

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

Welcome to the October Newsletter and welcome to the new pupils/parents carers who join Hunter Primary more recently. As we approach the mid-way point of Term 1, the children have settled well into their class and school routines. We look forward to seeing many of you at our first Parents' Evening, which will be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** (3.15 pm – 5.15 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm). Appointment times will be issued from Monday 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our brand new Pupil Voice/Leadership groups have been created and the **Pupil Council** (led by Mrs. McLaughlin), **Eco Committee** led by Mr. Lindsay and Ms Holmes) and **JRSO Officers** (led by Mrs. Baddeley) have been busy meeting and planning for the year ahead. Our **Sports Council** (led by Mr. Campbell) will shortly meet following the election of a new P4 representative, and P7 Sports Captain. Finally, Miss Laughland is leading the schools Reading Award programme – new '**Reading Leaders**' will shortly be elected and will support in creating the new library resource centre throughout the year amongst other 'reading' activities. Look out for the new 'Pupil Voice and Pupil Leadership' notice boards in school.

A reminder that the darker mornings are now drawing in and the weather is changing. Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm jacket each day. We will make every attempt to allow the children go outdoors and play. This may even be during times of slight rain.

Please see below for some September 2023 highlights:

- P.6, Room 8 pupils continuing their P.E. curricular swimming lessons.
- P.5, Room 7 pupils taking part in YMI FUNDamentals of Music with Mrs. Hollinger every Wednesday afternoon.
- The return of Hot Chocolate with Mrs. Baddeley.
- Cricket taster sessions for Primary 5, Room 7.
- Selected pupils attend the annual JRSO showcase in Hamilton.
- Senior boys attending their first and second Football festivals with Davy.
- The return of some extra-curricular activities including **Sportshall Athletics (P5-7), Netball (P7), Senior Boys Football, Cricket Club (P5-7) and Multi-sport (P4)**.
- Handball taster sessions in P.E. for some classes.

What a super month! Enjoy October everyone, and a happy holiday when it comes!

**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 currently have: **323**  
followers

House Point totals  
so far:

**Bruce House:**

**Burns House:**

**Graham Bell House:**

**Wallace House:**

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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



## 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](mailto:gw22smithjohn@glow.sch.uk) – you will most likely need to log in as [gw22smithjohn@sl.glow.scot](mailto:gw22smithjohn@sl.glow.scot)).

## 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. Please see our school website for further information on Religious Education and Observance.

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

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## Health Information ~ Important

**Nut free school** – please **do not** send nuts into school in any form. This includes sweet treats such as Nutella. We have children in school with life threatening nut allergies. Please also inform the school if your child has an infectious disease such as chicken pox so that we can alert (confidentially) parents/carers who are immune compromised.

**Medicines** – all **inhalers** should be kept with children, however for your child's safety, we advise that you send in a spare to be held at the office. If your child needs medicine to be administered during the school day, this can be done on a voluntary basis. **Any medicines must be labelled for your child and parents/carers should complete a form at the school office** before we can help. Please do not send painkillers etc. in to school in schoolbags as this can pose a danger to other children.

**Healthy eating** – We encourage children to bring a healthy snack to school and ask parents/carers to support us by only permitting **1** snack at morning break time. Some younger classes take part in 'Fruit and book' sessions – a small piece of fruit is ideal.

Children will be encouraged to bring any uneaten food from packed lunches home, so that you are aware what they have eaten. As P1-5 pupils are entitled to a free lunch, any child bringing their own packed lunch to school is entitled to help themselves to soup, fruit and yoghurt in addition to their packed lunch. Please only send in items your child can open by themselves.

**Drinking water** – We encourage children to bring a filled water bottle to school each day. This should have a spill proof sports cap. Children can re-fill water bottles at the water stations throughout the school.

**Toileting** – Your child will always be allowed to visit the toilet when needed however staff will also encourage children to ensure they go during break times in order to establish good habits and minimise disruption to learning. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding toileting. From time to time little accidents can occur. Staff will ensure your child is comfortable and if possible will provide a change of clothes for your child. We will let you know, and it may be that we require you to collect your child as staff are unable to physically clean or change your child. A spare set of clothing can be sent in and kept in school, for any child experiencing toilet issues.

