



# Hyndland Headlines



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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we are approaching the Festive season the children are continuing to work hard both across the curriculum but also participating in a vast array of Christmas activities. From our Christmas Countdown letter issued this week, you can see the plethora of events taking place over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you in and around the school and take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support. On behalf of everyone at Hyndland Primary we wish you a happy, healthy and enjoyable festive period and we look forward to another exciting year ahead in 2017.

## **P7 Mock Court Project**

Our P7 classes have been working alongside solicitors in preparation for their Mock trial on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This excellent interdisciplinary project has allowed the pupils to develop a wide variety of skills for learning work and life, as well as the opportunity to apply their own talents and creativity. A big thank you to Mr Gibson and Miss Kelly for facilitating this excellent learning experience and for the superb work Mrs Robertson has done with the senior pupils to prepare for the research and court appearances. The officials at Court were very impressed with the children during their case presentations.

## **P7 Transition Programme**

Our P7 classes have participated in a series of visits both from and to the English and Maths Department at Hyndland Secondary this session. They will soon begin working with the Modern Languages Department, before embarking on further team teaching sessions in Term 3 and 4, here in school and at Hyndland Secondary. These interactions are a vital part of the transition process and the feedback from both pupils and staff has been very positive.

## **Glasgow's Got to Dance Event**

A group of our pupils put on an excellent performance at Glasgow's Got to Dance North West Competition held in Cleveden Secondary on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The pupils had been attending a Dance extra curricular club every week and had worked very hard to polish their routine. A big thanks to their coach for all her hard work and support and a big well done to the boys and girls from Hyndland Dance Group!

## **Scottish Book Week Activities**

Our P1-3 classes have been enjoying the fantastic goody bags provided for Scottish Book Week and distributed last week. The P1 children have also had the opportunity to participate in a Book Swap Shop event, allowing them to swap one of their own books for a different book they have not read before

## **Pupil Play within school grounds before and after school**

It's lovely to see so many families enjoying each others company in the playgrounds before and after school; it's a measure of how much of a real community we build at Hyndland. However there are a few safety issues which need to be highlighted to ensure the enjoyment of the space continues without any accidents. Before school, there is no adult presence until 8.45am-even at this time, the Janitor is not fulfilling a supervision role. Recently some children have been in the playground as early as 8am, I strongly recommend that children are not unsupervised before 8.45am, and advise that with dark mornings and winter weather, unsupervised time in the playground is a very high risk.

After school please ensure that children are supervised and do not climb or play on top of on the bin cages or any other non play structures-these are not designed for supporting weight and children should not be anywhere near the cages or bins-it would be intolerable if happy play with peers outwith school resulted in a child being hurt. Thank you for your support.



**Mobile Phone/Electronic Device Policy Reminder-these devices are not allowed to be used in school ;  
All devices must be given to class teacher for safe keeping within school hours-many thanks**

**Basketball Tournament , Badminton and Netball Tournaments**

Some of our P5 pupils participated in a Basketball Tournament this month, while our senior school netball team again performed brilliantly at their winter tournament-badminton is next in our string of sporting adventures!! Our teams all competed very well. Well done to our sporty senior students and many thanks to Mr O'Mara for all the fantastic work he does across the school to keep us active , engaged in community events and sporty!. Also a huge amount of appreciation is owed to Carolyn Kidd who gets the absolute best out of our netballers year after year and gives so generously of her time.

**Litter in our community!**

I have been contacted on several occasions by our neighbours in Fortrose Street about the awful amount of litter on the surrounding streets around the school, we will raise this issue with our children again but also ask that you help us by helping the neighbourhood to keep our community litter and dog fouling free. The photographs of accumulative litter on Fortrose Street are quite shocking, so any help you can offer is much appreciated. Thank you.

**Unison Janitorial Industrial Action-change to Fayre event**

Unison have informed Education Services that there will be more industrial action taken by Janitorial Staff for the full week of 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December and then again for an unspecified period in January; please be aware this impacts on several key functions of the school.

