

School Motto: **Together we are the Heart of Hunter**

It's hard to believe we are back at school four weeks already and what a busy four weeks it has been!

Since our return in August, our Primary 7 children have been enjoying Sports Leader training with our Active Schools Coordinator Craig. This will prepare Primary 7 children to run an extra-curricular sport club for younger children in the school. Our House Captains and Vice Captains have been appointed. Primary 6 children have attended 3 of their swimming lessons; some extra-curricular clubs for senior pupils have commenced; our boys and girls football teams have played a number of friendly games with Maxwellton P.S. – what a super start!

Our pupils looked the part on Thursday for their individual/family school photographs and we hope you like them. All pupils should have brought the photo proof home where you can purchase the photo directly from Tempest photography. Please remember there is no obligation to purchase the photograph. We will issue a date 'to be paid by' via the app. This will allow for the photographs to be delivered to the school and no charge for postage and packaging. Class/group photographs will be taken later in the session. When photos arrive and you have them home, I will issue a survey asking for some feedback.

This month we have the return of 'Beat the Street' (info below) as well as some P.E. specialists visiting some classes for Cricket and Handball taster sessions. We are also looking forward to seeing many of you at the '**Meet the Teacher**' event this **Tuesday 13th (2.00 pm – 2.50 pm)**. We are fully aware not all parents/carers will be able to attend. Our first full Parents' evening will take place on Thursday October 13th (more details to follow).

A reminder to keep an eye on the '**dates**' section of the school app. I regularly update this (sometimes daily) in every attempt to keep you as up to date as possible. Have a great September!

Mr. Gary Campbell, Head Teacher (Acting)

Our School Vision:

Here at Hunter Primary School we aim to be

**Happy, Understanding,
Nurturing, Truthful,
Equal and Respectful.**



Please follow us
on Twitter:

@HunterPrimary



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school or by emailing one of the addresses below:

office@hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Office email

headteacher@hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Mr. Campbell's email

gw07baddeleyeileen@glow.sch.uk

Mrs. Baddeley's email

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Beat the Street 2022



The children are very excited about the return of Beat the Street this Wednesday (14th September) until Wednesday 26th October.

Pupils were visited by Erin (Beat the Street East Kilbride coordinator) at a recent Assembly where she took us through the exciting programme. Packs will be issued to children early this week where you should register your child's card for them to take part. There is some useful information on our Twitter feed **@HunterPrimary** and the 'Beat the Street' website <https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastkilbride/>



As you can imagine, coming second place in 2019, we are very competitive and motivated to attempt to beat this. Classes will have opportunities along with their class teacher to take part in the game (weather permitting) weekly. We will be looking for some parents/carers to support with this. I will post a Google Form via the app to be completed by anyone who would be willing and happy to accompany a class (no PVG required). Each session would be approximately 50 minutes. ***As pupils will be taking part during the school day, please ensure your child brings their 'Beat the Street' card with them daily.***



Glow and Google Classroom



Google Classroom

On Friday, all pupils were issued with their Glow log on details for access into Google Classroom. We thank you for your patience in allowing us to set this up.

Class teachers will begin using this online platform from **Monday 12th September** to set some homework tasks, showcase pupil learning and issue some class information.

Please keep your child's log on information safe and if you experience any technical difficulties, please do not hesitate to email me – headteacher@hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Useful hints and tips:

- On a laptop or PC, Google Classroom works best using the **Google Chrome web browser**.
- On an apple or android device – you can download the Google Classroom app via your device app store. When logging in, you may need to log in a slightly different way. Instead of logging in as (e.g. gw22smithjohn@glow.sch.uk) – you will most likely need to log in as gw22smithjohn@sl.glow.scot).

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Hunter Primary Parent Council

Hunter Primary has a very active Parent Council, and everyone is welcome to become involved in some way. I am very much looking forward to meeting with the Parent Council and working in partnership to continue the great work that they do for our children. The first scheduled meeting is due to take place on **Wednesday 28th September @ 7.00 pm** in the school.

Our Parent Council also has an active Facebook page – ***Hunter Primary Parent Council***

Please see below a welcome message from **Gillian Molloy** our Parent Council Chairperson:

Parents and carers of new P1s - on behalf of the Parent Council, welcome to Hunter Primary! We know you will find Hunter Primary to be a supportive, inclusive and fun environment for your child to learn in!

To those parents who are returning to us with their child in P2 – P7 – welcome back!

I'm Gillian Molloy, the chairperson of the parent council and we would like to invite you along to our monthly meetings. We'd love to hear your opinions, concerns and have parents and carers help out with fundraising events throughout the year!

