

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

We already find ourselves in the third week of Term 3 at Hunter, and with just over 8 weeks of the session remaining, it has been one quick year!

Our Primary 7 pupils will be beginning to say goodbye to Hunter as they prepare for the transition to High school. They will also be gearing up to showcase their send off with their leavers' assembly in June (more information to follow).

You will also be aware that the Head Teacher post has now been officially advertised. It is expected that the new Head Teacher will be in post before the end of the session. I can confirm I intend on applying for the post.

An exciting arrival to the school on **Tuesday 9th May** will be the arrival of **ducklings**. As part of Science and Health and Wellbeing, Primary 1 pupils will be looking at lifecycles of animals and what a great way to demonstrate this in real life. All other children in all classes will have the opportunity to visit the ducklings as they hatch and grow.

Primary 6 and 7 athletes will also represent #TeamHunter at the final Athletics event – the **Outdoor Track and Field** competition on **Friday May 11th**. We wish all of our pupils the best of luck!

I'd like to thank all parents/carers for completing the self-evaluation questionnaire that was issued at the Parents' Evening in March. We are collating the data, and this will be issued to all stakeholders in a couple of weeks. The feedback is outstandingly positive, and this supports us in setting our school improvement targets for session 2023-24.

As we reflect on events that took place in March, our highlights included:

- Celebrating World Book Day and holding a Hunter World Book week.
- Primary 7, Room 9 attending the annual Calderglen HS Learning Community event.
- All classes taking part in Kickboxing taster sessions.
- Primary 7 pupils taking part in Netball Festival (4).
- Continuation of many new/exciting extra-curricular clubs
- All classes visit St. Leonards Library.
- Selected P6, Room 8 pupils took part in Euroquiz 2023 @ Newton Farm PS.
- Selected P6/7 pupils attend annual Cross Country competition.
- Easter bonnet/egg design competition.

Wishing you a super May!

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: **276 followers**

(May 1st)

House Point Totals:

Bruce House: 185

Burns House: 212

**Graham Bell House:
204**

Wallace House: 253

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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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Cost of the School Day (COSD) Parent/Carer survey



It is widely reported that the cost of living is impacting on every individual and family across the country and the world. Schools across Scotland are being asked to *“identify and overcome barriers that children from low income families face in terms of the costs associated with their participation and engagement at school.”* (www.education.gov.scot)

At Hunter Primary, we are continuously looking at ways to reduce the everyday costs that are being asked of all families across the school year, and we would appreciate your feedback in order for us to evaluate where we are at and where we need to go.

In order to support us in writing a Cost of the School Day position statement, please complete the parent/carers survey using the link below:

[HUNTER PRIMARY - COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY SURVEY](#)

The questionnaire should not take more than 10 minutes and will ask you for your feedback on the following items:

- School uniform
- Fun events
- School trips
- P.7 Residential/Activity week.

We thank you in advance of taking the time to help us gather feedback.

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Nurture at Hunter (Term 3 update)

Term 3 is always a shorter term in school. We are fortunate enough to be able to continue Nurture provision into term 3 due to staffing.

This term our Nurture provision will be held on a **Wednesday afternoon** with **Mrs. Hodge** and a **Friday all day**, with **Mrs. McLaughlin**.

We will prioritise children in classes who are yet to receive some Nurture intervention this session. Parents/carers of those children will be contacted prior to the first session.

It is hoped to continue Nurture in some way next session, but this will be completely dependent on the staffing allocation to the school in the new session.



Hunter Ducklings

We are very excited to announce the arrival of some new pupils to Hunter Primary on Tuesday 9th May. Our Hunter ducklings will arrive in school and will be looked after by our Primary 1, Room 1 children for 10 days. This will form part of our Science and Health and Wellbeing programme, looking at life cycles in Primary 1 and 2.



All pupils in the school will have the opportunity to see the new arrivals throughout the period they will be with us and watch them from the hatching process to grow into ducklings before they are collected and taken to the farm for looking after.



We are using the company **incredible eggs** (www.incredibleeggs.co.uk) The children are extremely excited and of course we will post photos/videos on our Twitter feed.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP)

Part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum focuses in on Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP). This is delivered by class teachers and children will undertake activities in June. A letter will be issued to parents/carers shortly containing important information about this programme and there will be an opportunity to view the materials used on **Thursday 25th May @ 2.00 pm**. If you would like to attend this event, please complete the Google Form link below:

[RSHP Parent/Carer Information Session Link](#)

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Celebrating Success and Achievement @ Hunter

Playground Award – Friday 24th March

Well done to our set of Playground award winners that were announced on Friday 24th March. All award winners were nominated by our Support Staff and Davy.

