

Clober Primary School Newsletter

December 2019



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Dear Parents,

Christmas always seems to creep up on us and this term has been particularly busy as we had a visit from East Dunbartonshire's Quality Improvement Team in November. At the time of writing, our report has yet to be finalised but I am delighted to tell you that the team commented very positively on our school and of the ethos and community spirit we exemplify in particular. I am exceptionally proud of the pupils and staff; their hard work and positive attitude ensures that we can all achieve together. We are looking forward to relaxing during the Christmas break and thoughts are turning to time spent with our families and friends. For some, though, we know Christmas can be a particularly difficult time of year. We have been overwhelmed with your generosity when giving donations to the food bank, and for the emails we received in support of our decision to forgo gifts in order to do this. Many thanks. I hope you have a restful break and a very happy Christmas.

Catriona Marshall
Head Teacher

Staff news

We say goodbye to Celia White, who has been a Classroom Assistant here for nineteen years, at the end of the term. Mrs White has been a valuable asset to our staff team and we wish her all the best for the future. The school staff and children will gather together on the morning of Wednesday 18th December to give her a good send off.

Mrs Julia McGrory will take up the permanent post of Classroom Assistant from 6th January.

We are also delighted to welcome Mr George Flaherty who will join the support staff team on a temporary basis on 6th January.

Snapshot Jotters

We have had lots of positive comments from parents and pupils about our snapshot jotters which went home in November. It's great that you find them helpful when discussing your child's progress.

Family Learning

We have been working with the Parent Council to produce family learning grids for Terms 2 and 3 to support learning at home. This is as a result of the homework consultation in October. Entirely optional, they will give you ideas on how the family can learn together. More information will follow in January. We will also seek feedback in the final term.

Curriculum Rationale

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our curriculum rationale questionnaire last session. Staff, PTA, Parent Council and the pupils in the CCC have given their opinions and we have a final design. Tweaks will be made and we hope to launch it in Term 3.

Road Safety Calendar Competition

Well done to Albie P1, Niamh B P3, Millie P5 and Gracie P5/6 whose entries were Highly Commended in the recent EDC Road Safety Calendar competition.

Hannah in P2 won 3rd prize in group 2. She received a monetary prize and was invited to a special prize giving ceremony in Bishopbriggs.

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P7 visits from Douglas Academy

P7 have enjoyed computing with Mr Calvert this term. Throughout the year, visiting teachers from Douglas Academy come to Clober to get to know the pupils and teach new skills. It's excellent for transition to S1.

Dance Festival

The dance club presented a very polished routine to "Santa Tell Me" on the evening of Wednesday 11th December at Douglas Academy. Joined by secondary pupils and primary schools in the Douglas Cluster, it was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to Mrs O'Donnell and Miss Gibb for working with the dancers.

Netball



On Wednesday 13th November, Clober Primary netball team played netball at Douglas Academy as there was a tournament. There were 3 teams: Craigdhu, Milngavie and Clober. We played 4 games and won 2 matches. Each game was 8 mins. In the first match we played, we won 4-1. In the second game we lost 2-1. The next game against Milngavie, the score was 6-0 to us. In the last game we lost 2-1 against Craigdhu. Craigdhu came 1st and Clober came 2nd. We all felt super tired however we were ultra-proud of ourselves.

by Nathan and Olivia.

Children In Need



We had a fabulously fun day on Friday 15th November in support of Children In Need. We dressed up and there were lots of fun activities such as nail painting, games and face painting on offer. We also had a huge cake sale. A special mention should go to Angus in P1. He dressed up as Pudsey and raised £100 to put towards our excellent total of £727.72 Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Lending Library – new books!

We have bought some new books with the proceeds of the Book Fayre this term. These were shared with the children during an assembly and have been a big hit with our readers. The lending library continues to grow from strength to strength and our children are enjoying reading these for pleasure in school and at home.

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Book Week Scotland and Author Visits – Angela Proctor, Judy Hayman, Clare Miller

As you know, we are committed to promoting a reading culture in school.

Book Week Scotland took place on 18th – 22nd November. We had a number of events for pupils throughout the week, including Book Bags for P1-3 and shared reading sessions between classes.

Authors Judy Hayman and Clare Miller worked with P4-7. We were delighted to welcome these authors to Clober for the first time.

Angela Proctor returned in October to read from her new book and share her writing secrets with P3-P7.

