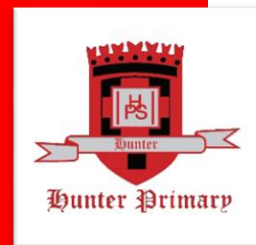


# Hunter Primary Newsletter ~ May 2025



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

Welcome to our May Newsletter. It is hard to believe we are now entering the final weeks of the session. Plans are now underway to begin to celebrate our Primary 7 pupils leaving Hunter, and our new children who will join us from August.

We hope you have found the change in the timing of your child's full pupil report useful, and we look forward to seeing many of you at our Parents' evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May! As always, we are at the stage of reviewing our current school priorities for this session and will be seeking your views. Please visit our School Improvement display which will be located in the foyer. Additionally, we will be issuing our annual self-evaluation feedback survey where that is designed to help inform us of our strengths and next steps. All feedback is greatly received.

Primary 7 pupils will be getting ready for their residential trip in the coming week. A reminder to parents/carers of pupils in primaries 5, 6 and 7 that an information session will be held in the school hall on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May @ 5.30 pm**.

Although April was a rather short month and March feels like a long time ago, our highlights included:

- Celebrating World Book Day, including an online Author visit for selected classes.
- Our new House Home Learning events which took place throughout the month of March with a focus on Reading.
- Primary 1 Enterprising fundraisers – raising money for their duckling enterprise.
- Pupils taking part in Cross Country, Football and Netball festivals/competitions.
- All classes taking part in visits to St. Leonards library to enhance Literacy skills.
- A special Autism awareness assembly with our special guest from the National Autistic Society.
- Primary 5 pupils delivering an Easter Service.
- Our boys Football team winning the annual Calderwood Cup football event.

Here's to a super jam packed month of May!

**Mr. Gary Campbell, Head Teacher**

## Our School Vision:

Here at Hunter Primary School we aim to be  
**Happy, Understanding,  
Nurturing, Truthful,  
Equal and Respectful.**



**We will shortly  
be moving to a  
new Social  
Media platform.  
More info. Soon.**

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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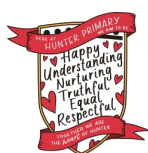
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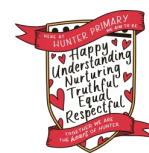
Mr. Campbell's email

Mrs. Baddeley's email

Mrs. McLaughlin's email



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## House parent/carers learning events – Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for making our first House Learning events which took place in March successful. The attendance from our parents/carers and extended families was high and we believe the children and you as parents/carers got a lot from them.

As this was our first event, we are keen to hear your feedback your thoughts including any suggestions on how to enhance the sessions.

The purpose of the House learning event was to increase parental engagement within the school, particularly with an opportunity to work directly with your child.

To share your views and feedback, we ask you to take a few minutes to complete the short feedback survey and thank you in advance for doing so.

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Graham Bell House (Yellow)

Wallace House (Red)

Bruce House (Blue)

Burns House (Green)

## Primary 1 Induction 2025

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 3<sup>rd</sup> June (10.45 am – 12.00 pm)

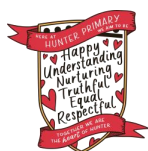
- New Primary 1 pupils take part in activity stations in our gym hall with a visit to the garden and meet key school staff including P.1 teachers and Support Staff.

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June (10.45 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.



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## Hunter Primary Parent Council ~ Summer Fayre 2025

It is hard to believe that our Summer Fayre is almost upon us. This year the fayre will be held on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May, (10.00 am – 1.00 pm)**.

In normal style, and in preparation for the event, the Parent Council will be collecting items for both the summer class hampers and the tombola. There will be an optional dress down day being held in school on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** in exchange for an item for the class hamper.

Hampers this year are:

**Room 1 – Pamper Hamper**

**Room 2 – Tea, coffee and treats**

**Room 3 – Cleaning hamper**

**Room 4 – Arts and crafts**

**Room 6 – Movie Night**

**Room 7 – Sweetie hamper**

**Room 8 – Summer holiday**

**Room 9 – Chocolate**



Our Parent Council will be looking for volunteers on the day to support the running of the event. If you are able to give up just a small hour of your time, please email [Hunterprimaryparents@gmail.com](mailto:Hunterprimaryparents@gmail.com) and let them know your availability.

## Reading Schools – Core Accreditation achieved!

We are delighted to share our great news that we received our Reading Schools Core accreditation. This is a fantastic achievement and marks a lot of hard work across the past two years. Well done to all the children and in particular Mrs. McLean for working hard to ensure we achieved this. As we continue our journey, our next target is to achieve Silver.



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## Hunter Primary: annual visit to King's Theatre (Pantomime) snap satisfaction survey – shared feedback

Following our feedback survey for our annual visit to the King's Theatre, we would like to share the feedback we received.

A total of **72 responses** were collated, with **100%** of those in favour for the visit to the King's to continue as an annual tradition within our school calendar.



Below are some collated responses from parents/carers and moving forward, the following will be implemented to ensure we support every family:

- *Continue to support families with the cost of the trip by securing the lowest possible cost.*
- *A proposal to allow parents/carers pay-up the cost much earlier at a value suited to each family.*
- *A proposal to provide an option for families with 3 or more children, to pay for a maximum of 2.*
- *Parent Council will continue to support families by paying up to half of the total cost of the trip. This includes price of tickets, transport and snack.*

We have provisionally booked our visit for session 2025-26 which will be 'The Little Mermaid'. A letter will be issued in the coming weeks with more information including the proposed date and an option to begin paying from now. We thank those of you who completed the survey!

