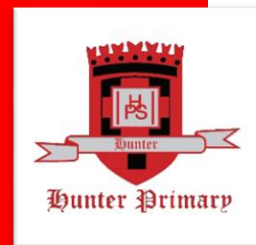


Hunter Primary Newsletter ~ February 2025



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

Welcome to our February newsletter. With us almost at the halfway stage of Term 2, we are very much looking forward to our mid-term break. It has been a busy start to Term 2. We've had two very successful themed weeks, Scots and STEM, and the learning has been great to see! This term, Senior Leaders will be in classes to see more fantastic learning and teaching in action, and we will be keen to seek the views of our learners about their learning experiences in their own class.

As we are still in the colder months, please continue to ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the outdoors. A warm jacket is very much encouraged. We try hard to allow the children to go outdoors, even in slight rain.

In P.E., classes will be completing their gymnastics block with either Miss Mooney and/or the class teacher. Please continue to ensure your child comes to school with their P.E. kit and remove/leave at home all jewellery. We thank you for your support.

With what will hopefully be the warmer and lighter days around the corner, our January 2025 highlights included:

- Primaries 5, 6, and 7 pupils taking part in a 4 session 'Kids Kitchen' programme, focussing on food preparation and healthy eating. Thank you to Robert the Facilities Chef for facilitating!
- Primary 6 and 7 pupils taking part in two SAMH Mental Health workshops.
- Primary 5 children completing their YMI music programme with Mrs. Hollinger.
- A super fun packed Scots and STEM weeks for all classes.
- Extra-curricular activities resuming and commencing including whole school Library club, P5-7 Engineering club, Choir, Football, Netball, and more.

Here's to a positive February!

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
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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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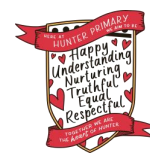
Mr. Campbell's email

Mrs. Baddeley's email

Mrs. McLaughlin's email



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Lost Property Items



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We have a large number of lost property items sitting in our school. This includes school jumpers, trousers, shoes, jackets and trousers. Please feel free to come into the school at the end of the day to go through this if you believe you have anything missing.

Items tend to sit for a month approximately. If not labelled, we will wash them and store them in our clothing bank which is used to support our children with pre-loved uniform.

In order to help us reduce the number of items in our lost property, please, please, please label your child's clothing items.

'Handle with Care' notification

All children come to school with a variety of emotions. At Hunter, we have a **'Handle with Care' alert system**. If you feel we need to know about something that has happened at home that may have an impact on your child's learning in school for that particular day, please notify us at the school either by telephone or email. This information is treated with sensitivity and communicated to the class teacher and Support Staff so that we can ensure your child is as settled as possible during school hours.



Primary 7 visit to Lockerbie Manor 2025

As we approach the remaining planning weeks, parents/carers of Primary 7 children will be issued with an updated EV5 Medical check form we ask to be completed and returned to school (a letter will be issued).

A reminder that the balance should be paid prior to the trip. We have been made aware the trip was 'archived' on ParentPay and we are not quite sure why. If you are having any issue with payment, please contact Mrs. McCuaig in the office who will be able to help.

Primary 6 parents/carers - we will shortly issue a reminder letter to remind you that you are most welcome to begin the payment process for the P7 trip early which was discussed at the information session last year.

A further information session for families will be organised for May, prior to this year's trip. We will advise you of the date.



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Expansion of Free School Meals for eligible P6 and P7 pupils

The Scottish Government recently announced a phased expansion of free school meals during term time for pupils in primary 6 & 7 if the parent/carer receives the Scottish Child Payment for the child. As from **Thursday 20 February 2025** free school meals can be awarded for eligible pupils.

Parents/carers of primary 6 & 7 pupils who are in receipt of a Scottish Child Payment should apply using the on-line form <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/683> and also supply a copy of the Scottish Child Payment award letter showing their name, address and the child's details.

Please note pupils in primary 6 & 7 already in receipt of free school meals do not need to apply.



House parent/carer learning event: Reading'

We are keen to have parents come into school and be involved in their children's learning. By doing so, we are going to introduce our new 'House Learning events'. Our first events will be a **reading café** for each house. There will be tea and coffee on offer, and you will have a chance to read with your child and talk to them about some of the library books we have. We understand you are busy and don't worry if you or a family member cannot attend as the House Captain and Vice-Captain, with the help of some of the older children, will ensure that everyone is included.

Our first session will take place in the Dining Hall from **2.15-2.50 pm** on the following Fridays:

Graham Bell House (Yellow)	Friday 7th March
Wallace House (Red)	Friday 14th March
Bruce House (Blue)	Friday 21st March
Burns House (Green)	Friday 28th March

We look forward to you coming along to join us!



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School Attendance

At Hunter Primary School we value excellent attendance and recognise the connection between regular attendance at school and the attainment and achievement of our children. A focus for all Scottish schools, and a key priority within South Lanarkshire is to improve attendance. Therefore, attendance is a key priority within our schools.

Our target being that pupils should attend for at least **95%** of the school session and should not be late for school. We understand that sometimes children cannot attend school due to ill health or medical reasons, however, we are keen to work in partnership with parents/carers to enable all children to attend school as much as possible.

All absences from school are required by law to be recorded. Absences will normally fall under two categories - **authorised** or **unauthorised absence**. In cases where children are unable to attend school parents/carers are asked to:

- Contact the school office if they know in advance of any reason why their child is likely to be absent from school.
- Notify the school by phone call or email before 9.30 am, stating the reason for absence and the likely date of return. Parents/carers are asked to keep the school informed if the date changes.
- Inform the school of any changes to contact details including changes to emergency contacts for their child.

