

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

Welcome to our May newsletter. The children have come back and settled quickly into school life and Term 3 learning is well and truly underway. We hope you all had a good Spring Break!

It was lovely to see many of you during the March Parents' evening. I also extend my thanks to those of you who completed the self-evaluation questionnaire. Similar to last year, the responses are beyond exceptionally positive for our school and in the next week or so I will share the collated responses with you. It is hoped to do a similar exercise with the children before we finish in June.

Primary 7 pupils will now be entering their final weeks of primary school in Hunter – transition activities are already underway. In-between all this, I am certain the excitement will be growing as we shortly go on our P7 residential to **Lockerbie Manor** in May. A reminder to Primary 5, 6 and 7 parents/carers an information session will be held in school at **5.30 pm on Tuesday 7th May**. Following the residential experience, Primary 7 pupils will begin their leavers' assembly presentation. This will take place in **Moncrieff Parish Church** at **9.45 am on Friday 21st June**. A letter of invite to parents/carers for Primary 7 pupils will follow soon.

The third term is always a short, but busy term as we prepare to move into the next session. We will look forward to welcoming our new Hunter Primary learners for their Primary 1 induction days on **Tuesday 4th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June**. Information will be sent out shortly to new P.1 parents/carers re: arranged details.

Here's to a super final two months of session 2023-24. March/April highlights include:-

- Football teams completing in their festivals and the Calderwood Cup.
- Whole school celebrating World Book Day – thank you to Primary 5, Room 7 for organising a spectacular week.
- Selected P6 and 7 children completing in the EK/Strathaven Cross Country competition at Strathaven Park.
- All classes completing their visits to St. Leonards Library.
- Our Netball team performing highly at the Netball tournament.
- Selected P.6 pupils completing in the Euroquiz in Newton Farm Primary.
- Selected P5-7 pupils competing and performing highly at the EK Burns competition.
- P4-7 taking part in the STEMazing workshops – developing STEM skills.
- Our Easter bonnet/egg competitions.
- Parent Council Spring Fling discos.

Wishing you a super May! Mr. Garv Cambell. 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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We have: 353 followers

House Point Totals:

Bruce House: 4336

Burns House: 4297

**Graham Bell House:
4802**

Wallace House: 4812

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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)

Primary 7 Enterprise Week

Primary 7 pupils are very much looking forward to their 'Enterprise week' which will take place week commencing **Tuesday 7th May**. This year, Room 9 are learning about everything business by taking part in Virgin Money's 'Grow a fiver'. Each child in Primary 7 has been donated £5 from Virgin Money with the sole aim of trying to grow the £5 into something much bigger.

Children will learn how to budget, finance, manage a team, advertise, market and more. All funds raised will go towards P7 end of year leavers' activities, in celebration and recognition of their hard work.

Activities being organised by Primary 7 pupils include:-

- A staff car wash which will be held on **Tuesday 7th**.
- 'Beat the goalie'/'hook the duck' activities with all pupils on **Wednesday 8th**.
- Muffin sale on **Thursday 9th**
- Bring and buy sale on **Friday 10th**.

It has been really good to see the children taking on the leadership of this enterprise and they are very much looking forward to it.

As we always say, this is open to all pupils in our school. There is no expectation for children to take part, or indeed take part in every activity. You may want to sit with your child and plan out what activities they can take part in.

We are also meeting our equity agenda by ensuring there will be some activities at no charge to children.

Primary 7 and Miss Taylor thank you enormously in advance of your support. We will make sure we let you know how much has been raised when the total is collated.

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Primary 1 Induction 2024

It's almost that time again where we welcome our new Hunter Primary 1 pupils into the school for some visits before they start with us in August. We are very much looking forward to meeting our new Hunter children in June. Please see below details of confirmed Primary 1 Induction arrangements for this session.



Tuesday 4th June (10.45 am – 12.00 pm)

- New Primary 1 pupils take part in activity stations in our gym hall with a visit to the garden and meet key school staff including P.1 teachers and Support Staff.

Thursday 13th June (10.45 am – 12.00 pm)

- Children visit their new class and meet their Primary 1 teacher(s).
- Parent/Carer information session with Mr. Campbell.

