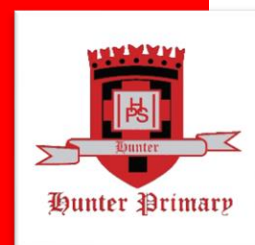


Hunter Primary Newsletter – November 2025



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

Welcome to our November Newsletter. At the time of writing, we hope you have all managed to take the time to look through our exceptionally positive HMIE report. I am extremely delighted with the outcome, and I am proud of everything we have achieved as a school community in the three years I have been here. The pupils, staff and you as parents/carers really supported us throughout the Inspection and we thank you hugely for this! As always, we welcome any feedback you may have following the publication of our report and we are already making waves with the areas of development.

We also said our final farewells to Mrs. Baddeley who has left us after 22 years of service in Hunter Primary. It is going to take us a long time to get over the fact that Mrs. Baddeley will not be coming back, however we will be keeping in touch with her and hearing about all her exciting retirement travels. The Principal Teacher post should be filled before Christmas and I will keep you all updated on this. In the interim, Mrs. McLaughlin will act as our Principal Teacher.

With December around the corner, November will be over before we know it. Below are some school highlights of October:

- Children taking part in Challenge Poverty and Dyslexia awareness weeks.
- P7 children celebrating success at their first Netball festival of the session.
- School raising funds in support of Breast Cancer Now – Wear it Pink Day.
- Our super popular Parent Council Halloween Discos were another tremendous success.
- P6&7 athletes taking part in their first Sportshall Athletics festival competing against 19 other schools in the area.
- Our school choir performing at the Hamilton Townhouse.

Have a super November everyone!
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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Facebook Groups:

**Hunter Primary
School, East Kilbride**



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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Office email

Mr. Campbell's email

Mrs. McLaughlin's email



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P.E. Kit – reminder

We are noticing a growing number of children coming to school without their P.E. kit, resulting in them being unable to take part in P.E. P.E. is a compulsory subject in all Scottish schools, and children receive 2 hours quality P.E. per week. A reminder that children should come to school with a suitable P.E. kit. This may include:

- Shorts/leggings
- T-shirt (school polo top/change of t-shirt for senior pupils)
- Training shoes (can be pupil indoor shoes)

As a means of reminder, P.E. days for all classes fall on:

Primary 1, Room 1: Tuesday and Friday

Primary 2, Room 2: Wednesday and Friday

Primary 3, Room 3: Monday and Wednesday

Primary 3/4, Room 4: Tuesday and Wednesday

Primary 4/5, Room 6: Tuesday and Thursday

Primary 5/6, Room 7: Wednesday and Thursday

Primary 6, Room 8: Monday and Thursday

Primary 7, Room 9: Tuesday and Wednesday

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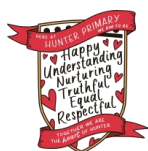


Additionally, children are not permitted to take part in P.E. wearing jewellery – specifically earrings. If earrings can be removed before school on P.E. days, or if you supply your child with micropore tape, this will enable them to take part in their P.E. lesson. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Council Christmas Fayre

Our Parent Council Christmas Fayre will take place in the school on **Saturday 29th November (10.00 am – 1.00 pm)**. always, this is one of the highlights of the Parent Council calendar and is always a huge success!

In order to be able to run a successful event such as this, a lot of organisation and preparation is required. Our Parent Council are now looking for helpers/volunteers for the event. There is no expectation to stay for the full time, but if you were able to help for an hour or so, then please reach out to them by email, hunterprimaryparents@gmail.com. Without your support, this event will not be able to go ahead.



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Santa Dash ~ Whole School Fundraiser



Our whole school **Santa Dash** fundraiser will take place again this year on the back of the massive success of our first one in 2023 which raised over £2000. This will once again take place at the **John Wrights Sport Centre** track on **Thursday 27th November** in the afternoon (weather permitting).

Our Santa Dash fundraiser is in aid of topping up our school fund which is a pot of money that supports many items/events across the year. Examples of items it pays towards include: -

~ food for Nurture intervention

~ school TV licence

~ essential resources for class activities

~ costs to reduce transport costs for sport festivals

~ gardening materials

~ P.7 leavers' celebration activities, including yearbook

~ purchase of foods for food tasting/making lessons and much more...

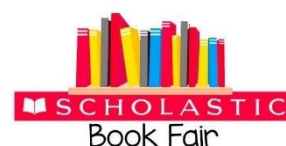
The children will be issued with a sponsor form week beginning 10th November with the challenge of how many laps they think they can complete on the 400m track, in approximately 45 minutes.

We had an amazing turn out of parents/carers/family members last year along with a real sense of school community and we are actively encouraging you to get involved again.

Scholastic Book Fair – update

Our Primary 7 pupils are delighted to announce that as a result of the generous purchases at the Scholastic Book fair in October, the school has raised a commission total of **£560**. This is an outstanding amount that will go straight back into purchasing Literacy whole class readers for our stages and classes.

