



Hyndland Headlines

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Term 3 is already well under way with lots of exciting learning experiences taking place across the school. Please see below for updates and information on both previous and upcoming events. We are continuing to develop the ways in which we communicate information to parents, including using our school Twitter feed and our new GLOW blog website. If you have not already, please follow us on Twitter@HyndlandPS or visit our Glow Blog website, which also has our Twitter newsfeed on the right hand side of the home page. We look forward to seeing you at our Parents' Evenings on Thursday the 23rd and Wednesday 29th March 2017.

SCHOOL SECURITY

The safety and security of our children and staff is paramount, We must ensure that any visitors to our school are authorised. A reminder that if you have any queries regarding your child's progress or well being please call or come into our school office to arrange contact with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Please remember NO parents/carers/adults unaccompanied by school staff should be in the building without an appointment or without signing in at our school office. If you are coming into school to look for lost property you must be accompanied by our Janitor .

BANK OF SCOTLAND FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Working in partnership with our Local branch of Bank of Scotland on Dumbarton Road, we have several staff from the branch coming in to all of our P1-P7 classes to deliver workshops on Financial Literacy throughout February and March. This will ensure that our young people are developing their awareness of the need to be financially responsible, an essential life skill. A big thanks to the branch staff for their on-going support.

ANNUAL SCOTTISH POETRY COMPETITION 2017

This year our Scottish Poetry Competition Final took place in the RE: Hope Building on Thursday 9th February. We had to host the competition in two parts with P1-P3 pupils performing at 1.15pm to 1.45pm and P4-P7 pupils at 2.15pm – 3.00p.m. All of our pupils worked very hard both in class and at home on their poems and songs and all parents/carers of finalists were invited to attend. Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for their effort and hard work. The competition was judged by a panel made up of: The Chair of our Parent Council, Local Councillor Kenny Mclean and Cathy and Frances from our Catering staff. We know they had a very difficult role picking overall winners as the standards were so high. A big congratulations to our P1-P3 winner, Luisa Cartwright (P3A) and our P4-P7 winner, Hector Godolphin (P4B).

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P1 MUSIC TASTER SESSIONS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Naheed Cruikshank is providing our P1s with taster sessions on Monday afternoons to prepare them for joining Music Club Minis next session (where spaces are available). Some groups from the very successful after school Music Club are also performing at the Music Festival on 13th March! We wish them the very best of luck and are proud of their achievements and efforts.

P7 TRANSITION

Our P7 pupils have been involved in a number of transition activities, including a STEM Morning at Hyndland Secondary and a panel visit from current S1 pupils for a question and answer session. There will also be a P7 Parent information evening at Hyndland Secondary on **Thursday 16th March at 6.00pm** in the Airlie Theatre. All parents/carers and pupils are encouraged to attend.

P7 DOUNANS RESIDENTIAL TRIP

This year our P7 pupils will be attending Dounans Outdoor Centre from Monday 8th until Friday 12th May. In preparation for this residential experience, there will be an Information evening for parents and pupils in the school dining hall on **Wednesday 15th March at 7.00pm**. The centre Manager will deliver a presentation on the various aspects of the trip and we will be issuing all relevant documentation that parents should complete and return to the school by Monday 27th March. Payments towards the trip should continue to be made via the school office using the payment cards issued last term.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK - Monday 13th – Friday 17th May

As part of British Science week we have Scientists from the University of Glasgow providing workshops for our P7 classes and are working with Hyndland Secondary Science Department to arrange class visit for other classes. Mrs Simpson has also given class teachers some other science activities to undertake during the week as well as the P5 to P7 pupils holding a pupil led Science Fair for all pupils to visit. We would like to invite any parent or carer with a background in Science to come in and present workshops and presentations to our classes about both the importance of Science in the world around us and how it links to their job and some information about the opportunities linked to a career in Science. Any parents interested please contact Mr Byrne via the School office.

P6 MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Both P6 classes are currently a four week block of Music with Ms Rennie from Hyndland Secondary School. This is the second year of this early transition project and the pupils will get the opportunity to showcase their learning by putting on a performance for S1 pupils up at Hyndland Secondary towards the end of this term.

WORLD BOOK DAY/BOOK FAYRE

A letter was issued last week outlining details of events taking place as part of our World Book Day celebrations. The travelling Book Fayre has now arrived in school and a big thank you to all our parents that have volunteered to give of their time to help run this event. A reminder that on **Thursday 2nd March** as part of World Book Day, pupils are invited to dress up as a character from a book. There is also a competition in school for P1 –P3 to illustrate the front cover of their favourite book, with our P4-P7 pupils writing a review of their favourite read. Look out for the children coming home with their £1 World Book Day vouchers, which they can spend at most book stores.

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COACHES/OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our P4 and P6 classes are both undertaking Squash and Rugby Coaching this term. P4 are currently enjoying a four week block of Squash at Western Tennis Club and will begin a block of Rugby coaching at Kelvin Hall from Thursday 23rd February. P6 are also due to begin a block of squash at Western Tennis club and Mr O'Mara has also managed to secure a local Dance coach for both P6 classes. Both our P5 and P7 classes are continuing to attend Kelvin Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for their weekly P.E lessons. P6 have launched the Daily Mile and have been increasing their fitness and stamina levels on a daily basis. Special thanks to Carolyn Kidd, our netball coach who has been able to secure the use of Notre Dame Primary on Monday lunchtimes to allow her to continue her Netball coaching with our P7 pupils.

