

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

We hope all our families in the Hunter community are doing well. It is now getting to that time of year where we can see the darker mornings and evening approaching fast. As we begin to see the weather changing, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket to keep them warm and dry. We will always attempt to allow the children to play outside during breaktimes as much as possible. This also includes any outdoor learning lessons.

September was a really busy month for us. It was lovely to see so many of you come to the 'Meet the Teacher' event a few weeks ago. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to come into the school and visit your child's class(es) and 'meet' their teacher. You should all now have received the invite to our first Parents' Evening. This will take place on **Thursday 13th October** (3.30 pm – 5.15 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm). If you have not yet returned the reply-slip, please have this returned by **Friday 7th** to ensure you receive an appointment letter. Letters will be issued week commencing **Monday 10th**.

Other **September** highlights included:

- P.6, Room 8 pupils continuing their P.E. curricular swimming lessons.
- P.6&7 pupils attending their first Sportshall Athletics competition.
- P.7 completing Sports Leadership training.
- Senior boys and girls taking part in their first Football tournament for the session.
- The launch of 'Beat the Street' with P.5, Room 6 attending the launch event at the John Wrights Sports Centre.
- Handball taster sessions in P.E. for some classes.
- Cricket taster sessions in P.E. for some classes.
- Extra-curricular clubs including Netball, Cricket, Football, Athletics.
- P.5, Room 6 undertaking the 'Green Stewardship' programme (linked to Sustainability and Climate Change).
- 'Love Autism' Parent/Carer workshops in Maxwellton and Heathery Know P.S.
- All classes taking part in Maths Week Scotland (27th – 30th).

What an excellent month! Here's to a super October month (including a well-deserved holiday in between). Have a great October everyone and I will look forward to seeing many of you at the Parents' Evening on Thursday 13th.

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



We have: **202** followers
(Oct 1st)

House Point totals so far:

Bruce House: 244

Burns House: 190

**Graham Bell House:
200**

Wallace House: 139

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

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Glow and Google Classroom - Update



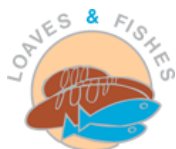
Google Classroom

Thank you to those of you who have not managed to sign into Glow/Google Classroom to access homework tasks, class information and seeing some of the superb learning taking place.

There are a number of children who have still not yet accessed the platform. I will shortly be contacting those families to offer some support in signing up/into. Please contact me in the first instance if you have misplaced your child's log on details/instruction letter and I will re-issue this.

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).



Loaves and Fishes/ Foodbank donation

Hunter has had a long association with Loaves and Fishes spanning many years and at our assembly on Friday 7th we will welcome representatives who will talk to the children about what they do and who they support.

As a school, we are keen to continue supporting the Charity. If you are able to support us, we are asking for a small donation to go towards their foodbank appeal.

Some examples of items that can be donated include:

- Packeted food (pasta, rice), Super noodles, pot noodle, any biscuits, tinned meat (hot dogs, tuna, etc.), tinned vegetables, dried pulses (red lentils, scotch broth mix), cup of soup, cereals.
- UHT milk, coffee, diluting juice, gravy granules, soup
- Pet food, including cat and dog food
- Toiletries including: deodorant (all kinds), children shampoo, children bath soap, soap, baby wipes, toilet roll, washing up liquid, laundry tables.

There is a full list on the Loaves and Fishes website: www.loavesandfishesek.com

If you are able to support this great cause, we ask for a donation to come into school on Wednesday 12th October.

School Chaplain

Our school Chaplain is Rev. Sarah Ross, minister at East Kilbride Moncrieff Parish Church. Sarah will lead some whole school assemblies throughout the year for all pupils. We had our first assembly with Sarah on Friday where the focus was around Harvest. This will link into our Loaves and Fishes assembly on the 7th.

Sarah can be contacted at the Church and on their website www.moncrieffparihchurch.co.uk . Should you wish any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair



We will welcome the Scholastic travelling book fair back to Hunter in time for Parents' Evening which takes place on Thursday 13th October.

