



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 2019.

P7 Mock Court Project

Our P7 classes have been working alongside solicitors in preparation for their Mock trial in the New Year. 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 Miss Liveston and Miss Moir for facilitating this excellent learning experience and for the superb work our support team and community volunteers have done with the senior pupils to prepare for the research and court appearances. I am sure the officials at Court will be very impressed with the children during their case presentations.

Farewell Assembly Ms McLaughlin and Mr Byrne

We will welcome back Mr Byrne and Ms McLaughlin to our end of term celebration at Hyndland Parish Church on Tuesday 18th December at 9.45am for their formal farewell-please come and join us if you can! Please remember this is not a religious service but a celebration of the term and the season, However if you do not wish your child to attend please inform Miss Brown in writing by Friday 14th December so that in school supervision can be provided.

PARENT HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR ALL CLASSES –LEAVING SCHOOL 9.15 & RETURNING APPROX 11AM. There will be a wee festive tea in the Hall on return for helpers from this trip or trips throughout the year. Thanks for your support.

Mr Byrne is a Daddy!

I am sure you will all join us in Congratulating Mr & Mrs Byrne on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy (Noah Andrew Byrne) on Monday 26th November 2018. The Family are all doing well.

P7 Transition Programme

Our P7 classes have participated in a series of visits both from and to the English and Science Department at Hyndland Secondary this session, culminating in a truly inspirational talk by senior pupils on their experiences in the Amazonian Rainforest. They will resume working with the Secondary School 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 senior pupils put on an excellent performance at Glasgow's got to Dance North West Competition held in Clevedon Secondary on Thursday 29th November. The pupils have 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 Mrs Wynn for leading their supporters on the night! Of course a big well done to the boys and girls from Hyndland Dance Group-you made us all very proud.

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 children will also have the opportunity to choose a preloved book at a Book Pick event on Monday 17th December, allowing them to take home a different book for the holidays they have not read before with no additional cost.



Scotland Reads

Miss Liveston is leading a new intervention that marries the reading skills and passion for literacy of our senior pupils with boosting reading ability and enjoyment in the lower school. Watch this space for more information on this wonderful project-thanks Miss Liveston for your determination to raise attainment in literacy across our school, not just for your lucky P7 students!

Pupil Play within school grounds before and after school

It's lovely to see so many families enjoying each other's 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 left unsupervised before 8.45am, and advise that with dark mornings and winter weather, unsupervised time in the playground before or after school 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 out with 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

MUGA

As you will see for yourselves the MUGA development is speeding (perhaps this is a tad optimistic in phrasing!) along. We hope to have our full play areas restored by the Christmas Holidays. The children are tolerating the rotational lunch arrangements as well as could be expected-they fully understand it's a short term pain for a long term gain. If our MUGA is ready we will end the term with the return of our Jingle Jog!!Children will have a chance to jog and shoot some hoops all to a background of cheery festive tunes!

Netball Tournament

Some of our pupils participated in a local winter tournament- 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 active! Also a huge amount of appreciation is owed to Mrs Batista who gets the absolute best out of our netballers and joggers 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.

ROCKET FUND

Our Rocket Fund is LIVE! Many thanks to all of you who have already donated and supported our enterprising Digital Leaders-please consult our website and Twitter account for the full story of this marvellous initiative which is accessible from Monday 3rd December until Friday 18th January. Huge thanks to Miss Moir for her endless enthusiasm and creativity in leading our digital strategy inside and out with school!

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 13th December! Classes of elves are feverishly working on a variety of initiatives to encourage you to spread a little jingle of coins to support our school fund. All pupils will have access to the Fayre in the morning (so don't worry if you can't make it!) but adults are welcome to collect their child from class and visit the Fayre together from 1.30pm in the afternoon until 3pm.If your child is visiting the Fayre in the morning please limit any spending money to no more than five pounds and where possible give them change instead of notes.

Please come into school via the main doors and sign your child out from class from 1.30pm onwards if you wish to experience the Fayre together in the afternoon session. **All Baking and donations are welcome for the children to sell on the date, as usual can you please ensure there are no nuts in any of the products made or donated due to severe allergies with the school population.**

Festive Food Bank Initiative

It's a time of year we also remember that not every family gets to enjoy the festive excitement without worrying about financial stress. To this end we would like to ask for any donations for The Lord Provosts Food Bank. A trolley is set up at the glass doors to be emptied out on a daily basis from Tuesday 4th December until Monday 17th December. Every Little Helps. Thank You

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas Lunch is Thursday 6th December, cost for this is the usual amount of £1.90, unless your child is entitled to a free school meal. Children are welcome to wear festive gear to add to the novelty and fun, Christmas tunes will be playing and sprouts will be in abundance. If you have not submitted an order form for your child for this lunch please arrange a packed lunch for this day (it may be an idea to pack an extra snack or two for younger pupils, just in case the special lunch is not to their taste) as this is the biggest day of the Dining Hall year and lunches are shipped down to us from a core kitchen facility.