Children's attendance data is monitored monthly by the Senior Leadership Team within the school. Hunter Primary use the table below to identify the level of risk and issue an appropriate attendance letter to advise parents/carers of their child's current attendance rate. Any letter issued will be supportive and is as a means of communication between school and home.

Days off school add up to lost learning.					
190 days of education each year.	Up to 10 days absence (2 weeks) 180 days of education	Up to 20 days absence (4 weeks) 170 days of education	Up to 30 days absence (6 weeks) 160 days of education	Up to 38 days absence (7 ½ weeks). One day for every week at school. 152 days of education	More than 39 days absence
100%	95% - 99%	90% - 94%	85% - 89%	80% - 84%	Less than 80%
Excellent	Very Good	Slight Concern	Concerning	Risk of Underachievement	Severe Risk of Underachievement
<i>All children have the 'Right to an Education' (UNCRC Article 28)</i>					

Should you have a concern or worry about your child's attendance or late coming, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school where will be able to support you.



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Celebrating Success and Achievement

Our December and January 'Heart of Hunter' award winners:

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Eilidh McP and Arran M
Primary 1/2, Room 2	-	Orla A and Alyx B
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Orlaith H and Mila McC
Primary 3, Room 4	-	Blaine M and Jessica M
Primary 4/5, Room 6	-	Hannah L and Hollie B
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Thomas W and Noah McK
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Ella B and Jessica McC
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Charlie L and Max G
Miss Mooney nomination	-	Louisa H (R8) and Jessica M (R4)

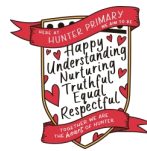


Our Term 2 'Star Spot' award winners - showcasing fabulous effort in their work!

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Jack D, Jax F, Ayla C and Loretta K
Primary 1/2, Room 2	-	Evie I, Tahlia McM and Olivia H
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Curtis O, Nairn MacK and Cara R
Primary 3, Room 4	-	Lola A, Arran McL and Nathan McM
Primary 4/5, Room 6	-	Amber-Rose B, Ivy K and Hassan K
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Harrison L, Elyse McP and Loudon K
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Sonny W, Thomas L and Milania T
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Arran C, Theo D and Maisie MacP
Miss Mooney nomination	-	Millie F (Room 9), Jessica H (Room 3) and Zac C (Room 4)



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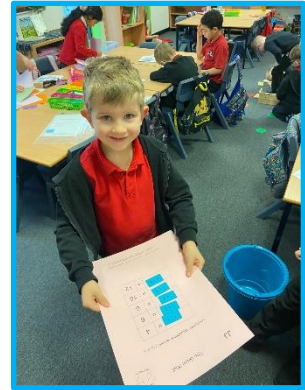


Spotlight on Learning ~ STEM week

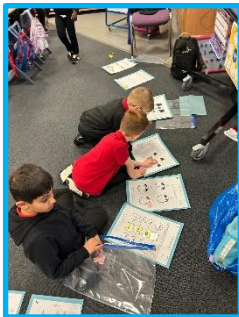
Room 1 – Mice challenge



Room 2 – Parent STEM workshop Room 3 – Maths challenges



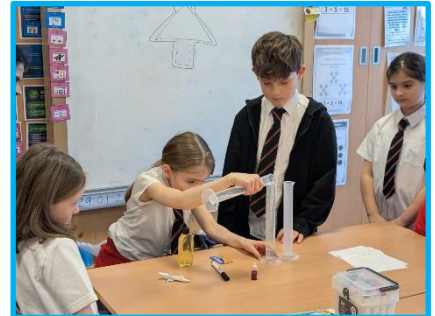
Room 4 – Maths challenges



Room 6 - RSPB Bird Watch



Room 7 – STEMazing workshop



Room 8 – photography workshop



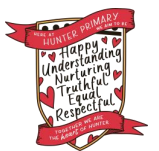
Room 9 – WW1 trench creating



STEM week was a fun jam packed week full of all things STEM related (Science Technologies, Engineering and Maths. From workshops to problem solving, we thank everyone including our parents/carers for supporting and helping. It really brought learning to life!



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Diary Dates – February 2025

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

Monday 3rd February	- Children's Mental Health week
Wednesday 5th February	- 6.30 pm: Parent Council meeting
Thursday 6th February	- New P1 pupils/parents visit Hunter Primary
Monday 10th February	- P1 and P7 Dental Inspections
Tuesday 11th February	- Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th February	- Selected P7 pupils to Netball Festival 3
Friday 14th February	- Parent Council Hunter Challenge

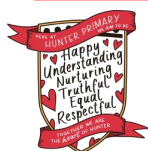
Monday 17th February	- HOLIDAY
Tuesday 18th February	- HOLIDAY
Wednesday 19th February	- IN-SERVICE DAY 4



Monday 24th February	- Calderglen High School staff visit P.7
Wednesday 26th February	- Selected P5-7 pupils to Football Festival 4
Friday 28 February	- Rooms 6 and 7 visit Vikingar Primary 1, Room 1 Parent/carer showcase (1.40 pm)

Diary Dates - March 2025

Monday 3rd March	- Parent Council meeting @ 6.30 pm
Tuesday 11th March	- Class group photographs
Thursday 13th March	- Selected P7 pupils to Netball festival 4
Tuesday 18th March	- Selected P6&7 pupils to Cross Country competition
Thursday 20th March	- Selected P6, Room 8 pupils to Euroquiz 2025



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