



Hyndland Headlines

Summer 2017

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Already, we have reached the final term of this session. The term began with the end of our 4RS refurbishment programme and our Gym Hall being reinstated. It has been a long but worthwhile process and the school is looking great – all of our pupils and staff are benefiting from the fresh and brighter environment. As always, this term is filled with a wide variety of events and activities, including: summer trips, our summer fair, a panto, our P7 show, P7 disco and our end of term service. Below we have included an update on some of the activities already undertaken this term, alongside upcoming events and dates for the diary. On behalf of all the staff team we thank you for your on-going support and wish you all a pleasant and relaxing summer break.

CLASSIFICATION & STAFFING UPDATE

We are currently awaiting confirmation from Human Resources in order to finalise staffing for next session. We are therefore unable to release the classification at this time. As soon as we have confirmation, letters will be issued to all classes to inform you of your child's teacher for next session. Mr Macaulay recently attended city-wide interviews and successfully secured a permanent teaching post with Glasgow City Council and has been allocated to return to Hyndland next session. We are also delighted that both Mrs Timms and Ms Moir will also be continuing with us, with Mrs Timms covering for Mrs McFadyen, who remains on maternity leave.

P7 TRANSITION

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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. They have also completed two induction days at Hyndland Secondary, giving them a flavour of the Secondary experience. This concluded with an information evening for parents. We know the transition calendar of events have been of great benefit and the children are well prepared for the next step of their educational journey. There are a variety of leavers events planned and dates for these are listed in the Dates for Dairy section. A separate letter has been issued in relation to the P7 disco and a reminder that if you wish your child to be in the P7 Yearbook, please send a P1 photograph into the school by FRIDAY 9TH JUNE

P1 INDUCTION

On Wednesday the 24th of May, we welcomed our new pre-entrant P1 pupils for the first of two induction sessions. The pupils got the opportunity to visit the P1 classrooms and meet their new classmates, whilst parents and carers attended an induction workshop. A big well done to all our wonderful P6 Buddies for welcoming and supporting our new pupils, we are sure the boys and girls loved their welcome letters from their buddies. We look forward to welcoming both the boys and girls and their parents/carers for their second induction day on Wednesday 14th June at 9.30am.



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P5 PHILOSOPHY WORKSHOPS

Both of our P5 classes have been receiving Philosophy workshops from Mrs Bogucki (Parent of P6 Pupil) who is a teaching associate from the Philosophy Foundation. Ms Bogucki has been engaging the children in philosophical thinking and promoting Higher order thinking skills. We are very grateful for this input and are always keen to engage our parents and carers in all aspects of school life. If there are any parents/carers that have any particular areas of expertise that you feel would benefit our pupils please feel free to contact Mr Byrne via the school office.

SPORTS DAY

Our Annual Sports Day is planned for **Wednesday 7th June** at the Cricket pitch. We are continuing the model used last year, with **our P4-P7 pupils participating in activities from 09.30am to 11.30am and our P1-P3 pupils at 1.15pm – 3.00 pm.** As always, we are looking for parent/carers volunteers to assist and oversee the different activities. A separate letter has been issued outlining the dates/times and forms to indicate if you are able to help out on the day. We thank you in advance for your anticipated :



MALAWI VISITOR

We have recently enjoyed a visit from Loveness, an Education Adviser from Malawi. Loveness has been visiting Glasgow as part of a team of Educationalists from the Malawi Leaders of Learning Project. She visited many of our classes and was very impressed with our pupils and the school.

MUSIC CLUB PERFORMANCE

Our annual Music Club showcase will take place on **Monday 5th June 2017** in the school Gym Hall at 3.30 pm with our Music Club Minis performing on Monday the 12th June. The children have been practising very hard and we would like to thank Naheed, Andrew and all the tutors and parents for all their hard work and commitment.

P7 DOUNANS RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our P7 children have recently returned from their four night trip to Dounans Outdoor Centre at Aberfoyle. The children participated in lots of confidence and team building activities and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all the staff that gave up their own time to attend this trip and well done to all the boys and girls for supporting and encouraging each other and displaying our school values at all times.

