

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

Welcome to our February Newsletter. With January already been and gone, we are now well and truly settled into the second term of the session. Term 2 is always a busy term with lots of new learning taking place in our classes.

The children took part in a very successful Scots Week in January. All classes focussed on Scots themed activities, some of which included food tasting, poetry recital, music, famous Scots and lots more. Well done to everyone who later performed at our Scots week Assembly showcase. There are many videos and pictures on our Twitter/X feed.

We look forward to meeting some of our new Primary 1 families who will join Hunter Primary in August 2024 on **Thursday 8th February @ 1.30pm**. This will provide an opportunity to visit the school for a cup of tea/coffee, a guided tour of the school by our Primary 6 children and an opportunity to visit a Primary 1 classroom. We look forward to 'meeting' our new Hunter children on this date. *A more detailed Induction programme will take place later in the session prior to August start. This will be communicated accordingly.*

With a busy February well underway, below are some of our January highlights:

- Pupil Council representatives attended 'Young Leaders of Learning' training in South Lanarkshire Council's Headquarters with Mrs. McLaughlin. We will be teaming up with pupils in Townhill Primary School in Hamilton for lots of exciting new things. Watch this space!
- Teachers across South Lanarkshire took part in a Tennis Professional Learning event in Hunter Primary school which was delivered by Tennis Scotland and Active Schools.
- Some Hunter Primary Teaching staff took part in 'Maths Recovery' training – upskilling in teaching of maths and numeracy which will support learning, teaching and attainment.
- Selected senior boys took part in a football tournament in our gym hall – supported by Davy and our parent Darren Rennie – thank you!
- Netball and Football clubs resume with P5 Team Sports Club commencing for Primary 5 pupils – more clubs to come!

January is finally over, have a super February everyone!

Mr. Gary Campbell,
Head Teacher

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: 345 followers

House Point Totals:

Bruce House: 2835

Burns House: 2761

**Graham Bell House:
3235**

Wallace House: 3103

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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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Mrs. Baddeley's email (PT)

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Mrs. McLaughlin's email (Acting PT)

Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health week returns across the United Kingdom from **Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February 2024**. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

In Health and Wellbeing lessons during Children's Mental Health week with Miss Mooney (Mrs. Baddeley in Room 7) we are asking children to bring in an item that is special to them. This may include a medal, certificate, photo or item that makes them feel proud. It could also be a focus of discussion, such as being a member of a club/activity or playing an instrument, or having created a piece of art out of school.

This week will culminate in a **dress down day** on **Friday 9th** where children are encouraged to dress in something they feel proud wearing.

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Kooth Online Counselling and Mental Health Services



for 10-18 year olds

We would like to remind parents/carers that South Lanarkshire Council continues to endorse the online wellbeing service **Kooth**, a service delivered by Kooth Digital Health. **Kooth** is an integral component of South Lanarkshire's mental health and wellbeing provision offering a digital counselling and emotional wellbeing service for young people.

Kooth is a free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service providing children and young people aged 10-18 years (up to 26 if care experienced) across South Lanarkshire with a safe and secure means of accessing support with their emotional health and wellbeing needs from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling service and is accredited by The British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). Founded in 2001, they are leading pioneers of online counselling in the UK, having won a number of prestigious awards.

Kooth has no referrals, thresholds or waiting lists. Children and young people can access this service anonymously by signing onto the Kooth website. **Kooth** is open 7 days per week, 365 days a year, with live support and counselling available from noon until 10pm weekdays and from 6pm until 10pm on Saturday and Sundays. **Kooth** provides added value with moderated, scheduled forums and self-help articles (many written by service users) to provide peer led and self-help support.

Kooth helps to reduce waiting times for children and young people seeking help and removes stigma around mental health and accessing services. **Kooth** integrates with face-to-face local services to ensure a seamless transition through services for children and young people.

Kooth's team of qualified counsellors, therapists and support workers provide guided, outcome-focused help for each individual. **Kooth** takes safeguarding and clinical governance extremely seriously. The safety and well-being of all Kooth users is an utmost priority.