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Sienna Lintott – for helping the staff collect misplaced clothing in the playground
Primary 2/3, Room 2	-	Jack Costello – for looking after his friends toys. Lewis Brown – for helping friends when hurt
Primary 3, Room 4	-	Luke Miller – for being caring towards his peers Emily Anne Coyle – for looking after her friends toys
Primary 4, Room 5	-	Mark Anderson – for always being kind, helpful and a great role model to his peers.
Primary 5, Room 6	-	Matthew Brown – for being a great role model.
Primary 6, Room 8	-	George Deacon – for always showing Hunter values everywhere.
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Andrew King – for always being helpful in the playground.
MUGA award	-	Matthew Brown – excellent sporting attitude Rosie Paterson – always smiling, very sporting attitude and great with younger children.

Hunter's Got Talent – Term 2

Arran McLean – achievements in gymnastics
Lottie Woods – achievements in gymnastics
Jenson McGhie – achievements in football
Scarlett Stokes – achievements in gymnastics
Noah McKerrell – achievements in gymnastics
Alexander Rennie – achievements in football
Aria McLean – achievements in gymnastics
Harry Montgomery – achievements in BMX racing
Thomas Ward – achievements in football
Mark Anderson – achievements in football
Rebecca Forshaw – achievements in ice skating
Cory Dickson – achievements in rugby
Charlie Lusk – achievements in swimming
Gemma Allan – being friendly and kind to others and becoming a crochet master
Jack Campbell – joining the South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society
Thomas Reekie – being creative and supporting friends
Marci Houston – achievements in gymnastics
Ruby Chalmers – achievements in football
Andrew King – being a good friend to others
Rosie Paterson – being a good friend and supporting others
Adele Murray – being a good friend
Chloe Galbraith – achievements in football
Aimee Rennie – facing her fear
Amber McCartney – being kind to her peers

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Celebrating Success and Achievement @ Hunter (continued)

Calderwood Cup

On Friday 21st April our senior boys football team took part in the annual Calderwood Cup football competition alongside Long Calderwood and Maxwelton Primaries. Our boys team were outstanding in their performance and won!

They demonstrated the Hunter values and each and every player was a credit to the school. A special thank you also goes out to Davy who has put in so much of his time to train the boys (and girls) teams over the course of the year!



P.7 Girls Netball Tournament

Our P.7 girls Netball team and Miss Taylor took to their competition on **Tuesday 25th April** at the John Wrights Sports Centre. With a large number of schools taking part, the competition was fierce, but they performed exceptionally well and were highly commended for their efforts. Again, all players demonstrated the Hunter values and were a credit to the school. Congratulations girls!



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Diary Dates – May

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

Monday 1 st May	-	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2 nd May	-	IN-SERVICE DAY 5
Thursday 4 th May	-	King Charles Coronation school lunch day
Friday 5 th May	-	Selected P4 and P5 pupils to Whitemoss for Football with Davy
Monday 8 th May	-	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9 th May	-	Ducklings arrive in Hunter
Thursday 11 th May	-	Parent Council Spring Fling Discos
Friday 12 th May	-	Selected P6 and 7 pupils attend Outdoor Track and Field competition
Monday 15 th –		
Friday 19 th May	-	Walk to School week
Tuesday 16 th May	-	6.00 pm – P5 and 6 Lockerbie Manor Parent/Carer info. Session
	-	7.00 pm – Parent Council meeting
Wednesday 17 th May	-	Primary 1, Room 1 Parent/Carer learning showcase
Thursday 18 th May	-	7.00 pm – P.7 Calderglen High School Parent/Carer info. Evening
Friday 19 th May	-	Primary 7 French Café visit to Calderglen High School (PM)
Monday 22 nd May	-	‘Love Autism’ parent carer session @ Blacklaw Primary School
	-	Primary 1, Room 1 visit the National Museum of Rural Life
Wednesday 24 th May	-	Selected senior pupils attend Boys and Girls Football festival
Thursday 25 th May	-	RSHP Parent/Carer information session @ 2.00 pm in school
Friday 26 th May	-	HOLIDAY
Monday 29 th May	-	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 31 st May	-	Selected senior boys attend Football festival

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