



# Hyndland Headlines

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are kicking off Term Two with a host of events and opportunities for our pupils to learn outside the classroom-what a busy start to the session it has been! As you will see below, the staff and pupils have been very busy engaging in a variety of events and activities to enhance pupils' learning experiences. We were delighted to see so many of you at both our Open Afternoon and Parents' Evenings and thank you for your on-going support in various aspects of school life. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable October holiday- 8 weeks until the Winter festivities!

## 4 R's UPDATE

**Works were on-going over the October Holiday** flooring has been completed now on the top floor and on some of our first floor and stairwells. P5B have moved into their new classroom on the ground floor and in the next two weeks P3A (week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October) will be on the move into their new learning space on the ground floor beside the Main Entrance! The Dining Hall has been repainted and we are continuing to work through the open areas. The School Office should be relocated back into their renovated space from the 28<sup>th</sup> October (fingers crossed!) and Miss Brown hopes to be back in her office by Halloween (UPDATE DUE TO A MAJOR FLOOD MISS BROWNS OFFICE WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL NOVEMBER AT EARLIEST). Extensive work on the Infant Extension Roof is being completed during the first few weeks after the October Holiday. The Basement should be back in use from Monday 7th November.

The next big project will be the Gym Hall.

Unfortunately recent surveys of the Gym Roof have identified some major works are required; this will have a big impact on our Gym space between now and the February Weekend-but we are determined it will not impact on our provision. From next week (31<sup>st</sup> October) our Gym Hall will be closed to pupils and staff for a proposed period of 12 working weeks –approximate time of re-entry will be February 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. During this time the external scaffold will stay in place and an internal scaffold the length of the Hall will support works.

During this time we have rescheduled our Dining Hall and Basement Spaces so that P1-4 will have two session per week allocated per class-we hope for dry weather and to be able to use the outdoor spaces as much as possible during the winter terms, Mr Byrne and Mr O'Mara have worked really hard to arrange alternatives-they have booked sessions for Primary 5-7 at the Kelvinhall-please look out for letters from these classes looking for helpers for the walk-we really need as much support as possible for this plan to work! The morning at Kelvinhall will provide classes with a brisk walk to and from the venue and a quality space for our bigger pupils for physical education. We will also look at initiatives like The Daily Mile to promote active attitudes and regular exercise. There will be some impact on after school clubs, with a restriction on clubs that cannot be carried out either outside or in the Dining Hall and no lunchtime clubs for Term Two as we have no alternative spaces at that time. The next challenges come in the form of all the other purposes we use our Gym Hall for, as it is the only space we can gather all our children together as a school and the only space big enough to invite parents to attend events. As works are due to start on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October-we will celebrate **HALLOWEEN ON FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER-parades after morning break and class parties in the afternoon. Children are welcome to come to school dressed up for the whole day-please encourage children to choose disguises which are not too frightening (our wee ones often find it a bit scary to be**

**confronted with so many ghouls and monsters!) .Given recent media coverage, we would discourage scary clown costumes.**

We need to find a venue for our Winter Show and our whole school Panto and every location we have approached comes at a considerable cost-we have tried to postpone the Pantomime but we would still be liable for the cost and there are no alternative dates available in our area. We are also considering an alternative for our Winter Fayre; having part of it outdoors like a Christmas Market and using the Dining Hall/Glass Atrium so that children and families don't miss out on this great opportunity to come together. This is also our biggest fundraiser-over the last year we have reduced events and initiatives with a cost (all our non uniforms etc have been for charitable causes) but this has impacted severely on our school funds; the Christmas Fayre usually provides the funding for summer trip buses and for little extra treats and events.

**WINTER DATES FOR DIARY**

**P1-3 WINTER SHOW - TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE - THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**P1 PHOTOGRAPHS – EVENING TIMES**

Our Primary one class photographs were in the Evening Times, unfortunately this happened on **Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> October-when school was closed to pupils**. We are aware that many parents have pre-ordered a copy of the newspaper which was delivered the school on that Friday. However, on the Friday Inset day there was significant work taking place as part of our 4R's programme which resulted in restricted access, which meant that parents were not be able to collect their copy until after the October holiday. We apologise for any inconvenience caused-copies should be out asap.

**UNISON JANITORS WILL BE ON STRIKE MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**NEW P1 REGISTRATION- ENROLMENT WEEK**

The first of Glasgow City Council's Registration weeks will take place week beginning **7<sup>th</sup> November 2016** If you have a child eligible to start Primary 1 next session then you should register your child at their catchment school at agreed times during this week. More information on dates and times of registration will be issued shortly.

**P5 GREAT SCOTTISH RUN**

Both of our Primary 5 classes joined pupils from across the city at the Annual Great Scottish Run at Glasgow Green on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The pupils completed a 1.5km run as well as participating in a variety of other sporting activities. All children received a medal and certificate recognising their achievement and a great day was had by all!

**P6 MILLPORT RESIDNETIAL**

Our P6 classes are preparing for their first taste of an overnight residential experience at Millport from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The pupils will be staying at FSC and undertaking a range of outdoor learning experiences developing their skills for learning, work and life. A reminder that any final payment of the outstanding balance should be made via the school office by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Look out for updates of our adventures on our School Twitter feed.

**P7 MOCK COURT PROJECT**

Both of our Primary 7 classes are currently working on this interdisciplinary project in partnership with the Schools Mock Court Project. This is the second year that we have participated in this event which extends our curriculum map. Our classes have already had visits from lawyers and are constructing writs and defence statements. The pupils will get the opportunity to visit the City Chambers after the October holiday and will attend Mock Trials in mid-November. This provides a real life context for pupils to apply their knowledge and skills as well as developing their skills for learning, work and life.