P4 ROMAN OPEN AFTERNOON

Our P4 classes hosted a very successful Open Afternoon to showcase their learning as part of their Romans topic. Pupils gave guided tours of their Roman Museum and there was an opportunity to share some of the excellent learning about Roman soldiers and the Roman Army, Roman Gods, Food and Drink and famous Roman landmarks. The children were delighted to share their work and a big thanks to all our parents and carers for coming along on the day.



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We have had a very successful term in both sport participation and competitive sporting success. Our P7 Netball Team have qualified for the Active School Netball Final which takes place on the 1st June at Bellahouston Leisure Centre. Our P7 football team have also enjoyed great success, being crowned Champions in the Charing Cross Rotary Competition. Three of our P7 pupils have also been selected to represent the city of Glasgow as part of the Glasgow Football Association at a recent match held in Edinburgh. A group of our P6 pupils came third in the Glasgow School’s Badminton Tournament and some of our P4 pupils have reached the semi-finals in the Glasgow School’s Tennis Cup. Our P4 and P6 classes have also undertaken blocks of Squash at Western Tennis Club, P2 are currently receiving Determined to Dance coaching and P3 are about to undertake a block of Basketball coaching. Below is an overview of the various lunchtime and after school clubs that are taking place this term:

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	P7 Netball	Music Club
Tuesday	P6 Taekwondo	P2 Football
Wednesday	P4 Dodgeball	P3 Multi-sports
Thursday	P5 Athletics	P1 Dance
Friday	P6 Athletics	



WHOLE SCHOOL SKIP-A-THON

On Friday 19th May, the Diamond House planned and organised a sponsored Skip-a-thon to promote both the British Heart Foundation and to raise awareness of the need to stay Healthy and Active, two of our SHANARRI Indicators. All of our classes participated in a ten minute skip, with many parents and carers also joining in. Great fun was had by all and we raised a staggering £1700 (and still counting.) A big thanks to all those who donated to this very worthwhile charity event and well done to the Diamonds !

ECO NEWS - RAGBAG

Topaz House have been co-ordinating the collection of the Rag Bags by asking for certain clothing and objects to be recycled as part of their responsibility for our ECO pupil voice group. They have been busy collecting in lots of bags – thanks to all of our families and friends for your kind donations. We will update you on their success before the end of term.

HILLHEAD LIBRARY AUTHOR VISITS

P2 and P6 are both attending author visits at Hillhead Library in partnership with Glasgow Life. P2 will be meeting the author Alan Dapre, with P6 participating in an author session from Cathy MacPhail. Please look out for information slips coming home in school bags .

INTERNET SAFETY

Whilst the internet is a very valuable tool for learning, there are certain aspects of Internet Safety and use of Social Media that highlight some cause for concern. We hosted an Internet Safety Presentation for P5-P7 parents this month and all classes from P1-P7 have received Internet Safety presentations from our colleagues at EDICT, providers of ICT provision for Glasgow's schools. It is important that we work together to ensure our young people stay safe whilst online. At school, there are firewalls and access to inappropriate sites are blocked. At home, there are parental locks that can be put in place and there are age restrictions for Social Media sites. Children can also become involved in texting and group chats which can lead to hurtful or upsetting comments being made. Please take time to chat to your child about behaving responsibly in the ways in which they are communicating with each other. There is a very informative and helpful website to support and raise awareness of staying safe online:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES - SESSION: 2017/18

Next session, we have identified the following areas for development:

Priority 1 Raising Attainment – specific focus on Literacy and Numeracy

Priority 2: Rights Respecting Schools

Priority 3: Digital Learning (Learning Community)



SUMMER TRIPS

Below is an outline of venues and dates for the class summer trips. This year we used feedback from parents and pupils who felt too much time was spent travelling, rather than enjoying the day out. Some of older pupils also thought that we should be exploring more of our local environment and reducing our carbon footprint by using public transport or walking where possible to venues. Please let us know what you think about keeping trips local. As ever we rely upon the support of parent volunteers to ensure these trips can go ahead.