Friday 14th June (11.00 am – 12.30 pm)

- Primary 1 pupils meet their future P.7 buddy and take part in an informal play session.
- Opportunity to experience a school lunch.

Mr. Campbell will email new Primary 1 parents/carers with detailed arrangements.

Hunter Primary Parent Council ~ Summer Fayre 2024

It is hard to believe that our Summer Fayre is almost upon us. This year the fayre will be held on **Saturday 1st June, (10.00 am – 12.30 pm).**

Our Parent Council are currently looking for anyone who may be interested in taking a stall. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Angela Miller on hunterprimaryparents@gmail.com

Our Parent Council are also looking for helpers on the day, or in the lead up to the fayre. Again, if you are available to help/support, please email Angela, or contact via the Parent Council Facebook page.



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Play Resources – Donations needed!

As we develop our play-based learning approaches, we are looking for any donations of play items that are no longer needed at home, and could be re-homed at school.

If you are clearing out any old play items that you would be able to donate, please bring these into the main office where they will be greatly received!

Items in need include: -

- Small world items including **playmobil, small action figures/dolls, dinosaurs, farm animals**
- Cars/planes
- LEGO
- Building materials – plastic/wooden blocks, Duplo
- Magnets
- Puppets
- Kitchen – toy food/basket
- Toy till
- Chalk/whiteboard easel
- Dressing up costumes



Healthy Hunter

Nut free school – please **do not** send nuts in to school in any form. We have children in school with life threatening nut allergies.



Medicines – all **inhalers** should be **carried by children** however for your child's safety, we advise that you send in a spare to be held at the office. Children requiring the use of a spacer will always be supported. 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 post a danger to other children. **It is vital that medicines held in school are in date – please check-in with our office staff as a matter of urgency, if unsure.**

Healthy eating – children will be encouraged to bring any uneaten food from packed lunches home, so that you can see 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. We encourage **one healthy snack** for breaktimes so that children can still have time to exercise.

Drinking water – please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle to school each day. This should have a spill proof sports cap. Children can re-fill water bottles using the water fountains. Children may also rather bring a second filled water bottle, especially on PE days. Some parents find it useful to have the water bottle 'marked' in some way, to encourage them to drink more water by certain points of the day such as break time of lunch time.

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Celebrating Success and Achievement @ Hunter

'Heart of Hunter' award winners – March

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Kai D
Primary 1, Room 2	-	Jett-James N
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Lottie W
Primary 3/4, Room 4	-	Sophie McC
Primary 4, Room 6	-	James D
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Issac M
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Pyper S
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Finlay D
Health and Wellbeing	-	Eva K (Room 3



Calderwood Cup

On Friday 26th April our senior boys football team took part in the annual Calderwood Cup football competition alongside Long Calderwood and Maxwellton Primaries. Our boys team were outstanding in their performance and came in second place.

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!



Congratulations!

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Diary Dates – May

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

Wednesday 1 st May	-	Primary 7 French Café @ Calderglen High School (pm)
Thursday 2 nd May	-	IN-SERVICE DAY 5 – School closed to pupils
Friday 3 rd May	-	Karate Taster sessions for Rooms 4, 6 and 7
Monday 6 th May	-	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 th May	-	Primary 6, Room 8 visit Science Centre Primary 7 Enterprise week begins P5-7 Lockerbie Manor Residential pupil, parent/carer information session @ 5.30 pm Parent Council meeting @ 6.30 pm
Wednesday 15 th May	-	Selected P6 and 7 pupils to Outdoor Track and Field club 1.00 pm – P7 Lockerbie Manor (day 1)
Thursday 16 th May	-	Primary 7 Lockerbie Manor (day 2)
Friday 17 th May	-	Primary 7 Lockerbie Manor (day 3, return home)
Tuesday 21 st May	-	6.45 pm – P7 Parent/carer information session @ Calderglen HS
Wednesday 22 nd May	-	Selected boys to football event with Davy
Friday 24 th May	-	HOLIDAY
Monday 27 th May	-	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 28 th May	-	STEM Week
Wednesday 29 th May	-	Primary 1, Room 1 parent/carer learning showcase
Saturday 1 st June	-	10.00 am – 12.30 pm – Parent Council Summer Fayre



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