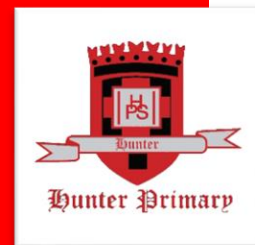


Hunter Primary Newsletter ~ March 2025



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

Welcome to our March Newsletter. We are almost at the point of the year where there is more daylight! It will not be long now until the clocks go forward and hopefully warmer weather will surround us.

It has been a busy time in Hunter Primary over the past month. Everyone celebrated 'Children's Mental Health' week in February. All classes took part in this during Health and Wellbeing time with Miss Mooney/Mrs. Baddeley.

We also welcomed our new Primary 1 families who will join us to begin their learning adventure in August 2025. They were welcomed to the school by our Primary 6 children, and everyone received a tour of the school and a visit to Room 1s classroom. This was greatly received by all and a big well done to Primary 6 for being such great tour guides.

Teaching staff are now in the process of writing full pupil reports. These will be issued slightly earlier this year in May, with our second Parents' evening taking place in the third term.

With the first full week of March completed, below are some of our other February school highlights:

- Primary 4/5, R6 pupils taking part in SLCs 'Learning for Sustainability' programme. This included supporting the EK Rotary Club in planting trees behind Alison Lea Medical Centre.
- Parent Council Hunter Challenge.
- Calderglen High School staff and pupils visiting P7.
- Our two P6 K'Nex challenge winners representing the school at the cluster challenge in Calderglen High School.
- Senior pupils taking part in their next Football and Netball festivals.
- Hunter pupils gaining a huge level of success at the EK Rotary Burns competition on the 3rd of March - amazing! Information to follow in April Newsletter.

Have a super March 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 X:**

@HunterPrimary



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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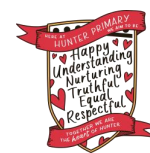
Mr. Campbell's email

Mrs. Baddeley's email

Mrs. McLaughlin's email



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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!



RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood) Parent/Carer drop-in



Letters that include information regarding your child's RSHP learning within Health and Wellbeing have been issued on ParentsPortal.

An informal opportunity to view the materials we use will be on offer on **Monday 10th March @ 2.15 pm.**

Mrs. McLaughlin our Health and Wellbeing lead will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to come along and would like to view the materials, please do not hesitate to email Mrs. McLaughlin on the contact details above.

Following the session, the children in all classes will undertake planned lessons.



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The use of Twitter/X

You may have seen recently that South Lanarkshire Council has agreed to suspend its use of Twitter/X over the coming months, with only emergency updates being posted. Schools have been advised that they can continue to use Twitter/X for the moment, however a period of transition will be put in place whilst we consider an alternative platform.

We have a high level of traffic on our Twitter/X page and enjoy sharing our pupil learning with you. Working with our colleagues in schools in our Learning Community we will liaise and advise you of any changes when a decision has been made.

Easter in Hunter 2025

Easter Service and Easter Bonnet/Egg designing

Our Primary 5 children will be leading a short Easter Service on **Wednesday 2nd April from 9.45 am**. The Service will mark a return for our school holding the service in **Moncrieff Parish Church**. Parents/carers are welcome to attend, however as space is quite limited, we have prioritised Primary 5 parents and carers. The Service should be no longer than 1 hour.

Our annual Easter design activities will take place again this year in the final week of this term. This is always an exciting, creative time in the school and always a pupil (and staff) highlight – despite the smell!



Primary 1 and 2 pupils (Rooms 1, 2 and 3)

Pupils in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 will take part in the ***Easter bonnet*** design competition. Children can bring in some small decorative crafts to design an Easter bonnet. Bonnet shapes and basic art materials will be provided for the children in school. Bonnets will then be modelled by all pupils and 2 prizes per class (supplied by our Parent Council) for inventive designs.

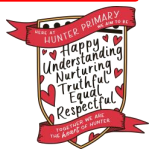
Primary 3 – 7 pupils (Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9)

Pupils in Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 will take part in the ***hardboiled egg or Polystyrene*** Easter design competition. Children are encouraged to bring a hardboiled egg into school, as well as any items they'd like to add to their design. Pupils will design the egg(s) in school and will be judged for their creativity. Two prizes will be given per class (supplied by our Parent Council). Please bring a bag into school in order to take the design home when completed.

