



Hyndland Headlines

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Dear Parent/Carers

A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of 2018. We hope that you had a pleasant winter break and are looking forward to another exciting term ahead. We had a very busy month in December, including: P1-P3 Christmas Show, Christmas Fair and our Christmas Celebration. It was lovely to see so many of you attend these events and once again thank you for all your kind contributions and on-going support. Outlined below are a list of upcoming activities and events and a reminder of diary dates for this term.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs McFadyen who will be teaching Primary 6A every Monday and Tuesday. Ms Leslie will continue to teach the class every Wednesday – Friday. Unfortunately and out with our control, Ms Moir has been redeployed to another school in the North of the city. We want to take this opportunity to thank Ms Moir for all of her hard work and wish her well in her new post. This also means that this term our P4 and P7 classes will now be working on Science and Technologies with Mrs Campbell, whilst Mrs McFadyen will cover these curricular areas with both P6 classes and P5B.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Our P5A class are about to undertake a block of Drama workshops delivered by the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. The pupils will be working in small groups on a number of drama techniques and will be delivering a performance for their peers. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to further extend their expressive arts skills. P5B recently received a block of Sports Leadership Coaching from Sports Ambassadors at Hyndland Secondary. The pupils worked in groups to further enhance their ability to work in teams as well as developing specific sporting skills. A big thanks to the S5/S6 pupils and the P.E Department at Hyndland Secondary for providing this experience and we look forward to further collaboration involving our newly elected Sports Councillors. Also, we are delighted to embark about a Science and Technology initiative working in partnership with the University of Strathclyde and the Young Engineers Project. All of our P4-P7 classes will be working on a STEM project this session, working with Postgraduate Engineering students. The project will conclude with some pupils being invited to present at a National Conference at the University in the summer term.

P4-P7 LEARNING JOURNEYS

A big thank you to all parents/carers for taking the time to go through your child's Learning Journey and discussing their targets and reflective logs. Many of you commented that it allowed you the opportunity to gain greater insight into the learning taking place in class and your child's ability to both reflect upon and share their learning with you. Can we please ask that any Learning Journeys still at home please be returned to your child's class teacher, thank you

OUR SCHOOL VALUES: KINDNESS RESPECT HONESTY FAIRNESS RESPONSIBILITY

PUPIL VOICE

A big congratulations to all of the pupils that applied for both our Sports Council and Digital Leaders. It was great to see the pupils demonstrate such enthusiasm and the high degree of skills demonstrated during the interview process. Our newly elected Sports Council have already played a role in deciding what stages certain club are offered to this term and they are about to embark upon creating surveys and gathering the views of their classmates on clubs for Term 4. Some of our Sports council will also be further extending their leadership skills by organising and running some pupil-lead lunchtime clubs in the coming weeks. Our Digital Leaders will now work with Mrs McFadyen on a Wednesday afternoon and their first task will be to help update our school website. Also, as we begin our initial journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School, Rights Ambassadors have been elected from each class (P4-P7) These pupils will work with Mr Gibson to help develop and lead the rest of the school in exploring and understanding the Rights of the Child.

Last term we issued pupils with an Assembly survey to gather their views and opinions on what they enjoy about assemblies, what improvements could be made and what topics themes they would like to learn about.

Pupil feedback was that they enjoyed:

Learning and singing songs
Maths Challenges
Discussing School Values
School News – weekly update
First Minister’s Reading Challenge
House Challenges

Pupils thought that we could improve assemblies by:

Revisiting some ‘older’ songs
More opportunities for pupils to lead assembly
Reintroduction of Talent Spot
More House Challenges



Pupils would like:

Spelling Challenges and more Maths Challenges
Themes topics they would like to learn more about included: Countries, Famous Scientists, History and Animals.

These findings were shared with pupils at assembly and we will incorporate the feedback into the planning of assemblies for Terms 3 and 4.

P6/P7 TRANSITIONS



Both P6 and P7 classes will be undertaking Expressive Arts and Interdisciplinary Learning projects with Hyndland Secondary this term. Our P6 classes will be working with Ms Rennie (Music Department) for a four week block. This is the third year of this project, with the pupils creating and performing their compositions at Hyndland Secondary in March. On Friday the 5th February our P7 pupils will be attending a Burns Supper at Hyndland Secondary as part of a Learning Community Transition event. They will be performing Scots Poetry/songs and participating in some Scottish Country Dancing as well as enjoying a traditional Burns supper.