In times of adverse weather there will be no on site responsive salting/gritting throughout the day. Cordia will attempt to address the main pathway into and out of schools (if necessary) with centralised teams early on wintry days-however this may impact on safety of playgrounds as these are not classed as a priority areas. There is no Janitorial presence in the playground before 9am on strike days, and key security issues like opening/locking doors and gates will be operated either centrally by Cordia or (where essential) by Senior Leaders in schools. There may be some further impact on events outwith core hours as the action continues.

There is no guarantee of any janitorial cover or support in schools affected over the strike period, although Cordia will make every effort to support where possible; so with this information we have had to review our risk assessments for some of our Festive events. This is not a procedure under taken lightly, but the health and safety and security of all our children must be our priority.

After extensive discussion and consideration of all factors, I feel that in conjunction with the closure of our gym hall (which is usually the central venue), ongoing internal works and subsequent restriction of space available coupled the additional risk associated with having a large public event without janitorial and the associated security support, it is in the childrens best interests to postpone our Christmas Fayre this year and instead remodel this event into a spring fayre that will celebrate (hopefully) the end of our Refurbishment and re-opening of all our revamped learning and social areas in the Spring.

I know that many of our children and families will be disappointed ;but it is not a cancellation of this excellent enterprise event; it's a relocation and will also give us an opportunity to let you all see how well the 4Rs programme has improved the fabric of our school when we have this open day . We would hope to extend this event outdoors to gazebo stalls in the Spring; the new time also gives us something to look forward to and as the December calendar is so busy already, will allow us to give classes more time for planning and operating the gathering and having a different focus .

**New Indoor Shoe Policy**

Our classrooms have all now been refurbished with new carpets and flooring; this has made a huge difference to all the childrens learning spaces, however the winter weather and the effects of our red blaise pitch are already obvious in many rooms. The red ash is very difficult to remove and we are all keen to keep our school environment fresh-we waited a LONG time for those lovely classrooms!

**From the start of the new term we are asking that every child has a second pair of shoes in school; this does not mean they need a new pair of shoes-the trainers used for PE are perfect.** On very rainy/snowy days it mean that children can change into dry warm shoes and on footy days no-one has to worry about making a red trail through the school! Your support for this initiative is much appreciated.



## WINTER DATES FOR THE DIARY

A donation of £3 is requested to support the range of Festive events-thank you.

Date	Event
<b>TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Front entrance Christmas Tree arrives – P7 and P1 pupils are welcome to bring a decoration for the last or first Hyndland Christmas Tree!
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	P1/House Captains to decorate tree in front entrance hall.P7&P1s please bring a decoration to hang on our tree at Hyndland!
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Post Box open-post your cards from today for our senior school elves to deliver!
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Music Club Celebration (only music club children)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Celebration* Hyndland parish Church 9.45 am. <b>PLEASE NOTE WE USE THE CHURCH AS A VENUE ONLY</b> <b>*(if you do not wish your child to attend this celebration please let us know <u>in writing by Monday 5th December</u> so we can arrange in school supervision.) Also, we require parent helpers to escort classes to and from the Church. Please fill out and return slips to your child's teacher by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day £1-doesn't need to be a shop bought one-just something cheery and warm! (School funds) House Winners treat ☺ pm Parent Council Christmas Ceilidh!
<b>WEEK BEGINNING: 12 DECEMBER P4-7 CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN CLASSES DRESS AS YOU PLEASE ON YOUR PARTY DAY-TEACHERS TO DECIDE WITH CLASS ON WHICH DAY!</b>	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P1-3 Show 1.30pm (P1BLUE/P1GREEN/P1RED/P3A PARENTS) Midwife Crisis in RE: Hope building-PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Panto Whole School Performance of Cinderella (M & M Productions) 9.30am in RE: Hope Hall.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	P1-3 Show 1.30pm (P2A/P2B/P3B PARENTS) - PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Lunch – a separate order form will be issued on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> for return by Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P2 Christmas Party p.m. – special visitor!
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P1 Christmas Party p.m - special visitor !
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Christmas party p.m. - special visitor ! P4-7 Festive Movie Fun!
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	P1-3 Festive Movie Fun!  <b>School closes 2.30pm-Happy &amp; Peaceful Holidays!</b> <b>School reopens Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 9am</b>