Our meetings will be advertised on the school App and the Facebook page and the first one is on 28th September at 7pm in the school.

The parent council aims include:

- **The fostering of relationships between the school and parent/carers.**
- **Enabling parents/carers to share ideas**
- **Engaging in activities which support the education and care of pupils.**
- **Representing the views of parents or carers on the education provided by the school**
- **Promoting parental or carers' involvement in their child's education and learning.**
- **Raising money to help support the school and give the pupils as many different experiences as possible.**

We really would love to have lots of parents at the meetings, sharing ideas and asking questions. I promise you will not be given a job unless you want to get involved – we just would love as many parental views as we can get!

If you have any questions then you can email us on: hunterprimaryparents@gmail.com

Gillian Molloy
Chairperson Hunter Primary Parent Council

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Hunter Primary School Improvement Priorities 2022-23

As we continue to progress into our 2022-23 session and reflect on all the work that was undertaken last session, I have had the opportunity to work closely with school staff to review the progress made against the identified school priorities for session 2021-22 and set the new school priorities for this academic session.

This year, our three main Improvement Priorities include:

Priority 1: Development of a progressive Writing pedagogy in all primary stages that ultimately raises attainment Writing.

Priority 2: Health and Wellbeing: Applying Nurture as a whole school approach

Priority 3: IDL Learning: create a progressive framework for Interdisciplinary Learning (including STEM) that ensures topics are relevant and accessible for all.

In the coming weeks we will share our Standard and Quality report for session 2021-22. I will add the condensed School Improvement Plan (SIP), Plan on a Page, on our School App.

Health Information

Nut free school – please do not send nuts into school in any form. We have children in school with life threatening nut allergies. Please also inform the school if your child has an infections disease such as chicken pox so that we can alert (confidentially) parents/carers who are immune compromised.

Medicines – all **inhalers** should be kept with children, however for your child's safety, we advise that you send in a spare to be held at the office. If your child needs medicine to be administered during the school day, this can be done on a voluntary basis. **Any medicines must be labelled for your child and parents/carers should complete a form at the school office** before we can help. Please do not send painkillers etc. in to school in schoolbags as this can pose a danger to other children.

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Health Information (cont.)

Healthy eating – We encourage children to bring a healthy snack to school and ask parents/carers to support us by only permitting **1** snack at morning break time. Some younger classes take part in ‘Fruit and book’ sessions – a small piece of fruit is ideal. Children will be encouraged to bring any uneaten food from packed lunches home, so that you are aware what they have eaten. As P1-5 pupils are entitled to a free lunch, any child bringing their own packed lunch to school is entitled to help themselves to soup, fruit and yoghurt in addition to their packed lunch. Please only send in items your child can open by themselves.

Drinking water – We encourage children to bring a filled water bottle to school each day. This should have a spill proof sports cap. Children can re-fill water bottles at the water stations throughout the school.

Toileting – Your child will always be allowed to visit the toilet when needed however staff will also encourage children to ensure they go during break times in order to establish good habits and minimise disruption to learning. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding toileting. From time to time little accidents can occur. Staff will ensure your child is comfortable and if possible will provide a change of clothes for your child. We will let you know, and it may be that we require you to collect your child as staff are unable to physically clean or change your child. A spare set of clothing can be sent in and kept in school, for any child experiencing toilet issues.