Electives

Electives for P4-7 have been established for a while at Clober, but this year we provided the experience for P1-3 for the first time. It was a huge success!

P1-3 had a variety of activities on offer: lego, art, games, colouring, dance, Superheroes workshop, jewellery making, craft, marbles, outdoor play, book group, cooking and music.

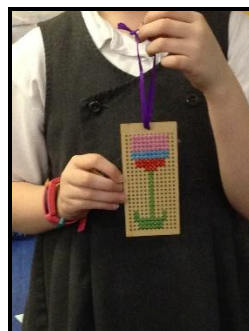
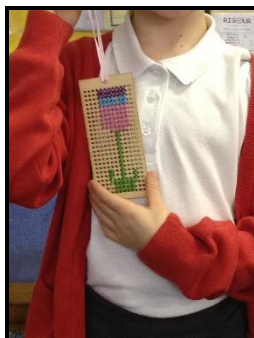
P4-7 chose from forensics, cooking, art, jewellery making, ICT, mindfulness, cheerleading, construction, parachute games, Harry Potter club and Gaelic.

Thanks to our very talented staff for providing such a wide range of activities.

Craft Club

Some Primary 3's had a lovely time with Mrs Denniston learning to do cross stitching on Wednesdays as an after school club. We made tulips using needles and thread. First we drew a template onto spotty dotty paper then we made the stem of the tulip in green and then we made the tulip flower in all sorts of colours. We listened to music and had some nice chat.

By Ayla P3b.



Halloween Disco

Our Halloween Disco was a great success and we loved seeing everyone dressed up! The PTA always do a fantastic job of organising events for school and their efforts raised £412.

Film Night

We had a great time watching "Toy Story 4" at the PTA film night on Thursday 23rd November. This event raised £550 for school funds.

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Please help!

This term, the PTA have given money to Clober to help with the purchase of P7 hoodies, a new interactive whiteboard and this year's Christmas Pantomime for the children. The PTA has also agreed to fund Generation Science which will take place next term. We are incredibly grateful to them and all they do to support the school.

The PTA are always looking for helpers for events. If you can spare some time it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the chair, Kirstien Hall, by emailing her at Cloberpta@hotmail.com

Wallace and Bruce

For our topic, Wallace and Bruce, we made Leonardo di Vinci's bridge out of 10 lollipop sticks. It's a tension bridge, it's held up with its own weight pushed against the other sticks. It was frustrating but we got there eventually; the class watched a YouTube video about it to help in the end. First the teacher told us to make a bridge out of lollipop sticks on our desk, nothing else. We couldn't do it and we struggled for a while but we helped each other. After most people gave up we watched the video and got it done in time for home time. Most of the class got it first try but some of us found it a bit trickier. It was really fun and we definitely recommend it.

By Amie and Emily

Credit Union – Clober Savings Bank

Clober Primary is working in conjunction with Scotwest Credit Union to introduce a new savings project for our pupils.

This is an important part of financial education for children who choose to take part, teaching them that they can save up for things they want to buy such as books, toys, gadgets or holiday spending money.

P6 pupils, with the help of the staff, are involved in the actual running of the credit union branch, helping with activities such as marketing, administration and recording money deposited.

If you are interested in opening an account for your child please contact the school office for an application form.

P2 Fire Station

Both P2 classes visited Milngavie Fire Station in October to learn about the important role of the fire service and experience a day in the life of a fire fighter. They got to sit in the fire engine and saw all the equipment firefighters use.

Bikeability P5

P5 have been honing their cycling skills this term, in preparation for the Bikeability assessment and led cycles which we run in partnership with Sustrans in P6 and P7. It's a fantastic way of getting around, eco friendly and keeps us fit too.

Led cycle

Firhill and beyond!

After 5 hours and 16 km of painful cycling all Ashton Smith could think about was lying in a comfy bed! At 9:30 am that morning Clober P7 cyclists had set off for Firhill stadium, home to Partick Thistle Football Club.

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The Road to Firhill

They started their journey through Bearsden then to Westerton, Drumchapel, Maryhill and then finally, after 2 hours of cycling, the class arrived at the gates of Firhill!

Inside Firhill

Sadly, due to a slightly late arrival, the P7s missed the tour but were able to meet some players instead! They met Osman Kakay and Alex Jones. Only one week after the cycle, Partick Thistle played a match and Osman Kakay was amazing. Unfortunately, Alex Jones was injured so could not play. Another highlight of the trip was that P7 got to eat their lunch in one of the stands!

