

### School Motto: **T**ogether **w**e **a**re **t**he **H**eart **o**f **H**unter

Welcome to our March Newsletter. It's great to see much lighter mornings and evenings in our days now. This will hopefully also mean some warmer weather. It's also hard to believe that we are almost at the end of our second term already.

We celebrated 'Children's Mental Health' week in February with this year's theme being 'My voice matters'. All classes took part in this during Health and Wellbeing time with Miss Mooney/Mrs. Baddeley.

We also welcomed our new Primary 1 families who will join us to begin their learning adventure in August 2024. They were welcomed to the school by our Primary 6 children, and everyone received a tour of the school and a visit to Room 1s classroom. This was greatly received by all and a big well done to Primary 6 for being such great tour guides.

It will be good to see many of you at our forthcoming Parents' evening, which will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. Appointment letters will be issued on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

With almost the first full week of March completed, below are some of our other February school highlights:

- The arrival of some new Library furniture which will soon be built and take centre stage in our new school library – thank you Parent Council!
- Primary 7, Room 9 visited Robert Burns Birthplace and museum.
- Further successes for our Football and Netball teams who took part in their respective festivals.
- All classes received free Tennis taster sessions.
- Visits to St. Leonards library began in February for most classes, with the final classes visiting this month.
- A successful Parent/Carer RSHP focus group met to discuss the RSHP curriculum, alongside Susi Cornwell (Curriculum advisor).
- Primary 6/7 Cross Country and Primary 2 Multi-sports clubs commencing.
- Primary 7 pupils visiting Calderglen High School to meet their prospective Head of House.

Have a super March 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.**



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#### House Point Totals:

**Bruce House: 3471**

**Burns House: 3354**

**Graham Bell House:  
3852**

**Wallace House: 3787**

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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. McLaughlin's email (Acting PT)

## Easter Activities in Hunter

Our annual Easter design activities will take place again this year in the final week of this term. This is always an exciting, creative time in the school and always a pupil (and staff) highlight – despite the smell!



### Primary 1 and 2 pupils (Rooms 1, 2 and 3)

Pupils in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 will take part in the **Easter bonnet** design competition. Children are encouraged to bring in some small decorative crafts to design an Easter bonnet. Bonnet shapes will be provided for the children in school. Bonnets will then be modelled by all pupils and 2 prizes per class (supplied by our Parent Council) for inventive designs.

### Primary 3 – 7 pupils (Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9)

Pupils in Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 will take part in the **hardboiled egg or Polystyrene** Easter design competition. Children are encouraged to bring a hardboiled egg into school, as well as any items they'd like to add to their design. Pupils will design the egg(s) in school and will be judged for their creativity. Two prizes will be given per class (supplied by our Parent Council). Please bring a bag into school in order to take the design home when completed.

We will showcase our bonnets and egg design as well as our winners when all the judging is complete.

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The **rules** for the competitions include:

- Bonnets and eggs are to be designed in school.
- The children, if they wish, create a 'scene' to display their eggs but the footprint for this must be no larger than A4 size.
- A maximum of 3 eggs per design.
- P3-7 Pupils can complete a joint egg design if they wish to do so (pupils will share the prize if crowned winners).
- Pupils are encouraged to bring small crafts into school however the school will also provide resources to design both the bonnets and crafts such as paint and glue.

**Timeline** of design activity:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Bonnets** – Children can bring in anything they wish to use to decorate their bonnet. They will decorate their entry in school.

**Eggs** - Children can bring in their eggs, a small cardboard box to create scenery and their own decorating materials.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

Judging will take place after school.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Bonnet parade and winners announced.

This is always a pupil favourite activity and although the school ends up smelling of egg, it is well worth it!



## '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.



## 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!

## Celebrating Success and Achievement @ Hunter

Our February **Heart of Hunter** award winners were celebrated last month. Our award winners for were:-

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Callum M
Primary 1, Room 2	-	Magnus M
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Chloe H
Primary 3/4, Room 4	-	Leon D
Primary 4, Room 6	-	Luke F
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Katie B
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Noah K
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Jack C
CCC – Miss Mooney	-	Alexa K (R4)



**Congratulations!**

Our **Star Spot** award winners for super work was celebrated recently. Our award winners for Term 2 were:-

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Louis H-T, Aaron C, Shahzar L and Albie McE
Primary 1, Room 2	-	Lewis F, Leo McG and Evie O
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Jude G, Jessica M and Neil S
Primary 3/4, Room 4	-	Ellie C, Holly McL and Sabine W
Primary 4, Room 6	-	Emma W, Gabriella O and Aria F
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Gracie D, Rebecca F and Leo J
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Calvin C, Fraser R and Jack T
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Gemma A, George D and Harriet G
CCC – Miss Mooney	-	Daisy M (R1), Orla B (R4) and Rhona G (R3)



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## Diary Dates – March 2024

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

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Selected boys to football friendly at Long Calderwood PS
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Council meeting @ 6.30 pm
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Football Festival 5 – selected boys along with Davy
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (including World Book Day lunch)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Primary 7 take part in Calderglen High School P.E. event (am)
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening appointment times issued
- 2.30 pm – Parent/Carer RSHP materials drop-in
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Primary 6, Room 8 visit St. Leonards Library (am)
- Primary 1, Room 2 visit St. Leonards Library (pm)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Selected P7 pupils attend Netball competition with Miss Taylor
- Parents' Evening – by appointment only (3.15 pm – 8.30 pm)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Assembly: Chaplaincy
- 2.30 pm – Parent/Carer RSHP materials drop-in
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Selected P.6/P.7 pupils attend Cross Country competition
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Selected P.6 pupils attend Euroquiz competition with Mrs. Hodge
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - STEMAZING workshops for Primary 4-7
- Easter Eggs/Bonnets design day (1)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Primary 2, Room 3 visit Sumerlee
- Easter Eggs/Bonnets design day (2)
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Primary 5, Room 7 visit Whitelee windfarm
- Easter Eggs judging taking place after school
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Easter bonnet parade
- **School closes @ 2.30 pm – End of Term 2**

### Future diary dates:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - **School reopens – Start of Term 3**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - 6.30 pm – Parent Council meeting
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Selected boys to Football festival 6 with Davy
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Spring Fling Discos
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - P.6 Handball Festival @ John Wrights Sport Centre

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