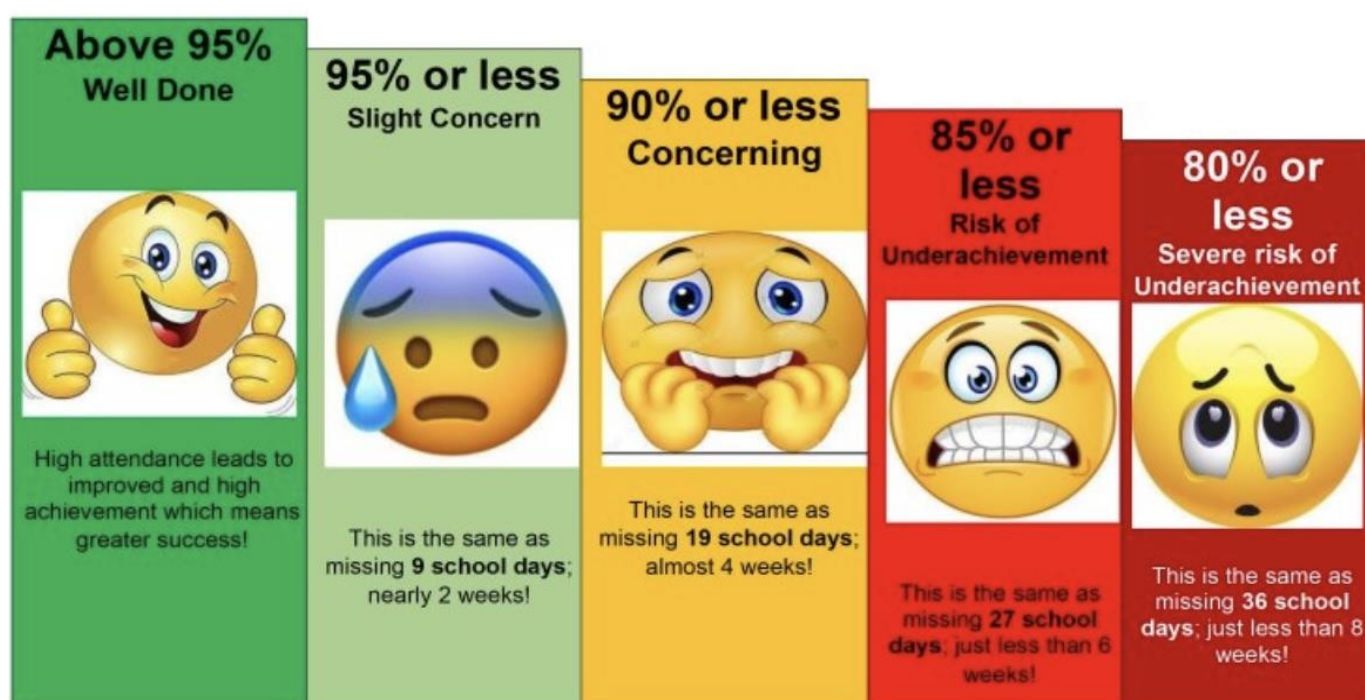
P.E. safety – it is vital that jewellery is not worn during P.E. Ear piercing should be avoided during term time however if your child’s ears have been pierced, please provide **micropore** tape so that they can cover their ears and take part in important P.E. lessons. Please ensure your child can remove earrings or that they are not worn to school.

Period Poverty – please note that free sanitary products are available in school.



Attendance and Absence reporting

Children should come to school unless too unwell to attend. Our school attendance rates are usually very good however we see a direct correlation between attendance and attainment. Pupils with lower attendance rates fall behind their classmates, are less resilient and confident. All pupil attendance is monitored regularly and where an attendance rate falls **below 90%**, this is monitored weekly. Where there is a pattern of poor attendance the Head Teacher will contact the parent/carer to discuss whether there are any supports that can be put in place. It is also helpful to contact the school should you have any attendance concerns regarding your child. It is our priority to work together in partnership to ensure the best outcomes for all children.



If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office and leave a message on the answer facility (**option 1 to report a child's absence**). Please tell us your **child's name, class and specific reason for absence**. Please note a specific reason is needed to authorise your child's absence.

Attendance is recorded as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. We are unable to authorise holidays taken during term time (please contact the Head Teacher in the first instance to discuss this) or an unexplained absence. Absence through illness or appointments are 'authorised' where we have the exact reason for absence.

We thank you for your continued support with this.

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Diary Dates - September

Remember to keep an eye on the 'Dates' section of the school app.

- Monday 12th - P.7 Sports Leader training (final session)
- Tuesday 13th - Handball taster session for Rooms 6 and 8
'Meet the Teacher' event (2.00 pm – 2.50 pm)
- Wednesday 14th - 'Beat the Street' launch date
P.5 (Room 6) attend 'Beat the Street' launch @ John Wrights Sports Centre
Selected senior Boys and Girls attend Football festival 1 (pm)
Cricket taster session for Rooms 4 and 5
- Thursday 15th - Handball taster session for Rooms 5 and 9
- Friday 16th - P.6 Swimming session 4
P6/7 selected pupils attend Sportshall Athletics festival 1 (pm)
- Wednesday 21st - P5 Cricket lunchtime club begins
- Friday 23rd - **SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HOLIDAY**
- Monday 26th - **SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HOLIDAY**
- Wednesday 28th - Parent Council meeting in school (7.00 pm) – all welcome!
- Friday 30th - P.6 Swimming session 5

Future dates for diary:

- Thursday 13th October - Parents' Evening (more information to follow)
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st October - **OCTOBER HOLIDAY**



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