Ashton Smith



In Your Neighbourhood Award

We were delighted to learn that we won an "Outstanding" award from Keep Scotland Beautiful in recognition of the community work we do. Mrs Greer, Mrs Prentice, Sandy P7, Olivia P7 and Lucy P6 went to Stirling to collect it on Wednesday 30th October. The assessment team commented "This hive of pupil activity at Clober must be the envy of many. From litter picking to designing features for Milngavie In Bloom, this group of motivated children has made its mark on the community."

Thanks go to Mrs Greer, the Eco Committee and our parent volunteers for all their hard work.

Scotland Street

On Wednesday 4th of December Primary 6/7 went to Scotland street school. Our topic is Victorians, the reason why we went to Scotland street school is we wanted to know what it was like in the 1800 s. We learnt about the toys and how to use them, some were hard to use and some were easy!

What did we do first you may ask? Well we went into the 50's,60's classroom and made whirlygigs out of paper, cardboard and string. Next we found out more facts about the Victorians on the way to the Victorian classroom. Then we put on Victorian school clothes to act like a Victorian boy/girl.

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After a while we had to line up in a boys and girls line and we saw Miss James -she was scary! One girl would move forward and one boy moved forward and had to sit beside each other. First we did a prayer and then one by one we had to stand up and say either the 2,3 or 4 times table and we had to call her Ma'am. We used the old fashioned slate boards and slate pencils (ink pens and ink wells). She even turned herself into a janitor and made us do exercises. Lastly the D (dunces cap) you get it if you have been silly. Ms Dayer chose me (Noah)I had to sit on a stool it was funny but I felt ridiculed!

Did you know that in the Victorian times they did not do P.E they did something called drill? So we enjoyed it very much even though it was very scary, and that was our horrifying but exciting day out to Scotland Street School.

By Emma and Noah



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EDC Carol Concert

We were treated to a wonderful evening of musical entertainment at the Royal Concert Hall on Monday 3rd December. Ten of our P7s joined children from across East Dunbartonshire to form the primary schools choir, accompanied by the EDC secondary school orchestra. They worked very hard to learn all the songs and words by heart. The pupils represented our school brilliantly, showing excellent manners and enthusiasm during the performance. Well done to:

Nathan	Eva	Olivia R	Grace	Reese
Katie	Hannah	Ava	Olivia W	Niamh

We were also very proud to see Tytus and Amy in EDC's Children's Choir.



Winter Fayre: Christmas at Clober

Our Winter Fayre is always very popular and we were delighted with the turnout on Friday night. There were lots of stalls, the return of Glowber and Jazzy Jars. Santa was kept busy in his grotto and everyone enjoyed the festive fayre on offer. In total, the sum of £2317.14 was raised. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert, Clober's Christmas Cracker, took place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December. The P7s put the show together and ensured it was a cracker of a performance! We hope you enjoyed it.

Pantomime

Hopscotch will visit the school on the afternoon of Thursday 19th December to treat us to "Mother Goose". Thanks to the PTA for subsidising the cost of this.

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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.

Look out next term for our Park Safe banner – it's been designed by one of our pupils!

Dates for the Diary

You can find all dates for the diary for session 2019-20 on our website; look under the school Information tab. Here are the important dates for this term, January to April.

➤ 31 January 2020	9:15am	Parents and Pupils	P5 Assembly
➤ 14 February 2020	9:15am	P1 and P7 Pupils	Tempest Photos
➤ 17 February 2020	9.15am	Parents and Pupils	P4 Assembly
➤ 28 February 2020	All day	Parents and Pupils	World Book Day dress up
➤ 6 March 2020	9:15am	Parents and Pupils	Primary 1a Assembly
➤ 10 March 2020	3.30 – 6pm	P1 to P7 Parents	Parent Interviews
➤ 11 March 2020	6 – 8.30pm	P1 to P7 Parents	Parent Interviews
➤ 13 March 2020	9.15 am	P2b parents	Primary 2b Assembly
➤ 16 March 2020	Monday to Fri	P7 Pupils	Residential Trip to Ardentinny
➤ 3 April 2020	11.20am	All Parents & Pupils	Easter Service in St Luke's

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. 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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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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