## **P7 TRANSITION**

Our P7 pupils have already enjoyed a series of visits from the English Department and are participating in a Learning Community Team Building activity at Hyndland Secondary this week. At the start of November, we will also welcome staff from the Maths Department for a four week block. A separate letter outlining all transition events for this session was issued to our P7 pupils in September. There is a copy available on our school Twitter page.

## **P4- P7 FIRST MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE**

As part of this Government Initiative, we are continuing to explore ways to further promote and enhance opportunities for reading for enjoyment. In September our P5-P7 classes enjoyed question and answer presentations from David Goutcher, creator of Spy Quest. Some pupils went on to have copies of the book signed at the Byres Road Book Festival. All pupils in P4-P7 are also being issued with a Reading Passport and we have arranged for each stage to visit Partick Library. During these visits, the Library will talk to the children about the various services they offer and discuss with pupils how to complete their reading passports. In school, we will also be creating displays of our favourite books and sharing books reviews with our peers. We are also keen to have authors come in and talk to classes about the art of writing and the power of reading.

## **CLASS TRIPS/OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Our Primary 4 classes are looking forward to their forthcoming trip this week on the Glasgow Tour Bus, which will take them on a tour of the city, highlighting some of the famous Glasgow Landmarks as well as extending their knowledge of the history of the city. This relates to their current Social Studies focus on the topic of Glasgow.

Both P6 classes have visited Scotland Street School Museum as part of their Victorians topic. This experiential learning opportunity allowed the children to compare and contrast life in a Victorian classroom to their experiences today.

## **SPORTING NEWS**

P7 Football – We have managed reintroduce our school football team this session thanks to coaching organised by Mr O’Mara and with the support of our assistant coach Tom, the pupils are now participating in weekly matches on Thursday evenings at Scotstoun Stadium.

As one of the Rugby Champion Schools, our P7 classes are about to finish their first block of Rugby training. A group of children will be attending a Rugby festival at Hughenden on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The children have been working very hard to develop their skills and we wish them good luck for the upcoming festival.

## **HOUSE SYSTEM – ELECTIONS AND HOUSE RESPONSIBILITIES**

A big congratulations to all P6/P7 pupils that stood for the posts of Captains and Vice Captains. The pupils worked very hard and gave great speeches to their houses on election day. We are delighted with the enthusiasm and confidence displayed by our children and they should all be proud of themselves, as we are of each of them. It was a very close result and below are the names of our Captains and Vice Captains for this session:

AMETHYSTS	Captain: Hanna	Vice -Captain: Lauren
DIAMONDS	Captain: Nicole	Vice -Captain: Kayla
EMERALDS	Captain: Lewis	Vice -Captain: Bonnie
RUBIES	Captain: Finlay	Vice-Captain: Angus
SAPPHIRES	Captain: Fay	Vice -Captain: Charlotte
TOPAZ	Captain: Sasha	Vice -Captain: Abhay

Well done to our Captains and Vice Captains and they are already busy undertaking their leadership roles within the school. Also, this session to further extend our House System, Promote Pupil Voice for all and increase pupil leadership opportunities we have given each house an area of responsibility. There is a calendar of house meetings involving pupils from across P1 – P7, with each house creating an Action plan linked to their area of responsibility. Each house will have a display board and will be creating an action plan of activities or events that they will be organising throughout this session.

Each house has the following remit:

Amethysts: International Education

Diamonds: GIRFEC- Getting it Right for Every Child

Emeralds: Enterprise

Rubies: School Improvement

Sapphires: Fair Trade

Topaz: Eco

We are looking forward to trailing this new structure and allowing all pupils to become even more involved in wider aspects of school life.

### **HIGHER ORDER THINKING**

We have introduced new HOTS awards (Higher Order Thinking Skills) Each month class teachers are asked to nominate pupils that have demonstrated excellent higher order thinking skills, linked to Blooms Taxonomy. Pupils receive certificates for remembering, understanding, analysing, applying, creating or evaluating in aspects of their learning. Our first set of pupils received their certificates at assembly last week and there is a display outside of Mr Byrne's room, celebrating their success.

### **PUPIL SUGGESTION BOX**

Our pupils are full of great ideas for improving and enhancing the life of the school. With this in mind we have established a new pupil suggestion box. Pupils are invited to write down their ideas, which will be passed on to either members of the Senior Leadership Team or one of our newly established House Groups. This further promotes the opportunity for pupil voice within our school.

### **OPEN AFTERNOON**

A big thank you to all our parents/cares that attended our recent Open Afternoon. It was a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see their working environment. It was also a chance to have a look at the newly refurbished parts of the building.

### **WINTER DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>Inset Day 3 – No pupils in school</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>Pupils and staff return to school 09.00am</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>M &amp; M Theatre Production of Dick Whittington 1.30 - 3.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>P6 Millport Residential Trip – Pupils leaving at 09.30 – returning Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at approximately 2.30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>P7 Rugby Festival Hughenden 09.30 – 11.45am</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>P7 Mock Court visit to City chambers</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>P7 Partick Library Visit 11.15 – 12.15</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>P4 Partick Library Visit 1.45 -2.45</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>P6 Partick Library Visit 1.45 -2.45</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>P5 Partick Library Visit 1.45-2.45</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>9.45am Christmas Celebration (Hyndland Parish Church)</b>
<b>Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>School Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>P1-3 Show 1.30pm (P1BLUE/P1GREEN/P1RED/P3A PARENTS)</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>PANTO-CINDERELLA (10am) P1-3 Show 1.30pm (P2A/P2B/P3B PARENTS)</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre (AM PUPILS ONLY/ 1.30PM PARENTS/CARERS)</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>School closes at 2.30pm for Winter Holiday (reopens Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017)</b>