P6 MILLPORT RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our P6 classes will be embarking upon a one night residential trip to FSC Millport on **Wednesday 14th to Thursday 15th March**. Packs will be coming home next week with information about the centre and activities, alongside consent forms and medical administration forms. These forms should be completed and returned to the school office for **Friday 9th February 2018**. Any outstanding balances are also due by this date.

P7 DOUNANS RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our P7 pupils will be visiting Dounans Outdoor Education Centre week beginning Monday 23rd April for five days. There will be a parent/carer information evening held just after the February break (date to be confirmed) The Centre Manager will give a presentation detailing an overview of the trip, activities, food, accommodation etc. alongside a question and answer session. At this meeting you will be issued with a pack containing important consent forms, medical administration records and any other relevant information regarding the trip. These forms should be completed and returned to the school office by no later than **Friday 9th March 2018**. Any outstanding balances are also due by this date.

GLASGOW COUNTS

As part of our School Improvement Focus this session, we have been introducing aspects of Glasgow City Council's Mathematics Framework: Glasgow Counts. This research based approach places strong emphasis on the use of the concrete, pictorial, abstract approach. As a school, we have been working on developing a Maths Mind-set and introducing pupils to a variety of strategies to solve problems and carry out calculations, including use of concrete materials, pictorial representations, the empty number-line and the bar model. This means that your child's maths jotter should now contain a range of different type of calculations and that whilst there is still a place for use of algorithms (traditional sums) we are looking to equip our young people with an extended strategy toolkit. We will be sending home a short leaflet with further explaining these approaches within the next few weeks. We also intend to run an information station about Glasgow Counts at both our Open afternoon and Parents' Evenings later on this term.



SCOTTISH POETRY COMPETITION

This year our Scottish Poetry Competition Final will take place on **Friday 26th January** in our school gym hall. All of our pupils have been working very hard both in class and at home on their poems and songs in preparation for this event. Due to limited space restrictions, only parents/carers of our finalists will be invited to attend. Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for their effort and hard work.

P3-P7 MATILDA: THE MUSICAL

This term we are offering the opportunity for pupils from P3-P7 to participate in an exciting After School club with a focus on Art, Music and Drama to produce an abridged performance of Matilda. Pupils will be working as: musicians, actors and stage artists, allowing them to develop their skills and showcase their talents in a fun and exciting context. All of their effort and hard work will then be on display when they perform the show for parents and carers just prior to the spring break.



TERM 3 LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

DAY	TIME	STAGE	ACTIVITY	START DATE	FINISH DATE
Monday	Lunchtime	P4	Athletics	15.01.18	26.03.18
Tuesday	Lunchtime	P5	Football Block 1	16.01.18	20.02.18
Tuesday	Lunchtime	P3	Football Block 2	27.02.18	27.03.18
Tuesday	After School	P6/7	Football	16.01.18	27.03.18
Tuesday	After School	P3	Taekwondo	16.01.18	06.02.18
Wednesday	Lunchtime	P5	Multi-sports	17.01.18	28.03.18
Wednesday	After School	P4	Dodgeball	31.01.18	28.03.18
Thursday	Lunchtime	P7	Netball	18.01.18	22.03.18
Thursday	After School	P6	Netball(5 weeks)	18.01.18	15.02.18
Thursday	After School	P4/P5	Basketball	22.02.18	22.03.18
Thursday	After School	P2	Dance	25.01.18	15.03.18
Friday	Lunchtime	P6	Basketball	19.01.18	23.03.18

Our newly formed Sports Council will also be offering lunchtime clubs for P1/P2 classes after the February break. The group of P4-P7 pupils will be developing their leaderships skills by planning and organising games and activities with training and guidance from Mr O'Mara, our Active Schools Co-ordinator. P1 and P2 classes look out for letters just prior to the February break.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 10 th January	P7 Badminton Team at Scotstoun Event
Thursday 11 th January	P5A Drama workshops with Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Monday 15 th January	Lunchtime and Afterschool clubs begin – see timetable
Wednesday 17 th January	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday 17 th January	P7 Vision Checks
Friday 26 th January	Scottish Poetry Competition 1.30pm
Monday 29 th January	P7 Pupils working with Hyndland Secondary Sports Leaders
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th February 2018	Winter Mid Term break - no pupils or staff in school.
Wednesday 14 th February	Inset Day 4 – No pupils in school
Thursday 15 th February	Pupils return to school 9.00am

