

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

A warm welcome to the November newsletter. Can you believe we are now into November - October appeared to be over in a flash!

It was lovely to see and meet so many of you at our Parents' Evening in October. It felt so good to welcome you all back into our school building for the first face-to-face parents' evening in two years. We hope you enjoyed getting back into the school too and meeting with your child's teacher(s). We also want to say a huge thank you to all of you who visited the Scholastic Book Fair. A grand total of **£1117** was brought into school – commission raised (which should be approximately half of the overall total) will go towards the purchase of **whole class novel sets**, to enhance our Literacy Reading curriculum.

Other **October** highlights included:

- P.6, Room 8 pupils continuing their P.E. curricular swimming lessons.
- P.6&7 pupils attending their second Sportshall Athletics competition.
- 'Beat the Street' ending – with Hunter PS coming in 9<sup>th</sup> place – well done everyone!
- Extra-curricular clubs including Netball, Multi-Sports, Football, Athletics.
- P.5, Room 6 continuing their 'Green Stewardship' programme (linked to Sustainability and Climate Change) and YMI (Music lessons)
- 'Love Autism' Parent/Carer workshops in Blacklaw Primary School.
- Parent Council meetings and a fantastic Halloween Disco (thank you Parent Council!)
- Loave and Fishes foodbank collection.
- A welcome to student teacher Miss Fourie to P.3, Room 4 for her 6 week placement block.

As we enter November along with the darker mornings and nights, we have a full month of learning ahead. A reminder that all pupils are welcome to attend our **free Breakfast Club (8.15 – 8.45 am), Monday to Friday.**

Have a good November everyone!

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: **220** followers  
(Oct 5<sup>th</sup>)

### House Point Totals:

**Bruce House: 340**

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**Graham Bell House:  
357**

**Wallace House: 294**

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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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Office email

[headteacher@hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

Mr. Campbell's email

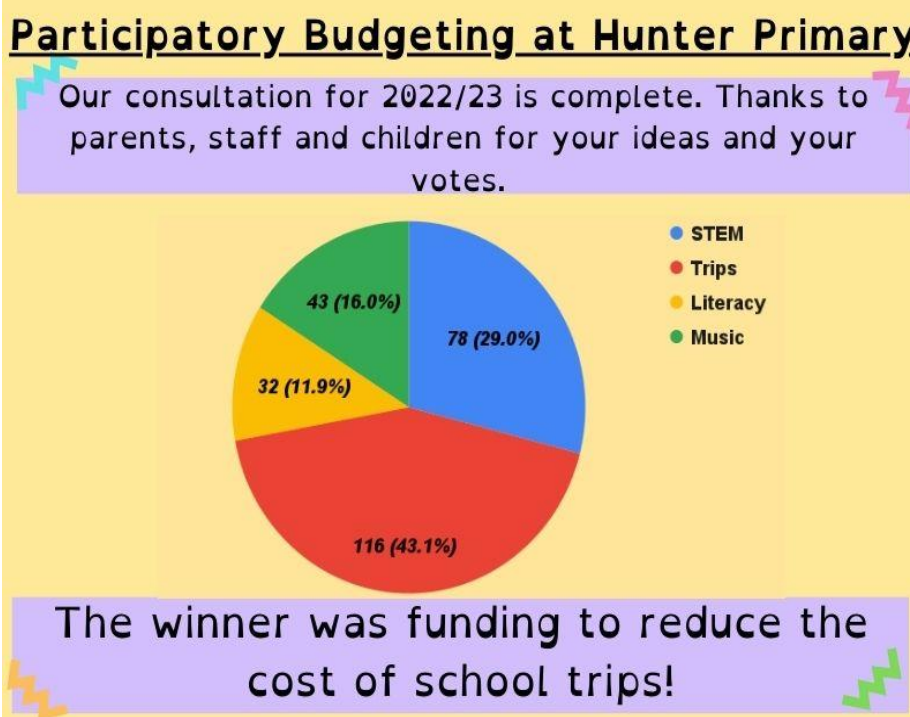
[gw07baddeleyeileen@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07baddeleyeileen@glow.sch.uk)

Mrs. Baddeley's email

## Pupil Equity Funding (Participatory Budgeting) 2022

As per the October Newsletter, we were looking for our whole school community to get involved in our PB vote for session 2022-23. Our pupil focus group met with Mrs. McLaughlin towards the end of September where they identified their four ideas that the PB money (just over £3000) could be spent on.

Thank you to everyone who voted. Our results for the vote are:



With the funding to reduce the cost of school trips the overall winner, part of this funding has already been allocated to allow all pupils the opportunity to visit the King's Theatre to see 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime in December. Our generous Parent Council has contributed to the remainder of this visit.

The remaining PB funding will be split across all 7 classes to support the reduction in costs for school trips in some way.

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## **\*NEW\* School Website**

Our new school website is now **LIVE**. Although it will not replace any of the other forms of communication we use, it will be used to highlight what we do in Hunter to the wider community/population. In particular, a source for new/prospective families for P.1 enrolment, for example.

Please visit our new website and have a look:

[www.hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)



## **Adverse Weather**



As we see the weather beginning to change it is important to have a plan in place to ensure the safety and welfare of all children, staff, and members of the public. ***(A detailed Adverse Weather Plan will be posted in due course).***

### **Patch icy ground, light snow, or rain:**

Where there is **patchy icy ground, light snow, or rain**, school start/finish routines will remain as normal. We advise that children are not brought to school until **just before the 9.00 am bell** and avoid entering playground spaces until then (unless attending Breakfast Club). On days of **heavy rain**, pupils will enter the building before the 9 am bell (**from 8.50 am**) where they will walk directly to their class and will be supervised by class monitors and Support Staff.