We will showcase our bonnets and egg design as well as our winners when all the judging is complete.



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The **rules** for the competitions include:

- Bonnets and eggs are to be designed in school.
- The children, if they wish, create a 'scene' to display their eggs but the footprint for this must be no larger than A4 size. The design will be completed in school.
- A maximum of 3 eggs per design.
- P3-7 Pupils can complete a joint egg design if they wish to do so (pupils will share the prize if crowned winners).
- Pupils are can bring in small crafts into school however the school will also provide basic resources to design both the bonnets and crafts such as paint and glue.

Timeline of design activity:

Tuesday 1st April:

Bonnets – Children can bring in anything they wish to use to decorate their bonnet. They will decorate their entry in school.

Eggs - Children can bring in their eggs, a small cardboard box to create scenery and their own decorating materials.

Wednesday 2nd April:

Decorating of eggs and bonnets will take place.

Thursday 3rd April:

Finish decorating and entries set outside classroom for judging.

Friday 4th April:

Winners announced.

All entries go home on Friday. As we have had issued in the past with eggs being disposed of inappropriately, please provide a suitable bag if you wish your child to bring their egg entry home.



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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.

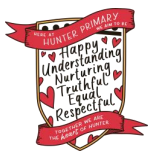
Children's attendance data is monitored monthly by the Senior Leadership Team within the school. Hunter Primary use the table below to identify the level of risk and issue an appropriate attendance letter to advise parents/carers of their child's current attendance rate. Any letter issued will be supportive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

Congratulations to Leighton and Thomas in Primary 6 for winning the Hunter round of the P6 K'Nex challenge. The boys went on to represent the school in the Cluster challenge which was held in Calderglen High School.



Our February **'Heart of Hunter'** award winners - demonstrating the Hunter Values.

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Arran M
Primary 1/2, Room 2	-	Natalie T
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Eli T
Primary 3, Room 4	-	Lottie W
Primary 4/5, Room 6	-	Keira D
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Gabriella O
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Samuella O
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Alex K
Miss Mooney nomination	-	Orla A (Room 2)



Our Term 2 **'Playground Award'** winners - nominated by our Support Staff and Davy:

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Eilidh McP
Primary 1/2, Room 2	-	Penny S
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Lewis F
Primary 3, Room 4	-	Testimony A
Primary 4/5, Room 6	-	Hollie B
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Hannah F
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Thomas L
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Pyper S
MUGA	-	Lola A (Room 4) and Leo McG (Room 3)



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Spotlight on Learning

Room 1 – Making pancakes



Room 2 – Enjoying play



Room 3 – Planting trees



Room 4 – Using construction to make tipper trucks



Room 6 - Tree planting at Alison Lea



Room 7 – World Book Day enterprise



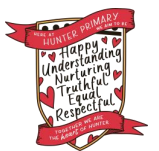
Room 8 – artists at work



Room 9 – PE learning community event



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Diary Dates – March 2025

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

Monday 3rd March	- Parent Council Meeting - Cancelled P5-7 selected pupils to Burns competition
Tuesday 4th March	- Author visit for Rooms 4, 6 and 7
Thursday 6th March	- World Book Day
Friday 7th March	- 2.15 pm: House Learning event (Graham-Bell, Yellow House)
Monday 10th March	- 2.30 pm: RSHP Parent/Carer session
Thursday 13th March	- Selected P7 pupils to Netball festival (4)
Friday 14th March	- 2.15 pm: House Learning event (Wallace House, Red)
Tuesday 18th March	- Selected P6&7 pupils to Cross Country competition
Wednesday 19th March	- Selected senior boys and girls to Football Festival (5)
Thursday 20th March	- Selected P6 pupils to Euro Quiz @ Newton Farm PS
Friday 21st March	- 2.15 pm: House Learning event (Bruce House, Blue)
Tuesday 25th March	- Rooms 2 and 6 visit St. Leonards Library
Wednesday 26th March	- Room 8 visit St. Leonards Library
Thursday 27th March	- Selected pupils to Engineering programme with Mr. Lindsay Room 3 visit St. Leonards Library Spring Fling Discos
Friday 28th March	- 2.15 pm: House Learning event (Burns House, Green)



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