Christmas Show

P1-3 are crafting their performance skills ready to WOW you all with their show The Bossy Christmas Fairy. Performances are restricted numbers wise due to hall capacity, so please make sure you get your tickets! Performances start at 1.45 and end at approximately 2.40pm –doors will open at 1.20pm-entry only from the glass doors, there is no cost for this event but donations are welcome at the door. Massive thanks to the fantastic and creative P3 team for developing this amazing show and a particular thank you to one of the best elves in town and wonderfully supportive parent Susan Thomson (aka Garden Guru!) Susan you are The Best-thanks for EVERYTHING you do for our school-hope Santa is very good to you.

Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties are great fun! All parties are in the afternoon session and detailed in the Christmas Dates at the end of this newsletter. Pupils are invited to come dressed as they please either for the whole day or change at lunchtime in school. We are very, very grateful to the Parent Council, who every year provide a little fiscal help to allow Santa to deliver a small gift to every child-we know Saint Nick appreciates that help too-it's a big school! There will be games, music, juice and crisps and a small piece of chocolate for every child during their stage group party! We hope a Special Guest will drop into P1-3 event. Ho-Ho...

SPORTING NEWS

P7 Football

We have managed to reintroduce our school football team this session thanks to coaching organised by Mr O'Mara and with the support of our school coach Mr Gibson (ably and enthusiastically assisted at matches by Miss Liveston) the pupils are now participating in weekly matches on Wednesday evenings at Scotstoun Stadium, where they shine at every game.

Bikeability

Mr Gibson and Mrs Batista are now Bikeability qualified! Mr Gibson and Baligh from Community Safety Team have been putting our first P7 cohort through their cycling paces this term and we hope to start a new group in early 2019, spreading the opportunity across different stages across the year. It is wonderful to see so many teachers leading developments across the school to enrich children's experiences –thanks to both of our staff cycling champions for leading this new initiative

P&T Big Ideas Funding for Girls Football

I am thrilled to announce that we have won a bid for £1500 of funding for the promotion of girls football for Term 3 and Term 4 through the generosity of Partick and Thornwood Housing Association Big Ideas Fund. We applied and made a successful presentation at the Bidding Evening this week at Partick Burgh Hall.

Re-New Indoor Shoe Policy

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 mud trail through the school! Your support for this initiative is much appreciated.

Thank you to all our staff for the wonderful, dedicated jobs they do all year round – and at this special time of year we wish you all a very peaceful and happy festive season!





WINTER DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
T'IS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!	
Tuesday 4 th	Front entrance Christmas Tree arrives – P7 and P1 pupils are welcome to bring a decoration for the last or first Hyndland Christmas Tree!
Wednesday 5 th	P1/7s to decorate tree in front entrance hall. P7&P1s please bring a decoration to hang on our tree at Hyndland!
	Christmas Post Box open-post your cards from today for our senior school elves to deliver! Remember to write the name AND class on the envelope!
	Food Bank Donations –open. Please donate at the Glass Door Drop Off, all donations to The Lord Provosts Appeal.
Thursday 6 th	School Christmas Lunch-please bring a packed lunch if no order has been made to Dining Hall Staff-thank you. (P1-3 extra snacks a good idea!)
Friday 7 th	Buddies Festive Treat (am) Thank you magic mini citizens! Celebration Helper Letters out today-please return asap-thank you.
WEEK BEGINNING: 10/17 DECEMBER P1-7 CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN CLASSES DRESS AS YOU PLEASE ON YOUR PARTY DAY	
Monday 10 th	P1-3 Dress Rehearsal – school as audience Last Music Club of The Year!
Tuesday 11 th	P1-3 Show 1.45pm
Wednesday 12 th	P1-3 Show 1.45pm
Thursday 13 th	School Christmas Fayre. Classes only am / Adults welcome from 1.30pm
Friday 14 th	P7 & P4 Christmas Parties pm Wear a Christmas Jumper Day or a festive hat -doesn't need to be a shop bought one-just something cheery and warm!
Monday 17 th	Food Bank Donations –last day. Please donate at the Glass Door Drop Off, all donations to The Lord Provosts Appeal.
	Ensemble/Djembe Last Rehearsal before Celebration
	P1-3 Parties pm (with special visitor!)
Tuesday 18 th	Christmas Celebration* Hyndland parish Church 9.45 am. PLEASE NOTE WE USE THE CHURCH AS A VENUE ONLY *(if you do not wish your child to attend this celebration please let us know <u>in writing by Friday 14th December</u> so we can arrange in school supervision.) Also, we require parent helpers to escort classes to and from the Church. (Helper Letters in school bags Friday 7th) Thank you.
	Aladdin Panto pm P1-7 in school 1.30-2.45pm
Wednesday 19 th	P5 & P6 Christmas Parties pm
Thursday 20 th	P1-7 Rocket Fund Festive Movie Fun morning!
	Jingle Jog am

School closes 2.30pm Thursday 20th December 2018

Happy & Peaceful Holidays!

School reopens Monday 7th January 2019