This year, our **Primary 7, Room 9** class will organise and run the book fair as part of a class enterprise project. All pupils will have the opportunity to visit the book fair throughout the week of **10th – 14th October** (see information below).

If any child would like to purchase a book, there will be an opportunity to do so at the Parents' Evening. As always, there is absolutely **no** obligation to purchase anything from the book fair. Please don't feel obliged to do so.

Any commission raised from purchases will be going towards purchasing whole class reading novels in order to continue to enhance Literacy studies.

Message from P7:

Primary 7 are very excited to be organising this year's Book Fair as part of our enterprise project. We will:

- Deliver story telling sessions - Tuesday 11th October
- Timetable each class a visiting session - Wednesday 12th October
- Note wish lists for children's favourite books - Wednesday 12th October
- Sell books to Hunter families during parents evening slots - Thursday 13th October
- Create a competition for each class and the winner will receive a free book. Winners will be announced at our whole school assembly - Friday 14th October

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

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Nurture at Hunter

At Hunter, we are a nurturing school. Nurture (including Health and Wellbeing – particularly mental health) is very much on many people's minds as we hear lots about it on social media, newspapers, the television, etc. Health and Wellbeing remains one of our top key priorities this academic year. To support the work we are undertaking, the school has been lucky to receive some additionality funding from both South Lanarkshire and the Scottish Government. This funding has allowed **Ms. McAdam** to be released from class three days a week to drive our Nurture priority forward.

Working alongside all staff (Teaching, Support and Facilities), staff are all being trained on Nurture principals and pedagogy all with the aim of best supporting all pupils in our school to ultimately get the best out of them and to raise achievement and attainment.

Throughout the year, as we develop Nurture further, there will be opportunities for parents/carers to get involved. We will be in touch with more information at a later date.

We are currently transforming one of our spare classrooms into a 'nurture classroom' where small groups of children will visit and take part in various activities with Ms. McAdam and another member of staff.

To help us create our classroom, we are looking for some items. If anyone has any:

- Yoga balls
- Mats
- Play tunnels
- Tents
- Massage tools
- Sensory/fidget toys or such like



these would be useful for our new sensory classroom.

We are also looking for soft toys, baby dolls, kids' kitchen, giant jigsaws and snap cards for our play area.

If anyone has a house plant that's needing some TLC we would love to take care of it.

Any items you can donate, can be brought to the school office.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

As we delve deeper into Term 1, we continue to offer our children the opportunities to take part in extra-curricular clubs (lunchtime and after school). It is our aim to offer all stages the opportunity to take part in an extra-curricular club at some point in the session. I would like to thank our staff who give up their spare time to run the clubs. Without their continued support, it would be difficult to run/manage.

If any parent/carer has a particular skill set and would be keen to offer a club in our school, we would love to hear from you. Please contact me in the first instance where I will be happy to discuss further.

Please see below extra-curricular clubs as they stand at present:

Monday	P6 Lunchtime Netball club P7 Afterschool Netball club	Miss Taylor
Wednesday	P7 Boys and Girls football club	Davy and Mrs. Shearon
Wednesday	P5 Lunchtime Cricket Club	Derek (from Cricket club)/Active Schools
Thursday	P6/7 Lunchtime Sportshall Athletics Club	Miss Mooney
Friday	P4 Multi-Sports Club	Active Schools and P7 Sports Leaders



PEF – Participatory Budgeting

Some of you may remember that last year we sought the spending views of our young people and parents/carers to identify how we could spend approximately 5% of our PEF budget (Pupil Equity Funding) through the device of Participatory Budgeting (PB). PEF is allocated directly to schools to help close the poverty related attainment gap. Mrs. McLaughlin (P5, Room 6) teacher led this, and the result was attractive painted playground games on our playground surface.

We are now looking for views from parents/carers once again for this academic year. The identified amount we have to spend is just over £3000 – the equivalent of 8% of our PEF budget.

