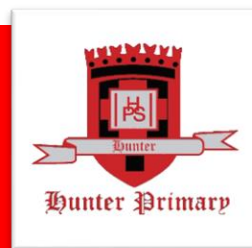


Hunter Primary Newsletter – October 2024



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

Welcome to our October Newsletter. A lot has been happening across the school over the past month, and I am sure the children are very much looking forward to their October holiday which commences next week.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our first Parents' Evening last night. We hope you found the session useful and informative. As always, we operate an open-door policy, should you ever have a concern, question or worry, please come and talk to us.

Beat the street (BTS) is in full swing within East Kilbride. Thank you to our parents/carers and extended family members who have been supporting us with this. We will continue to advertise walks over the remaining weeks. Our P.6 BTS Running Club took off on Tuesday, well done to the 12 children who are trying to get our points up.

As we reflect on a busy first half of term 1, September highlights included:

- Tennis Coaching from EK Lawn tennis for Rooms 6, 7 and 9 during PE.
- Extra-curricular clubs being added (Girls Football, P6 Running, P4 Multi-sport to name but a few).
- JRSO pupils attended the annual Road Safety showcase in Hamilton.
- Primary 6, Room 8 taking part in 'Climate Action week'
- All classes taking part in 'Maths Week Scotland'
- Both boys and girls football teams competing in their first festival.
- Teaching staff undertaking Maths Recovery training to support learning and teaching within their class.

Have a super October 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.**



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Mrs. McLaughlin's email

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Glow and Google Classroom - Update



Google Classroom

Thank you to those of you who have now 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. 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 – you will most likely need to log in as 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.moncrieffparishchurch.co.uk . Should you wish any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Wear it **Pink** Day!

On **Thursday 10th October**, the Hunter Primary staff will take part in their annual '**Wear it Pink**' day, raising funds for Breast Cancer Now. This is close to Mrs. Baddeley's heart and if you would like your child to take part in this charity fundraiser, you may send a small donation into school with your child (cash), and those taking part can come dressed in something pink.



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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.

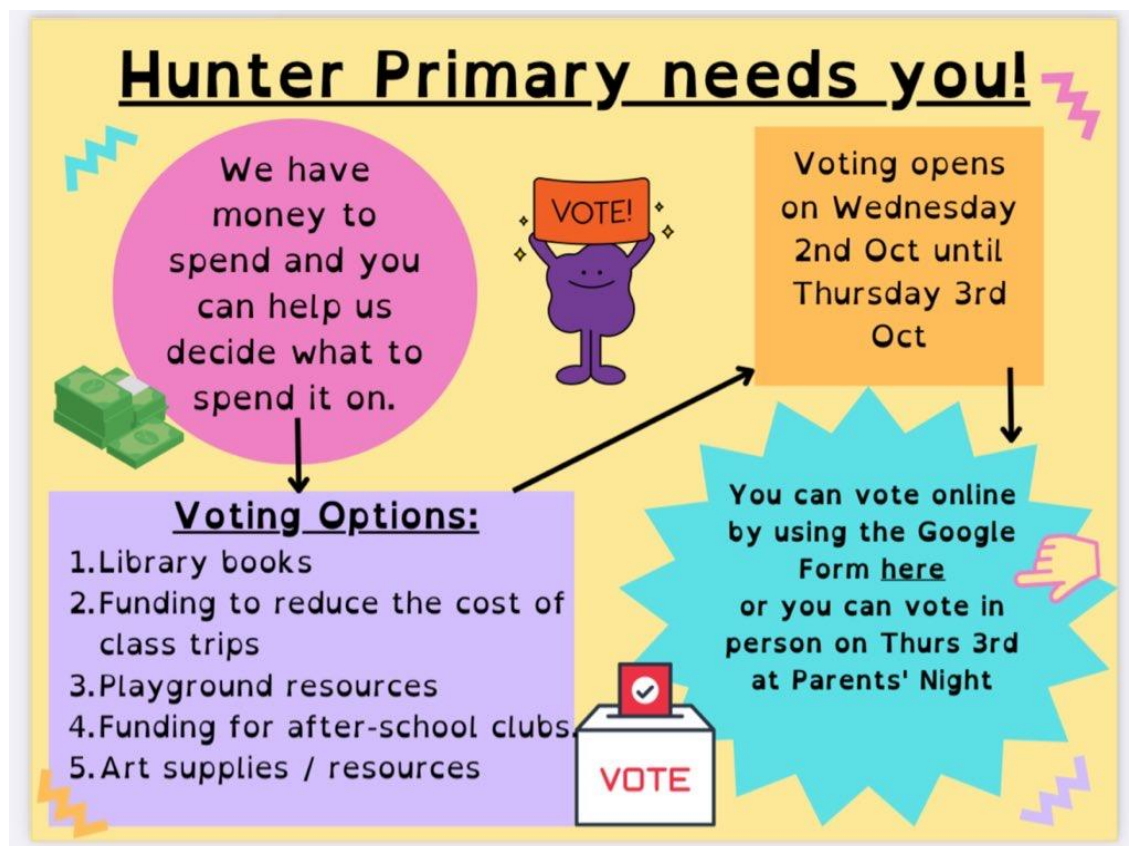
Participatory Budgeting (PB)