LUNCHTIME/AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Due to on-going work in our Gym Hall, we have had to operate a reduced number of after school clubs this term. There is a P7 Football Training Club every Tuesday after school, with a list of Football matches to attend on Thursdays at Scotstoun Sports Centre. There is also a P2 Dance club every Thursday after school and a P5 Table Tennis Club every Wednesday Lunchtime. This term we are also able to offer a variety of other Lunchtime clubs, including: British Sign Language for P4/5, A Writing Club and a Coding Club.

INTERNET SAFETY

There will be an adult only Workshop on Internet Safety for our parents of P5-P7 pupils on **Wednesday 26th April at 6.30 pm in the school dining hall.** This presentation will be delivered by EDICT and will be aimed at equipping parents/carers with information on how to enhance knowledge and understanding of how to keep our children as safe as possible when online. We have been asked to inform you that children should not attend the evening workshop. EDICT will also be delivering workshops to classes throughout the school during the week beginning Monday 24th April informing children of how to stay safe when online.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION BY PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council are collecting donations in our Playground on Friday 3rd March at drop off and pick up time and Monday 6th March. Please see the Parent Council website for more details.

LATECOMING

Whilst the free entry system provides our pupils with a degree of responsibility, we are noticing an increasing number of pupils arriving in school after 09.00am. Pupils arriving five or ten minutes late has a negative impact on pupils' learning and so can we please ensure pupils are at school on time. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

PLAYGROUND

A reminder that there is no supervision in the playground before 8.45 am and therefore pupils should not be left unattended before this time. Also, pupils should not be playing any sort of ball games in the playground before school starts.

PARKING

We are continuing to experience on-going issues with cars parking on the yellow zig-zags at the school entrance. Can we remind everyone that the safety of our children is of paramount importance and by parking here you are putting the children in danger. Also, stopping in the middle of the road is also hazardous and so we again ask that parents/carers refrain from doing this. Community Police are continuing to monitor the situation carefully and all incidents of illegal or hazardous parking should be reported directly to the Police.

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HOUSE RESPONSIBILITIES ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

In our aims to ensure we promote pupil voice for all and encourage pupil leadership opportunities, we are continuing to have our monthly house meetings. Pupils from across the stages have been working together on their specific areas of responsibility. Below is an update on the work each house is currently undertaking:

Amethysts: The Amethysts are looking comparing lives of children in Britain to that of others around the world. They are hoping to host an International day in Term 4.

Diamonds: The Diamond House have been working to create characters linked to the SHANARRI indicators. They are also working with Mrs Batista to help organise some whole school activities to promote the Healthy and Active Indicators, including the British Heart Foundation Skip-a-thon. More details to follow.

Emeralds: After their successful campaign during Children In Need, the Emeralds along with Mrs Timms are already planning events for Comic Relief. A separate letter detailing events will be issued shortly.

Rubies: The Rubies Captain and Vice-Captain, alongside Mrs Kitson and other house representatives have meet with Parent Council Mr Lewis (Chair) and Mr Bonnyman (Treasurer) to discuss their proposals for playground improvements. The House have worked together to generate ideas, create posters and work out costs. They are also going to be discussing and prioritising Pupil Suggestions for wider school improvements from our Pupil Suggestion Box.

Sapphires: Ms Liveston and the Sapphires are currently planning a series of events and activities as part of their Fair Trade remit. Fair trade Fortnight takes place from week beginning Monday 27th February until Friday 10th March. Planned events include a Fair Trade Tuck shop, a 'Wear something Yellow' (Bananna themed) Non Uniform Day on Friday 3rd March and a Break and Bake sale.

Topaz: The Topaz House have the responsibility for Eco. They are currently carrying out an audit and will be ensuring that all classes have Recycle bins and raising general awareness of how to conserve energy.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 16 th February 2017	Pupils return to school 09.00am
Monday 27 th February – Friday 10 th March	Fair Trade Fortnight – Non Uniform Day Friday 3 rd March wear something yellow (Banana Day)
Thursday 2 nd March	World book Day – dress as your favourite book character
Wednesday 8 th March 2017	P1 Pupils visit to Partick Library
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March	British Science week – various events in school
Wednesday 15 th March 2017	P7 Dounans Information Evening Dining Hall 7.00pm
Thursday 16 th March 2017	P7 Information Evening at Hyndland Secondary 6.00pm
Thursday 23 rd March 2017	Parents' Evening 1 3.45 - 6.45 pm
Friday 24 th March 2017	Comic Relief Day
Wednesday 29 th March 2017	Parents' Evening 2 3.45 - 6.45 pm
Thursday 30 th March	P7A visit to Glasgow University Science Department (a.m)
Friday 31 st March 2017	P7B visit to Glasgow University Science Department (a.m)
Friday 31 st March 2017	School finishes at 2.30 pm for Spring Break
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Term 4 begins - Pupils return to school 09.00 am
Wednesday 26 th April 2017	P5-P7 Parent Internet Safety Presentation Dining Hall 6.30pm
Monday 1 st May 2017	May Day holiday

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