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted a response to our survey. There are a few days left to share your views – please use the Google Form link [PB Google Form Link](#). Mrs. McLaughlin will collate these views and meet with the ‘PB Pupil group’ and discuss this with the children. As you can imagine, our young people have some great views too.

When this information is collected and collated, we will then share this with our school community and ask both parents/carers and pupils to vote for their preferred option.

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Raising Achievement and Attainment: Hunter House System

Our Hunter House system is back this year and our four House teams are well on their way to gaining their first points of the new session.

This has been in place for some years now and is very popular with both the children and the staff.

Pupils across the school in Primaries 1-7 are organised into one of the four houses:

- Bruce House (Blue)
- Burns House (Green)
- Graham Bell House (Yellow)
- Wallace House (Red)

Overseen by Mrs. Baddeley, the House Captains and Vice Captains, children across the school can gain House points for literally anything they do well that is recognised by a member of staff or visitor to the school. This includes items such as:

- ✓ A good piece of work
- ✓ Demonstrating good manners
- ✓ Good walking throughout the school
- ✓ Super lining up
- ✓ Demonstrating the Hunter values, good citizenship, and a lot more

At our weekly assemblies, House captains and vice captains will tally up total scores to date and share these with the children.

On a termly basis (October holiday, early December, mid-March and end of May), the winning house will receive a prize. The first prize will be a PJ day on **Friday 14th October**. As always, we will communicate this to parents/carers via the usual channels.

Children remain in the same House throughout their time in Hunter and although most children know what House they are in, we will be posting House groups for pupils in Rooms 1 and 2 on their respective Google Classrooms.

Our Captains and Vice Captains for this session are:

Bruce House: Alistair McKenna (P7 Captain), Rhys McLaughlin (P6 Vice Captain)

Burns House: Scott Anderson (P7 Captain), Cameron Weston (P6 Vice Captain)

Graham Bell House: Aimee Rennie (P7 Captain), Ruby Chalmers (P6 Vice Captain)

Wallace House: Marietta Ramage (P7 Captain), Marci Houston (P6 Vice Captain)



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Diary Dates - October

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

- Monday 3rd - Scholastic Travelling Book Fair arrives
- Tuesday 4th & 25th - P.5, Room 6 continue 'Green Stewardship' programme
- Wednesday 5th - Senior Boys and Girls Football tournament PM with Davy and Mrs. Shearon
P.5 lunchtime Cricket club (final session)
Room 4 and 5 Cricket taster session (final session)
5.00 pm – Re-Scheduled Parent Council meeting (all welcome)
- Friday 7th - P.6, Room 8 Swimming session 6
Loaves and Fishes Assembly
P.4 Multi-Sport lunchtime club begins
- Monday 10th - Pupils visit Scholastic Book Fair (throughout week) – led by P.7, Room 9
- Tuesday 11th - Selected pupils attend SLC Climate Change and Sustainability Conference with Mrs. Baddeley.
3.00 – 4.00 pm Selected senior boys attend football friendly @ Townhill PS (Hamilton) with Davy
- Wednesday 12th - Foodbank donation day
- Thursday 13th - **PARENTS' EVENING (appointment only) – (3.30 – 5.15 & 6.00 – 8.30 pm)**
- Friday 14th - P.6, Room 8 Swimming session 7
Selected P6&7 pupils attend Sportshall Athletics festival (2) with Mr. Campbell
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st **OCTOBER HOLIDAY**
- Monday 24th - School re-opens
- Tuesday 25th - Selected senior pupils attend Netball Festival (1) with Miss Taylor
- Wednesday 26th - Parent Council meeting @ 7.00 pm
- Friday 28th - P.6, Room 8 Swimming session 8

Future dates for diary:

- Thursday 3rd November - Anne Love Parent/Carer session 'Raising Confidence' @ Mount Cameron PS
- Friday 4th November - Flu Vaccinations
- Thursday 10th November - P7 Open Night @ Calderglen High School
- Monday 14th November - **IN-SERVICE DAY 3 (School closed to pupils)**

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