to school smart, smiling and eager to learn. I have been very impressed at their ability to settle back quickly into school life. At every assembly, certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate our school values and visitors to the school often comment on our polite, happy and knowledgeable children. I am always immensely proud of the team here and the work we do to ensure Clober Primary continues to thrive.

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

Catriona Marshall  
Head Teacher

### Achievement Awards

On the last day of term in June, we presented the following children with achievement awards:

Class	Aspire	Respect	Achieve	Enjoy
P1a	Fraser W	Ruby B	Livvy B	Sophie D
P1b	Emmy A	Charlie H	Ruby W	Calvin M
P2a	Sam W	Ivy B	Sophie W	Ayla C
P2b	Larissa D	Lewis L	Niamh B	Holly L
P2/3	Jessica H	Isla G	Craig M	Calvin S
P3	Luke S	George C	Eva J	Olivia K
P4a	Sienna O	Isla F	Anaan A	Jack D
P4b	Neve W	Ross D	Ellis D-J	Hannah K
P5	Aidan B	Lucy B	Gracie A	Russell L
P6	Lewis S	Lauren K	Chloe A	Jade T
P6/7	Caidie H	Grace A-M	Hannah S	Louis C
P7	James L	Joe W	Ganna G	Chloe S

**Parent Council Shield:** Lucy L P7 (excellent citizenship)

**Boclair Cup:** Laura C P7 (creativity)

**Quaich:** Cathie A P2 (creativity)

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Thanks again to the PTA for funding these awards which are very popular with the children.

### **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	P4: Ms Gibb
P1b: Mrs K. Chapman	P4/5: Mrs Denniston
P2a: Ms MacDonald	P5: Mr Billcliff
P2b: Mrs Adair	P5/6: Ms McClement
P3a: Ms Melville	P6/7: Ms Dayer
P3b: Mr Lees	P7: Mr Dunford/Mrs Relly
RCCT: Mrs Glennie, Mrs J. Chapman, Mrs Cook	

Principal Teacher: Mrs Greer  
Depute Head Teacher: Mrs Law

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.

### **Indoor shoes**

Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for school. Our floors get quite muddy and wet in the winter and it really helps keep our school (and children!) clean if they have shoes to change into.

### **Dismissal/Playing in the grounds after 3.05pm**

Please do not allow your child to re-enter the front playground to play after 3.05pm. A number of our younger children are doing this and for health and safety and child protection reasons, we ask that they do not play in the front playground once they have been dismissed. Recently, we have asked children not to climb on the Pagoda too! Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Our assemblies**

Assemblies take place on a Friday morning and 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. Parents are invited to these and then have the opportunity to visit the class, take part in shared activities and enjoy a cup of tea. The dates for these assemblies are on the school website – please see Important Diary Dates 2019/20.

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### Committees

The Pupil Council and Clobber Consultative Committee meet throughout the year; the Pupil Council meet with Mrs Law and help to make decisions that affect pupils throughout the year, such as film night choices and playground games equipment. The Clobber Consultative Committee (CCC) meet with Mrs Marshall and discuss learning and teaching issues, such as the curriculum rationale, writing and promoting positive behaviour which are on this year's School Improvement Plan. The Eco Committee meet with Mrs Greer and last year's members are on the committee again this session to continue their good work.

Pupil Council	CCC	Eco Committee
Luc P1a	Alex P4	Amelie P1a
Aaron M P1b	Gurassees P4	Blake P1b
Isla P2a	Danielle P4/5	Ishan P2a
Charlie P2b	Madison P5	Ross P2b
Calvin P3a	Hannah P5/6	Evan P3a
Jennifer P3b	Gracie P5/6	Sam P3a
Isla P4	Tyler P6/7	Jessica P3b
Marc P4/5	Lauren P6/7	Emily M P4
Jack P5	Hannah P7	Lucy P P4/5
Tiegan P5/6		Annan P5
Summer P6/7		Lucy B P5/6
Grace P7		Devan P6/7
		Kristina P6/7
		Olivia P7
		Matilda P7
		Carson P7

### Meet the Teacher Sessions

Thank you to all who came along to our Meet the Teacher session at the beginning of September; an opportunity to meet the class teacher and find out more about what your child can expect in the coming year.