Some of you may remember that every year we seek the spending views of our young people and parents/carers to identify how we could spend approximately 5% of our PEF budget (Pupil Equity Funding) through the device of Participatory Budgeting (PB). PEF is allocated directly to schools to help close the poverty related attainment gap. Mrs. McLaughlin (P5, Room 7) teacher led this, and the result was attractive painted playground games on our playground surface.

We are now looking for views from parents/carers once again for this academic year. The identified amount we have to spend is just short of £2000.

Thank you to those of you who have already voted. There are a few days left to share your views – please use the Google Form link <https://forms.gle/cb8udbSxqucb6mhc8> to have your say.

Mrs. McLaughlin will collate these views and meet with the 'PB Pupil group' and discuss announce the winner. As you can imagine, our young people have some great views too.



Raising Achievement and Attainment: Hunter House System

Our Hunter House system continues 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 announced shortly. 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: Cade Fletcher (P7 Captain), Isaac Maxwell (P6 Vice Captain)

Burns House: Kelechi Okereki (P7 Captain), Mark Anderson (P6 Vice Captain)

Graham Bell House: Nathan Rumsey (P7 Captain), Matthew Thomson (P6 Vice Captain)

Wallace House: Matthew Brown (P7 Captain), Sophia Irons (P6 Vice Captain)



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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.
- ✓ **Playground award** – this is awarded to pupil 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). An electronic copy can be found on our school website. This can be completed and emailed into the office.



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Spotlight on learning



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Diary Dates – October 2024

Remember to keep an eye on the 'Dates' section of the school app as this can change weekly.

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| <i>Wednesday 2nd October</i> | - | Parent Council meeting @ 6.00 pm |
| <i>Thursday 3rd October</i> | - | Tae Kwondo taster sessions for selected classes |
| | | Parents' Evening (3.15 – 8.30 pm) – appointment only |
| <i>Thursday 10th October</i> | - | Selected P.7 pupils to Netball festival 1 |
| <i>Friday 11th October</i> | - | Selected P.5-7 pupils to Sportshall Athletics festival 1 |
| <i>Monday 15th – Friday 18th</i> | - | HOLIDAY |
| <i>Wednesday 23rd October</i> | - | Selected boys and girls to Football festival 2 |
| <i>Friday 25th October</i> | - | P.1 Parent/Carer curriculum workshop |
| <i>Tuesday 29th October</i> | - | Parent Council Halloween Discos:
P1-3 @ 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm
P4-7 @ 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm |
| <i>Wednesday 30th October</i> | - | Beat the Street East Kilbride ends |