**P.E. safety** – it is vital that jewellery is not worn during P.E. Ear piercing should be avoided during term time however if your child's ears have been pierced, please provide **micropore** tape so that they can cover their ears and take part in important P.E. lessons. Please ensure your child can remove earrings or that they are not worn to school.

**Period Poverty** – please note that free sanitary products are available in 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Payments can only be made by cash. I will communicate more information via the school app prior to parents' evening.

Any commission raised from purchases will be going towards purchasing whole class reading novels in order to continue to enhance Literacy studies. Last year, thanks to your purchases, we raised **just under £600** in commission. This allowed us to buy a few whole class reader sets. Children benefitted from the new purchases immediately.

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 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Timetable each class a visiting session - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Sell books to Hunter families during parents evening slots - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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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## Christmas/Greeting Cards Fundraiser!

We are fast approaching that special time of year in school and already our children have been busy with winter themed designs to help raise money for our school fund through the use of IQ Cards.

Previously, we used South Lanarkshire Council's Print Room to make the cards. This year, IQ cards are a company that can turn your child's design into cards, thank-you postcards, sticky gift labels, wrapping paper and even magnets for the winter period, Christmas, or another special occasion. Prices range from £3 to £13.

For every order from IQ the school will receive a percentage back in commission which will go towards buying in new resources for our children.

More information on how to order will come home with your child's design on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. There is unfortunately a quick turn around and any payments will need to be made by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October via ParentPay. Look out for the information that will be sent home.

Example designs below:



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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	P5 Lunchtime Cricket Club P7 After school Netball Club	Cricket Coach Miss Taylor
Wednesday	Senior boys football club	Davy
Thursday	P5-7 After school Sportshall Athletics Club	Mr. Lindsay
Friday	P4 Lunctime Multi-Sports Club	Active Schools and P7 Sports Leaders



More clubs will be added as we progress into the session.

## 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 dress down day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** Rhys McLaughlin (P7 Captain), Cade Fletcher (P6 Vice Captain)

**Burns House:** Cameron Weston (P7 Captain), Kelechi Okereke (P6 Vice Captain)

**Graham Bell House:** Ruby Chalmers (P7 Captain), Nathan Rumsey (P6 Vice Captain)

**Wallace House:** Marci Houston (P7 Captain), Matthew Brown (P6 Vice Captain)

### House Pupil and Parent/Carer Learning open afternoon

This session we plan on offering parents/carers the opportunity to come into school for a learning open afternoon. Although this is in the planning stages, our thoughts are to invite each Hunter House families in on a diarised afternoon in November, where you will be able to take part in a learning activity with your child(ren).

We will be in touch later in October with further details.

## Diary Dates - November

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

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Parent Council meeting
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Selected senior boys to Football Festival 2 with Davy
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Selected P7 pupils to Netball Festival 1 with Miss Taylor  
P.6 Swimming session 7
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Assembly – 'Star Spot' awards
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Card designs sent home (information to follow)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - P.6 Swimming session 8
- PARENTS' EVENING (appointment only) – 3.15 – 5.15 & 6.00 – 8.30 pm)**
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Assembly – Chaplaincy (Harvest) & Dress Down for Winning House  
Selected P5-7 pupils to Sportshall Athletics Festival 1 with Mr. Lindsay
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> **OCTOBER HOLIDAY**
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - School re-opens
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Basketball Fun session for P5 and P6 pupils
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - P.6 Swimming session 9  
Parent Council Halloween Discos

### Future dates for diary:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Selected senior boys to Football Festival 3 with Davy
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Selected P7 pupils to Netball Festival 2 with Miss Taylor
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - 'Look at my Learning: Numeracy' issued home
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - **IN-SERVICE DAY 3 (School closed to pupils)**
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Calderglen High School P.7 Open evening
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Selected P5-7 pupils to Sportshall Festival 2 with Mr. Lindsay



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