### **Heavy snow/mostly icy playground spaces:**

In the instance of deep snow, SLC Head Teachers have the authority to delay school opening until 10 am. We will ensure this is communicated as quickly as possible (via the school app, Twitter, school website).

SLC ask Janitors to guarantee **one** clear pathway into the school. Clearly for a school like ours, with many access points/gates, this would be challenging. In instances of **heavy snow/mostly icy playground spaces** Davy (janitor) will endeavour to clear as much as he is able to. I ask you to be mindful of this as it is a big job for Davy, and he may not manage all access points/routes into the school.

### **The school needs to close early:**

This situation is also extremely rare and will always be avoided, where possible. Where an early closure is deemed necessary by the Head Teacher in conjunction with SLC HQ. The decision to close early will depend on the assessed safety and welfare of children, current weather conditions in the area, the weather forecast, road and traffic conditions and availability of staff.

Under these circumstances we will use all communication channels available parents/carers should: **Check for updates on the school app - Check the SLC and school websites for updates - Follow SLC and school twitter - Check the Parent Council Facebook page - Listen to local radio stations e.g Radio Clyde**

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## Celebrating Success and Achievement



At Hunter, we want to celebrate the successes and achievements of all pupils. In addition to class awards/rewards, throughout the year, we will regularly celebrate and recognise pupil achievements at our Friday assemblies. It is our aim to recognise all pupil successes and achievements, whether in school or out of school.

Our award assemblies will be spread out across the academic year and will include:-

- ✓ **'Star Spot' award** – Children will be nominated by their class teacher for a good piece of work. This will then be displayed on the new 'Star Spot' award board outside our Nurture room – room 3.
- ✓ **The 'Heart of Hunter' award** – Children being nominated for displaying the Hunter values and overall great citizenship. Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Baddeley may even nominate a whole class to receive this award too!
- ✓ **Playground award** – this is a new award being introduced this year where pupils will be nominated by our Support Staff. To achieve this award, Support Staff will identify pupils in all classes for displaying good behaviour, manners, supporting friends, helping outside, etc.
- ✓ **\*NEW\* 'Hunter's Got Talent' award** – We are very aware learning doesn't just happen in school. We would like to recognise and celebrate the wider achievements and successes outside of school. This is where we need you, the parent/carer. If your child has achieved something at an out of school club for example or demonstrated something positive at home and you would like this to be recognised, a nomination sheet will be posted online that can be completed and emailed into our school office. We will then recognise your child's achievements at a future assembly. Pupils may also nominate themselves (we will be discussing this at our assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>).

Our nomination box will be situated at the school office and paper copies of the nomination form will also be found at the school office (please come and take one whenever you wish).

Our first **Star Spot** award took place just before the October holiday. Our first winners were:

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Jude G, Chloe H and Bethany C
Primary 2/3, Room 2	-	Ellie K, Olivia M and Hannah F
Primary 3, Room 4	-	Abi D, Ailsa M and Emily-Anne C
Primary 4, Room 5	-	Jessica McC, George B and Lewis C
Primary 5, Room 6	-	Pyper S, Charlie L and Arran C
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Rhys McL, Gemma A and Cameron T
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Michael McC, Zoe H and Katie C
Health and Wellbeing/P.E.	-	Skye D (R9), Finlay D (R8) and Luke M (R4)

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## Parent Council

### Christmas Fayre

Our Hunter Parent Council Christmas Fayre returns in person this year and will be held on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

As the preparations are well underway, the Parent Council are looking for volunteers to help with the running of the event. Without volunteers, they would be unable to run the event. If you are able to help support, please contact our Parent Council chair **Gillian Molloy** who I am sure will snap you up in an instant!



On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** we will be hosting a non-uniform day to support the Christmas Class Hampers and tombola items for the fayre.

If you are able to help with your child's Christmas class hamper, an item can be brought in on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> which will be included in the class hamper.

Our Christmas class hampers this year are:-

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Chocolate hamper
Primary 2/3, Room 2	-	Pamper hamper
Primary 3, Room 4	-	Christmas hamper
Primary 4, Room 5	-	Cleaning hamper
Primary 5, Room 6	-	Sweetie hamper
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Arts and Crafts hamper
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Chocolate hamper

To support the popular tombola, bottles of alcohol can be dropped off at the office on the same date (11<sup>th</sup>). We ask parents/carers bring any alcoholic items into school and not the child.

Thank you for your continued support – we are sure it will be a huge success!

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## Diary Dates - November

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

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Christmas Card order to be returned to school  
Senior Boys and Girls football festival
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - 'Love Autism' parent/carer session 3 @ Blacklaw Primary School
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations  
'Wear it Pink' day
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Room 6 and 8 Handball taster sessions  
P.5, Room 6 continue Green Stewardship (5)
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Room 5 and 9 Handball taster sessions  
**6.45 pm – P.7 Open evening @ Calderglen High School**
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Dress down day for Christmas class hampers/tombola  
Senior boys to football friendly with Long Calderwood  
Chaplaincy Assembly – Remembrance Day
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November - **IN-SERVICE DAY – School closed to pupils**
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - P.5, Room 6 continue Green Stewardship (6)
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 7.00 pm – Parent Council meeting
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need 2022 – The Great SPOTacular (dress down day/dress spotty – suggested donation £1  
Selected P6/7 pupils to Sportshall Athletics competition
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - P.6 swimming (final session)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 'Love Autism' parent/carer session (4)
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Selected senior pupils to Netball festival (2)  
P.7 Robinwood Residential Parent/Carer information session @ 5.00 pm

### **Future dates for diary:**

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Whole school visit King's Theatre performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Parent Council Christmas Fair – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - **School closes @ 2.30 pm**

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