



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

Welcome to the November Newsletter! It was lovely to see you at the October Parents' evening a few weeks ago and I would like to pass on a further thank you for supporting our Primary 7 enterprise, the Scholastic Bookfair. A total of **£563** was raised in commission which will go straight back into purchasing further whole class reading sets for Literacy.

As we move into the darker mornings and nights, a reminder that all children should come to school with a warm jacket. We will continue to make every attempt to allow the children go outside at break and lunch as much as we can, however the playground area can be a bit of a wind trap, so warm winter jackets are helpful.

In **Staffing news** we would like to wish Mrs. Rasul the happiest start to her maternity leave which began on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Mrs. Rasul would like to pass on her sincere thanks for the lovely messages and gifts she received. We will let you know any news as soon as we hear it.

We also welcome **Miss Peacock**, who is our first student teacher of the session. Miss Peacock will be working with Primary 6, Room 8 across two blocks throughout the year.

Staff will be meeting shortly to finalise Christmas arrangements. We will be in touch with key dates soon.

Please find below some of our **October highlights**:

- P.5 Cricket tasters in P.E. and P5-7 lunchtime Cricket club.
- Senior boys attending Football festival 2 with Davy and performing well once again.
- Selected Primary 7 pupils attending their first Netball festival with Miss Taylor.
- Mrs. McLaughlin undertaking her Nurture training accreditation.
- New pupil voice group, **Reading Leaders** meeting for the first time.
- Selected Primary 5-7 pupils taking part in their first Sportshall athletics festival with Mr. Lindsay.
- Basketball tasters for Rooms 7 and 8 with **Caledonia Gladiators**.
- Teaching staff in Hunter and Maxwellton primary coming together for their first Literacy moderation workshop, with a focus on Listening and Talking

Have a good November 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: 325 followers**

### House Point Totals:

**Bruce House: 236**

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**Graham Bell House:  
295**

**Wallace House: 213**

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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 (PT)

## Whole School Fundraiser ~ Santa Dash

We have great pleasure in letting you know that the children and staff will be taking part in a whole school '**Santa Dash**' fundraiser on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at the **John Wrights Sports Centre** to top up our essential school fund.

Our school fund has not been topped up in many years and is now running low. This pays for many things in school across the year, including items such as:

- food for nurture
- school TV licence
- essential resources for activities
- some costs for transport to sporting festivals
- Christmas party prizes (including P.1 gift)
- Primary 7 leavers' celebration activities, including the P7 handbook
- gardening materials and many many more



Children will shortly come home with a sponsor sheet where we are asking for a small donation from families. You can ask as many people, friends or family members as you like in order to support our cause.

We are acutely aware Christmas is just around this corner and we are by no means looking for excessive donations, simply anything that could be spared for the children to enjoy the planned activity would be fantastic. This will also be our **only** 'in school' fundraising event for the session.

Pupils will be able to come dressed in a Santa hat, or something festive (e.g. tinsel, etc) and we most certainly welcome parents/carers to the event if you would like to take part too.

We thank you enormously in advance for anything you can spare as this will go straight back into the school. More information will be issued soon.

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## Nurture at Hunter

What is nurture? The dictionary definition is 'to care for and protect someone or something while they grow and develop'.

The six principles of Nurture are:

- Children's learning is understood developmentally.
- The classroom offers a safe base.
- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing.
- Language is a vital means of communication.
- All behaviour is communication.
- The importance of transitions in children's lives.



These six principles are the building blocks of Nurture and something we are embedding across our school not just within a dedicated nurture space. All staff (Teaching, Support and Facilities) receive training and guidance around the Nurture principles and SLCs Attachment Strategy. The aim of this is to support our pupils so they can reach their full potential and raise attainment in our school. This all helps us in our goal of becoming an attachment informed, trauma sensitive establishment.

We are lucky to have a spare classroom again this year that has been transformed into a 'nurture' room. Small groups of children will work with Mrs McLaughlin in a variety of nurturing interventions.

**If you have any concerns about your child and feel they may be a candidate for Nurture, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. McLaughlin. It should be noted that attending nurture is not something that every child will receive.** There is specific paperwork that must be completed in order for a child to attend dedicated Nurture sessions. Sometimes the most beneficial route is to put support measures in place within the classroom.

## 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).***

### Patchy 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.***

Our full guide can be found on our school website at [www.hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)



## 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.
- ✓ **'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.

Our nomination box is 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).



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## Parent Council

### Christmas Fayre ~ Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Our Hunter Parent Council Christmas Fayre returns this year and will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.**

There will be stalls to do some Christmas shopping or for the kids to spend their pocket money, they can even get a new hair style, face paint or tattoo. There will be tombola and raffle fun, home baking, Evelyn and the kitchen team will be putting on some lovely hot rolls and there will be an appearance from a very special guest 🧑🏻‍🍳

The fayres are the biggest fund raisers, which helps to provide equipment & experiences for our kids. We really can't hold these events without parent / carer volunteers so please do consider helping out.

You can help make the fayre a great success by doing any of the following:

- ❖ Volunteer to help on a stall on the day
- ❖ Hand in items for raffle hampers (details to follow after next week's parent council meeting)
- ❖ Hand in items for tombola prizes
- ❖ Hand in baking for the home baking stall
- ❖ Hand in books for the second hand book stall
- ❖ Use your contacts to get some fab prizes for the raffle

Drop **Angela Miller (PC Chairperson)** a message to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Email: [hunterprimaryparents@gmail.com](mailto:hunterprimaryparents@gmail.com)

Facebook: **Hunter Primary Parent Council (group)**

Thanks in advance.

**Angela Miller**  
**Chair of the Parent Council**



Our Christmas class hampers this year are:-

Room 1 – Chocolate

Room 2 – Sweets

Room 3 – Pamper Hamper

Room 4 – Christmas

Room 6 – Arts & Crafts

Room 7 – Tea, Coffee & Treats

Room 8 – Movie Night

Room 9 – Cleaning Products

Further information will be posted on the app and the Parent Council Facebook page. Keep your eyes peeled and thank you for your support!

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## Diary Dates - November

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

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Selected boys to Football festival 3 with Davy
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Selected P7 pupils to Netball festival 2 with Miss Taylor
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - P3 Multi-sport club begins
  
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Council meeting @ 6.30 pm
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Assembly – Chaplaincy, Remembrance Day
  
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - IN-SET (3) – School CLOSED to pupils
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Calderglen High School P.7 Open evening @ 6.45 pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Selected P5-7 pupils @ Sportshall Athletics Festival 2 with Mr. Lindsay
- 'Look at my Learning' Numeracy issued (Date change)
  
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - 'Look at my Learning' Numeracy TO BE RETURNED
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Flu Immunisation
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAYRE (10.00 AM – 12.30 PM)

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

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school visit to Panto
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - **School closes @ 2.30 pm**