Some collated responses:

- I think it is a fantastic thing for the children to be taken to the pantomime (at a reduced cost for parents and carers) at Christmas, especially one of the bigger performances in Glasgow.
- It's such an unusual and exciting trip for the kids. It's also a lovely tradition. We could not afford to take the whole family to a pantomime but this way we can let our kids experience it for a lot less than it would be for us
- I feel like this is a hugely important part of the year. I would rather pay for this and others to go, than raise money for things like the football team that exclude the majority of pupils.
- I know things are hard and the cost builds up but I definitely think it's worth it. It's something that's been going on at the school for a very long time and it's part of Hunter tradition and I would be sad to see it stopped I definitely think it's something the whole school enjoys and the teachers too.
- I think the school continuing to provide panto visits is really important for their exposure to the arts. I think it's also really important as a support to families – schools taking kids to panto during the school day means they're going at a time that is cost-efficient, which means parents don't necessarily feel they need to buy tickets at a more expensive time (outside of school or working hours).
- I think (and I know we've discussed this before) but having an optional feature where those who want to can pay for a 'suspended' or 'paid forward' ticket would be really useful, and we know there are people in our school community who would be up for buying 2 tickets rather than 1, to ensure everyone can attend.
- My kids absolutely love this, from the excitement of getting a bus into town, going along to see it with all their friends is something that only school can offer and definitely a highlight of their year. As a parent I really appreciate the school doing this as it's not something we would be able to afford to do as a family. I'm hopeful that the school and the parent council continue to offer such a fabulous experience for the children.





## 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.	<b>Up to 10 days absence (2 weeks)</b> 180 days of education	<b>Up to 20 days absence (4 weeks)</b> 170 days of education	<b>Up to 30 days absence (6 weeks)</b> 160 days of education	<b>Up to 38 days absence (7 ½ weeks).</b> <b>One day for every week at school.</b> 152 days of education	<b>More than 39 days absence</b>
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**

A huge well done to our Boys' football team for bringing home the **Calderwood Cup** in April. A superb performance from everyone and a huge thank you to Davy our main organiser and our parent Mr. Brown who sponsored the event.



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

<b>Primary 1, Room 1</b>	-	Corey O'B
<b>Primary 1/2, Room 2</b>	-	Louis T
<b>Primary 2, Room 3</b>	-	Evie O
<b>Primary 3, Room 4</b>	-	Arthur W
<b>Primary 4/5, Room 6</b>	-	Holly McL
<b>Primary 5, Room 7</b>	-	Sophie R
<b>Primary 6, Room 8</b>	-	Louisa H
<b>Primary 7, Room 9</b>	-	Millie F
<b>Miss Mooney nomination</b>	-	Jasmine H (R1)



Our April '**Heart of Hunter**' award winners – demonstrating the Hunter Values.

<b>Primary 1, Room 1</b>	-	Brodie O
<b>Primary 1/2, Room 2</b>	-	Finlay W
<b>Primary 2, Room 3</b>	-	Ishitha A
<b>Primary 3, Room 4</b>	-	Lewis McG
<b>Primary 4/5, Room 6</b>	-	Hollie B
<b>Primary 5, Room 7</b>	-	Tia F
<b>Primary 6, Room 8</b>	-	Rebecca F
<b>Primary 7, Room 9</b>	-	Jack T
<b>Miss Mooney nomination</b>	-	Caleb C (R6)



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## Hoppy Hunter – Winner!

As I am sure you will be aware by now, Hunter Primary won the Easter Egg design competition that was on show over the Easter break in the East Kilbride Town Centre. We are delighted with the win and we thank everyone for voting for our design.

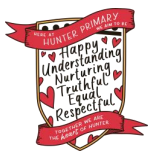
A small number of children in Primary 5, Room 7 who designed the egg were invited to receive their winnings by attending a presentation at the shopping centre.

We now have **£150** to spend in **Waterstones** and **£150** to spend in **The Works**. The children will be consulted at the next 'Hunter Huddle' pupil voice event and then shopping will commence.

A big thank you also to Mrs. Shearon in the office and parent helper Mrs. Fraser for helping the children with their creation.



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## Diary Dates – May 2025

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

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	-	<b>In-Service Day 5</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	-	Reports issued to parents/carers
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	P.7 French Café @ Calderglen High School
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	Selected senior boys and girls to Football festival
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	Parents' Evening – appointment only
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	Ducklings arrive in Hunter P7 Calderglen pupils visit Head of House (PM) P5-7 Residential information evening @ 5.30 pm Parent Council meeting @ 6.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	P7 @ Lockerbie Manor (1)
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	P7 @ Lockerbie Manor (2)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	P7 @ Lockerbie Manor (3)
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	P7 Enterprising week
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	P7 Information evening @ Calderglen High School
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	-	Loose parts trailer visit Hunter Room 6 and 7 Parent/carer learning showcase (pm)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	-	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	Selected boys and girls to Football finals
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	Room 3 parent/carer learning showcase
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	P7 transition event @ Moncrief Parish Church (am)
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	-	Parent Council Summer Fayre (10.00 am – 1.00 pm)



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