Our parents' evenings take place in October and March but please be assured that you are welcome to discuss your child's progress at any time. Please make an appointment at 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.

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### Tempest Photography

Our children looked lovely and smart for the recent Tempest Photographs. We decided to concentrate on family and individual photos for now – class photographs will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### School Improvement Plan/Standards and Quality Report

These are now available on the website for you to view. Go to “School Information “and there are links on the drop down menu. A copy of each is also located in the school vestibule.

Our priorities for this year are:

Curriculum Rationale Curriculum Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree a revised curriculum rationale which reflects the views of the school community</li><li>• Revise the curriculum to ensure that the curriculum rationale is reflected and that curricular connections are made</li><li>• Enhance pedagogy using the principles of visible learning to deliver the curriculum</li></ul>
Literacy: Writing Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement progression pathways and new planning formats in reading, writing and listening and talking (completed session 18/19)</li><li>• Evaluate the impact of these on learners</li><li>• Revise writing assessments to reflect the benchmarks at early, first and second level</li><li>• Moderate the assessment of writing to ensure teacher judgements are consistent and robust</li></ul>
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree a whole school approach to promoting positive behaviour following engagement with Paul Dix’s work (2018/19; August inservice day 2019/20) and EDC’s “Including Every Learner” policy.</li><li>• Revise promoting behaviour policy</li><li>• Continue to develop nurturing approaches throughout the school and through small group learning in the Rainbow Room.</li></ul>

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### **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 2019-20 is £45,600. This must be spent on raising attainment in literacy, numeracy or health and wellbeing. PEF money has enabled us to recruit two temporary support for learning assistants – Mrs McGrory and Mrs Ingram - to ensure support for literacy and health and wellbeing in P1-3.

Staff training will be provided in health and wellbeing and we had a very informative session in August with Pivotal Education to ensure inclusion and support for all learners through positive adult interaction.

Staff teams will be released to address curricular cohesion and to ensure progression pathways for learners are in place for each curricular area.

Mrs Greer does not have a class teaching commitment; this allows her to work in classes to support our learners as well as facilitate small group learning in the Rainbow Room. PEF money will be used to establish a new Rainbow Room in the ELCC to ensure early intervention for our learners and continuity as children progress from the ELCC to school.

## **Cross Country Review**

This year's cross country has been a success, we have done a lot of long distance running.

Our runners this year have been excellent so that has made it incredibly hard to choose a team.

A lot of pupils have put in an impeccable effort so Ms Barret has been very proud of us all! On the big day of the running event we will have to run over 2000 metres going up and down hills, which hopefully we have all trained well for! None of this would all be possible without our amazing P.E teacher Ms Barret! 4 boys and 4 girls will be selected to go to Douglas Academy and compete against other schools.

We have all been very respectful to each other and we

have all enjoyed it. Some of us even aspire to be long distance runners when we are older!

By Ashton, Marcus and Lewis L

### **Book Fair**

The book fair has been in school for the past couple of weeks. Lots of children have enjoyed buying books to read at home. The entire school community benefits as for every book sold, we gain credit to buy books for our library. The class librarians will help us choose which books to buy.

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### **MacMillan Coffee Morning by Holly and Hannah in P4/5**

The P4/5 and P5 MacMillan Coffee morning was a great success. Thanks to the many generous bakers we were never in danger of running out of cake! Everyone enjoyed it and had lots of fun. The games were really good and we raised almost £1000!

Everyone brought a donation and thought the cakes were delicious. Lots of children wore white, purple and green and some just wore school uniform. Lots of mums and dads came and they really enjoyed it too.

We enjoyed doing the coffee morning and are really pleased to have raised such a brilliant sum for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you very much to everyone who baked and donated!