Class /Stage	Venue	Date
P1	Science Centre	TBC
P2	Botanic Gardens	14 th June 2017
P3	Kelvingrove Park	23 rd June 2017
P4	Hunterian Museum/Kelvingrove	14 th June 2017
P5	Gallery of Modern Art/Glasgow Green	12 th June 2017
P6	Science Centre – IMAX	Friday 2 nd June
P7	TBC	TBC

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

As you may know, this year we successfully launched our Celebrating Achievement walls for every class. We have been delighted to see the children bringing in their out of school achievements and we also use the walls to display success and achievements in school. We also try to tweet pictures of pupils with their medals, certificates etc. In order to help support us with this, if you are on Twitter, you can post pictures of their achievements and tag us @HyndlandPS – we will then re-tweet this and it will appear on our school page. We are delighted to celebrate and share the success and achievements of all of our children.

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TWITTER

We are continuing to try and improve our communication between home and school. Next year we plan to go paper light and will be asking you to access where possible all communications online-with a reminder to check for updates via text/Twitter. The quickest and easiest methods of communication include: text messages, blogs and Twitter. We have almost 1500 followers on Twitter and it is an excellent platform for us to share learning as well as update you with information about school events. For those not on Twitter, we have the Twitter Feed embedded on our School website. Follow us on Twitter @HyndlandPS or visit our website: hyndland-pri.glasgow.sch.uk – from this site click on the link to our Glow blog website. Please ensure you keep our school office updated of any changes to contact details, including mobile phone numbers that we use to text out information.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 17th May 2017	P5- P7 Parent Internet Safety Presentation by EDICT in school dining hall 6.30pm Parents and Carers only.
Friday 19th May 2017	Whole School Skip-a-Thon for British Heart Foundation
Tuesday 23rd May 2017	P7 Hyndland Secondary Transition Day 1
Wednesday 24th May 2017	P7 Hyndland Secondary Transition Day 2
Wednesday 24th May 2017	P1 Pre-Entrant Transition Afternoon
Friday 26th May to Monday 29th May 2017	May Holiday Weekend
Tuesday 30th May 2017	Pupils and Staff return to school at 9.00am
Tuesday 30th May 2017	P1-P7 Internet Safety Workshops
Friday 2nd June 2017	M & M Production Summer Pantomime 9.30am
Friday 2nd June 2017	P6 Summer Trip to Imax – Science Centre
Friday 2nd June 2017	Parent Council Ceilidh 7.00pm in Partick Burgh Hall
Wednesday 7th June 2017	Sports Day held at Cricket Pitch P4- P7 09.30 – 11.30 P1 –P3 1.15 -3.15 –all parents/carers welcome
Thursday 8th June 2017	In-service Day 6 – General Election- No pupils in school
Monday 12th June 2017	P5 Summer Trip to Glasgow Green
Wednesday 14th June 2017	New P1 Pre-entrant Induction Day 2 09.30 -10.30am
Wednesday 14th June 2017	P2 Hillhead Library followed by trip to Botanic Gardens
Wednesday 14th June 2017	P4 Summer Trip to Hunterian Museum & Kelvingrove
Friday 16th June	School Summer Fair pm – all parents/carers welcome
Tuesday 20th June 2017	P7 Show dress rehearsal – Gym Hall – pupils only
Wednesday 21st June 2017	End of Term Summer Service Hyndland Parish Church 9.45am – All parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 21st June 2017	P7 Show School Daze – Gym Hall 7.00pm – P7 pupils to arrive at school for 6.15pm. Parents/carers to be seated for 7.00pm in Gym Hall.
Thursday 22nd June 2017	P7 Leaver’s Disco 7.00 – 8.30 pm
Friday 23rd June 2017	P3 Summer Trip – Kelvingrove Park
Monday 26th June 2017	P7 Leaver’s Lunch –pm
Tuesday 27th June 2017	School closes at 1.00 pm for Summer Holidays.