On behalf of Primary 7, thank you!



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Attachment-informed practice at Hunter

Attachment and trauma have increasingly become a focus for education with the links between developmental trauma and attachment becoming widely known and understood. This has resulted in schools recognising how traumatic experiences can impact on a child's life and look towards alleviating the impact of trauma on learning.

One of the first steps in creating a trauma sensitive environment is becoming 'attachment-informed'. This means having a better understanding of how trauma can influence the way children relate to other people. Attachment theory describes how our earliest relationships, typically with our parents or caregivers, can shape the way we interact with others in later life. If a child experiences difficulties in these early relationships, they may struggle to build healthy connections later in life.

As a result, children who have faced challenges with attachment early in life may display distressed behaviour at school. A key aspect of attachment-informed, trauma sensitive practice is understanding that such behaviours are often rooted in adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and cannot be resolved by disciplinary measures. What these children truly need are nurturing relationships that foster trust, support emotional growth and encourage healing.

Research on resilience—the ability to adapt and thrive in difficult situations—highlights the importance of feeling connected to others, providing a 'safe base' from which children can explore and learn. In many cases, having just one significant relationship where a child feels valued and cared for can make a remarkable difference in their life outcomes.

To support this approach, South Lanarkshire Council have provided a framework that includes key elements of an Attachment-Informed, Trauma Sensitive approach across their 6 Attachment Strategy Pledges. These are:

- See the whole person
- Hear their voice
- Recognise behaviour as communication
- Respond with compassion
- Act to make a difference
- Believe in change



As a school we have already achieved three pledged 'Act to make a difference', 'See the whole person' and 'Hear their voice' and are working towards our next pledge.

We are lucky to have a spare classroom again this year that has been transformed into a 'nurture' room. Small groups of children will work with Mrs McLaughlin in a variety of nurturing interventions that support our attachment informed practice.

What is nurture? The dictionary definition is 'to care for and protect someone or something while they grow and develop'.



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The six principles of Nurture are:

- Children's learning is understood developmentally.
- The classroom offers a safe base.
- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing.
- Language is a vital means of communication.
- All behaviour is communication.
- The importance of transitions in children's lives.



These six principles are the building blocks of Nurture and something we are embedding across our school not just within a dedicated nurture space. All staff (Teaching, Support and Facilities) receive training and guidance around the Nurture principles and SLCs Attachment Strategy. The aim of this is to support our pupils so they can reach their full potential and raise attainment in our school. This all helps us in our goal of becoming an attachment informed, trauma sensitive establishment.

If you have any concerns about your child and feel they may be a candidate for Nurture, please do not hesitate to get in touch. It should be noted that attending nurture is not something that every child will receive. There is specific paperwork that must be completed in order for a child to attend dedicated Nurture sessions. Sometimes the most beneficial route is to put support measures in place within the classroom.



Celebrating Success and Achievement

Our **October** 'Heart of Hunter' award winners were presented with their certificate in October – all for demonstrating the Hunter values, congratulations!

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Esme M
Primary 2, Room 2	-	Rory S
Primary 3, Room 3	-	Bella B
Primary 3/4, Room 4	-	Xavier S
Primary 4/5, Room 6	-	Amelia N
Primary 5/6, Room 7	-	Sabine W
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Lewis B
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Thomas L
Health and Wellbeing, Miss Mooney	-	Holly McL

Congratulations also to our children who were recognised for our **Primary 7 Scholastic Book Fair** competition.



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Goodbye Mrs. Baddeley!

We celebrated Mrs. Baddeley's teaching career and 22 years in Hunter Primary on Tuesday 4th November. She had the most amazing sendoff and will be dearly missed. Take a look at some of the photos we took during her day of celebrations...



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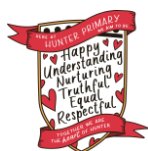


Diary Dates – November 2025

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

Monday 3rd November	-	3.00 pm Parent Council meeting
Tuesday 4th November	-	Mrs. Baddeley's final day HMIe Report publication date
Wednesday 5th November	-	Bonfire themed lunch
Thursday 6th November	-	P7 Netball festival 2 6.00 pm – P7 Open evening @ Calderglenn High
Friday 7th November	-	Look at my learning: Numeracy issued
Monday 10th November	-	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 11th November	-	Look at my learning to be returned Anti-bullying week Calderglenn High visit P7 pupils
Wednesday 13th November	-	Football Festival 3 for selected pupils
Monday 17th November	-	Road Safety and Book Week Scotland
Tuesday 18th November	-	Karate taster sessions for selected classes
Thursday 27th November	-	Santa Dash whole school fundraiser
Friday 28th November	-	Sportshall Athletics festival 2 for selected pupils
Saturday 29th November	-	10.00 am – 1.00 pm: Parent Council Christmas Fayre

Continue to check calendar on app and school website for updated diary dates.



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