### **Creating Games for MacMillan Coffee Morning by Maisie and Jenna, P5**

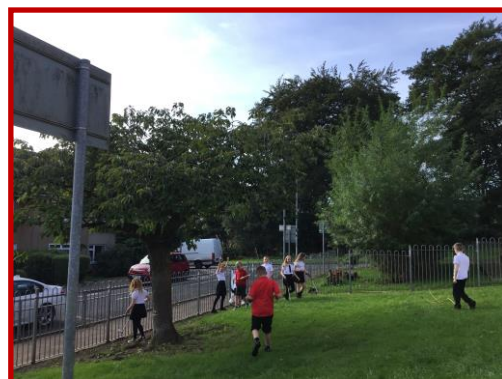
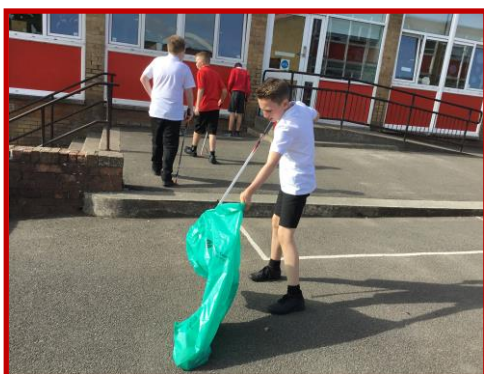
This year P5 and P4/5 were doing the MacMillan Coffee Morning as their enterprise. We had to create some games that our customers (the other pupils in the school) could play at the coffee morning. Some of the games included mini football, nails in a bale and pin the cherry on the cupcake. We created the games by having a design session in which we planned our games and the materials we would need. Then we built them in small teams. The two classes had a 'game-off' to test the games. This allowed us to make improvements and refinements to how the games were played and designed. All of the games were successful, with some of them raising as much as £8.00 from pupils paying 20p for a go. We especially enjoyed designing and making the games and the pupils who came to the coffee morning enjoyed playing them.

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### **P7 Litter Pick**

Mrs Relly's P7 class went on a litter pick in the playground as part of their work on Upstream Battle which encourages environmental awareness and conservation. They came back with three bags of rubbish which was quite a shock as we have lots of bins in the grounds!



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### **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. We have used some money from the Confucius classroom budget to reflect our status in the school grounds; the pagoda is a big hit with the pupils and we have provided some picnic benches around it so that the space can be used as an outdoor classroom.

Jiajia Chen 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 Chen will also work primary schools across East Dunbartonshire Council.

We were very fortunate to have a visit from children and their teachers from Beijing Dongcheng Hepingli No 4 primary school in August. We held a special assembly for them and sang some songs. They performed some music in return and then treated some of our children to a tea ceremony and fan decorating. It was a great chance to try out our Mandarin skills and make new friends!



### **Credit Union**

Clober Primary is working in conjunction with Scotwest Credit Union to introduce a new savings project for our pupils. Financial management is an essential life skill and we hope to teach children the rewards of saving for something they really want!

P6 pupils, with the support of Mrs Glennie, will be involved in the actual running of the credit union branch helping with activities such as marketing, administration and recording money deposited. Once up and running our Credit Union will run every Monday lunchtime. If your child is interested in saving with us they can pick up an application form from the school office. Copies of these will also be emailed out to you with a letter regarding the credit union after the October break.

### **P1 Curriculum Workshops**

Mrs Law, Mrs Chapman and Mrs O'Donnell held a curriculum workshop for parents of P1 pupils in September regarding literacy and numeracy. This was very well attended and gave parents the opportunity to learn about the P1 curriculum, how it is taught in school and what can be done to support children's learning at home.

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### **ELCC Curriculum Evening**

We had a super evening in the ELCC on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October which combined talks, workshops and activities to explore how our nursery children learn from age 2 until school age. Thanks to the ELCC staff and parents and families for engaging in an informative and fun evening.

### **P7 visit to Douglas Academy**

We plan a full programme of transition events throughout the year. P7 attended a storytelling session at Douglas Academy on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, "Creeping Toad". They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Miss McPherson from the science department and Mrs Cawston from the modern languages department at Douglas have been working with our children this term. We will also have visits from English, Mathematics and Technologies departments throughout the course of the year.

### **Harvest/Big Soup Share**

P3 did a fantastic job of leading our Harvest assembly on Wednesday. They presented the story of The Little Red Hen, showed off their baking and art skills and sang a song about conkers before sharing their work with their families and friends. Everyone was very impressed!