Kooth will be working in South Lanarkshire to raise the profile of the service with professionals and children/young people and families.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Campbell or Mrs. McLaughlin at the school.



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'Handle with Care' notification

All children come to school with a variety of emotions. At Hunter, we have a 'Handle with Care' alert system. If you feel we need to know about something that has happened at home that may have an impact on your child's learning in school for that particular day, please notify us at the school. This information is treated with sensitivity and communicated to the class teacher and Support Staff so that we can ensure your child is as settled as possible during school hours.

RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood)

Parental Consultation



On the back of a successful parent/carer information session we delivered in the school last session, detailing new resources to teach and deliver RSHP lessons, we are now inviting parents/carers to be involved in a consultation on what we already teach at Hunter Primary as well as looking over newer aspects of the curriculum and where they will sit in the context of our school. This will take place on **Monday 19th February @ 1.45 pm.**

We are also delighted that **Susi Cornwell**, NHS Curriculum Support Teacher will be joining us to offer her expertise and advice.

If you are available and would like to come along, please complete the Google Form within the link below (link also available within the message section of the school app).

If you would like to be involved, but are unavailable to attend on the date, please contact Mrs. McLaughlin, who will be able to assist.

<https://forms.gle/xX6RtLvYMfrX8TvD8>



Book Donations for our new Library

We are continuing to work towards our new Library resource centre within the school. We now need some support in filling our new library with some books.

Do you have any new/unused books that could be donated to our new school library. If you have any children's books lying around that you feel could be donated to a good cause, please send these into our school office. Books will be gratefully received!

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Celebrating Success and Achievement @ Hunter

Our December **Heart of Hunter** award winners were celebrated at one of our first assemblies in January. Our award winners for December were:-

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Poppy L
Primary 1, Room 2	-	Jessica H
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Sienna L
Primary 3/4, Room 4	-	Jack C
Primary 4, Room 6	-	Rosie D
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Mila W
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Kyle C
Primary 7, Room 9	-	George D
CCC – Miss Mooney	-	Keira D (R4)



Congratulations!

Senior Boys' Football Tournament – January



Pupil Council representatives attending 'Young Leaders of Learning' training in



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Diary Dates – February 2024

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

Thursday 1 st February	-	P1 and P7 Dental Inspections Selected P7 pupils to Netball Festival 3 with Miss Taylor – good luck!
Friday 2 nd February	-	P7 Educational Excursion to Burns Cottage and Museum P5 Lunchtime Team Sports Club (2 of 4)
Monday 5 th – 9 th February	-	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 5 th February	-	Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30 pm
Wednesday 7 th February	-	Selected boys to Football Festival 4 with Davy
Thursday 8 th February	-	New P.1 August 2024 start parents and children visit Hunter Primary
Friday 9 th February	-	Dress Down Day for Children's Mental Health week Assembly – Chaplaincy Pt Lunchtime Team Sports Club (3 of 4)
Monday 12 th February	-	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13 th February	-	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 14 th February	-	IN-SERVICE DAY (4)
Thursday 15 th February	-	School re-opens to pupils Tennis Taster sessions for all classes (bring P.E. kit please) Primary 3/4, Room 4 visit St. Leonards Library (pm)
Friday 16 th February	-	Primary 5, Room 7 visit St. Leonards Library (pm)
Monday 19 th February	-	RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood) Parent Consultation with Mrs. McLaughlin (see above)
Thursday 22 nd February	-	Individual/Family photographs (Class group photos for P1 and P7) Primary 7, Room 9 Parent/Carer showcase @ 2.15 pm
Friday 23 rd February	-	Parent Council Hunter Challenge 'Look at my Learning' – Reading issued Primary 1, Room 1 visit St. Leonards Library (pm)
Tuesday 27 th February	-	Primary 7 visit Calderglen High School
Wednesday 28 th February	-	Primary 7, Room 9 visit St. Leonards Library (am) Primary 2, Room 3 visit St. Leonards Library (pm)
Thursday 29 th February	-	Selected P7 pupils to Netball Festival 4 with Miss Taylor – good luck!

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