Clober Primary School Eco committee signed up for this year's Big Soup Share! This was a great opportunity for us to show off our amazing gardening achievements and what better way than at the P3 harvest assembly.

Lots of parents and grandparents enjoyed a choice of two soups; leek and potato and carrot and lentil. Children harvested potatoes, carrots and onions from the eco garden to make the soup. They prepared all the vegetables and then spent the morning cooking up a storm.

The feedback from our guests was amazing! What a great harvest!



### **Outstanding Achievement Award**

We have been awarded an outstanding achievement award from It's Your Neighbourhood. Our work was assessed under three categories of community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement.

Mrs Greer will attend a ceremony with three pupils from the eco committee to be presented with the award on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October in the Albert Halls in Stirling. We are very proud of Mrs Greer, the



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Eco Committee and all our parent helpers for achieving this award which recognises the vital role our school plays in the local community.

### **P6/7 Electricity**

In electricity we have been learning about circuits. In our circuits we use batteries, light bulbs, switches, buzzers and wires. On one side of the battery holder you can find a plus and a minus side. You always have to connect one side of the wire to a positive [the plus] then to a negative [the minus]. This allows the electrons to flow. If there is a gap in the circuit the electrons can no longer flow around the circuit. Or if you have connected a negative to a negative then electrons will not flow. We have also tested for insulators and conductors. It has been fun using the equipment, especially trying to find faults in circuits.

By Dylan



### **School Clubs**

We organise many clubs and activities for children both during lunchtime and at the end of the day. These clubs are always popular and offer our children the opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends and achieve their potential in a wide variety of ways. A few of the clubs we have planned for this session are:

**football**

**netball**

**choir**

**cooking**

**chess**

**dance**

**mini fit**

**cross stitch**

**cross country**

Letters will be issued as and when these clubs arise. Thanks to our dedicated and enthusiastic staff for organising these.

### **Unauthorised absences**

I am getting more and more requests for holidays taken during term time. Please note that it is East Dunbartonshire policy that these absences are recorded as unauthorised. Work will not be sent home with your child.

Please try to avoid taking holidays during term time if at all possible. Attendance is monitored and you will be contacted if it becomes a concern. Please also note that poor attendance has a direct impact on your child's academic progress.

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Information regarding the impact of poor attendance was emailed to all parents at the beginning of the session.

### P7 Scottish Country Dance Festival

On Friday 4th of October, Primary Sevens from Clober, Milngavie, Bearsden and Killermont went to Milngavie town hall for a Country dancing event. Pamela and her friend came to our school for 6 weeks before the dancing event and taught us lots of fun and exciting dances. At the dancing we had to make a banner with our school's name on it; we had the biggest banner! Each school had two dances to do by themselves and there were other dances where all the schools joined in. The dancing started at 13:00 and ended at 14:30. Everyone had such a great time and loved being there!

By Lacey



### Dates for the Diary

You can find all dates for the diary for session 2018-19 on our website; look under the school Information tab. Here are the important ones for October to December:

➤ 25 October 2019	9:15am	Parents and Pupils	Primary 6 from P5/6 and P6 from P6/7 Assembly
➤ 22 November 2019	am	Pupils	Pupil Council Toy Fair
➤ 29 November 2019	10.45am	Nursery Parents	Nursery Nativity
➤ 10 December 2019 (Tues)	1.30pm	All Parents	School Christmas Concert
➤ 11 December 2019 (Wed)	1.30pm	All Parents	School Christmas Concert
➤ 13 December 2019	PM	Pupils	P1 and P2 Christmas Party
➤ 16 December 2019	PM	Pupils	P3 and 4 Christmas Party
➤ 17 December 2019	PM	Pupils	P5 and P6 Christmas Party
➤ 18 December 2019	PM	Pupils	P7 Christmas Party
➤ 19 December 2019	1.30pm	Pupils	Hopscotch Pantomime
➤ 20 December 2019 (Close at 2.30pm)	11.20am	Pupils and Parents	Christmas Service in St Luke's

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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:** 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.

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

**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.

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**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.

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