



# Hyndland Headlines

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## WELCOME BACK

Dear Parent/Carers,

A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of the Session. In particular, we welcome all our new Primary 1 families and the many other children that have joined us throughout the rest of the school. We hope you all had a pleasant summer break and are delighted to see the pupils back in school and already progressing on their learning journey. You will receive a paper 'Dates For Diary' with this newsletter to allow you to plan ahead as early as possible for events that may affect your child or you may wish to attend throughout the year. A more detailed version of the calendar will become available in October with trip dates and details for each stage group online at our website.

This term we are focussed on improving our communication and sustainability by ensuring quality and early information about events and reducing our use of paper and single use products. This will be our only distributed whole school paper newsletter this year. From October our monthly newsletter will appear on our website on the Friday of the first week of the month and will be digitally available on Groupcall and Twitter as well as our webpage. If you require a paper copy of our communications then please pick one up from the file box outside our School Office. Stage/class/club letters will also be sent electronically through our new Groupcall service, so please make sure that when you return your Data Checks we have both updated and accurate mobile numbers and email addresses.

May we also remind you that as well as digital letters, updates and texts, we are also using our school Twitter page to communicate information. We look forward to another year working in partnership to ensure our children continue to develop as: Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Confident Individuals and Effective Contributors.

### A SAD LOSS TO OUR HYNDLAND FAMILY

Many of you may have heard that during the summer holiday, Catherine MacQuarrie, a devoted and much loved member of our school team passed away after a brief but courageous battle with illness.

Catherine had been in education since 1978 and spent the vast majority of her career in Hyndland Primary, where her dedication and compassion made a huge positive impact on generations of young people. She was a class teacher, Support for Learning specialist and Principal Teacher before I was fortunate enough to have her as my Depute Head for two years; professionally one of the greatest joys of my career was working so closely with her and the friendship we developed. She touched so many lives and spread her warmth, humour and expertise across our school like a blanket, that we will all sorely miss. Catherine MacQuarrie was the embodiment of our values and our aspiration as a school, and we want to dedicate this year to her memory and ensuring her qualities are never lost from our ethos. We would like to have an event once a term for this school year, and will consult with her husband and sons to create and appropriate calendar of remembrance . More details to follow.

Mrs MacQuarries birthday was 20<sup>th</sup> September; the MacMillan Coffee Morning is schedule for 27<sup>th</sup> (when we are on September Break) but as a first point of celebration of her life, we would like to host a Catherines Coffee and Cake Fundraiser on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. Staff, families, friends and children are encouraged to bake or bring goodies that day and we will hold a big Bake Sale that afternoon after lunch ; parents and families are welcome to come and join us from 2.30pm in the Dining Hall- we will try to keep some confectionary for you! All proceeds to Cancer charities in Mrs MacQuarries name. Please help us make this a big success by donating and participating.

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### HMIE REPORT

Our HMIE Report from our two day inspection in June 2019 will be published on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 .

### STAFFING UPDATE

Marvellous Janny John would like to thank you all for your kind recuperation wishes. He is feeling stronger every day and misses all the wonderful children and parents as well as His staff! Janny Kevin is currently covering for John-big shoes to fill, but enjoying the challenge!! We welcome a number of new staff to Hyndland Primary this session and are very glad to have some more familiar faces return. Miss Tierney will be teaching in Primary 2, she joins us from Anderston Primary School, Miss Faichney returns to cover the long term absence of Mrs Campbell and she will be teaching Yoga and HWB in a variety of classes across the school three days a week. Miss Cooper joins us for her Probationary year and will share P6B with Ms Leslie and Ms McManus returns to work with P3B with Mrs Kitson. Mr McAulay is enjoying his year teaching in Singapore but sends his best to all the Hyndland Family. Unfortunately we will lose Ms Smithson, our very dedicated EAL teacher this month as she retires on September 11th. However we have Ms Marshall to take forward the very important work Ms Smithson does across our school. We will miss you Ms Smithson!!

### THANK YOU PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PARENTS

A huge thank you to the creative and supportive parents who raised the funding and forged the alliances that allowed for the full renovation of our Bike Shed. Special Thanks to Mr Bonnyman (Dad to Ella and Angus). Thanks and much appreciation to the band of volunteers who came out during the summer and on Inservice Days to repaint the chalk boards and to work in our school garden and planters.

### Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

**Mobile phones, alongside other forms of technology are changing the way and speed in which we communicate. They can provide security and reassurance; however there are also associated risks.**

**We would prefer that mobile phones in school are kept to an absolute minimum, but are happy to support parental choice in allowing pupils to bring their mobile phones to school provided that they follow a few simple guidelines and understand that the school is not liable for loss or damage to mobile phones on our premises. This includes school trips and extra-curriculum activities – mobile phones are not permitted on residential trips.**



- Where possible, mobile phones should not be brought into school.
- If as a parent you wish your child to bring a phone to school, mobile phones must be switched off at the start of the school day and handed into the pupil's class teacher; handsets will be locked away during the school day and collected at the end of the day. Mobile phones should not be used before or after the school day on school grounds to take images or record other pupils.
- Children are not allowed to use their mobile phones on site at the start or end of the school day – unless permission from school staff (or attending supervising parent) is given.
- If a pupil is using their own, or a “borrowed” mobile phone during the school day, outside of the above guidelines, the phone (including sim card) will be confiscated and taken to the Head Teachers Office from where it can be collected at the end of the day. To ensure positive partnerships, parents will be notified by a member of promoted school staff.
- Children should not bring electronic devices into school (unless agreed between parents and a member of the SLT.)

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our neighbours in the local flats are having real problems with litter on Fortrose Street and the surrounding areas; we very much value our positive relationships within the community and are always striving to help our children see themselves as local, national and global citizens-can you please support our respect for the environment by keeping our Partick and Hyndland streets litter free.

### PUPIL ABSENCE LINE AND HEAD LICE ALERT!

School is back, heads are down and of course that means head lice are on the move again! Please check your child's hair as often as possible and treat as soon as possible to keep cross contamination to a minimum.

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Reminder that if your child is absent you should use the City Council Pupil Absence Line to notify us rather than call the school directly. I appreciate that the line can be busy in the morning but this way across the city absence is communicated electronically and efficiently. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**THE PUPIL ABSENCE LINE NUMBER IS 0141-287-0039 and now live 24 hours**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

The Lost Property Mountain has already began to grow again! Please help us by labelling all items including lunch boxes and school bags with your child's name and if possible class. Next week at 2.45-3.30 on Friday we will put all Lost Property out in PLAYGROUND 2 (MAIN ENTRANCE) on tables for Parents and Carers to look through, at the end of this period all unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST CLUB AND PLAYGROUNDS**

**Breakfast Club is open 8am until 8.40am through the glass doors-only pupils in receipt of free school meal entitlement can access this service without charge, for all other pupils a charge of £2 per day is made. For siblings, the oldest child pays £2 and subsequent children pay £1. School lunches are free for all P1-4 pupils and £1.90 for pupils in P4-7. Free school meal applications can be made through Glasgow City Council Website and applications should be renewed every year before October. If you are coming in to pay lunch arrears, then please bring the correct monies as our office staff do not have the facility to make change. Please be advised that although Lunch Arrear reminders are linked to the Headteachers Email address the Headteacher neither sends these emails, has any access to the records or is involved in this process. This is all managed centrally by the HUB.**

**There is no adult supervision in the playground before 9am; please keep this in mind when dropping children off especially on dark and wintry weather mornings. Please be aware that there are no ball games or 'wheels' allowed in the playground before 9am and only owners of bikes and scooters should be using these modes of transport. No-one should remove or use another pupils property from the bike shed. We also would like to remind families that all dogs (even in arms or on leash) must remain outside the playground gates at all times.**

### **CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT**

Just a wee reminder that every class will have a 'Celebrating Achievement' wall in or outside of their classroom in order for pupils to share and celebrate their wider achievements. Pupils are invited to bring in their certificates /medals/trophies and have their photographs taken (and shared on Twitter if appropriate permissions are given). We look forward to celebrating the children's successes both 'in and out' of school.

### **P7 TRANSITION PROGRAMME**

We have already met and began the arrangements for our P7 transition programme with Hyndland Secondary. Our P7 teachers will be meeting with HSS Departments to discuss a series of lessons that the children will receive from our Secondary colleagues, as well as the pupils getting the opportunity to experience a range of subjects at Hyndland Secondary.

### **OUR HOUSE SYSTEM**

We will be hosting elections for Captains, Vice Captains and Junior Captains on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Our P3, P6 and P7 classes will be invited to stand and will give speeches to their house before the voting begins. Also, this year to promote pupil voice for all, we are piloting the creation of whole school committees linked to our Houses. Each house will take responsibility for an aspect of school life, including: Eco, Fair Trade, GIRFEC, Enterprise, School Improvement and Citizenship. Working in house groups the pupils will get the opportunity to share their ideas, develop their communication and collaborative skills as well as play a key role in creating and organising various aspects of school life.

### **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

If your child has an inhaler then from P4-7 it would be very helpful if pupils could carry an inhaler in their bags for after school clubs and easy access in class. If your child required other medication this should be handed in to the school office and a parental consent form signed.

**NO MEDICINES CAN BE ADMINISTERED WITHOUT THESE FORMS BEING SIGNED.AND NO SELF ADMINISTERED MEDICATION SHOULD BE IN CHILDRENS SCHOOLBAGS AT ANY TIME.(Form on website)**

**If you are in the school building you must report to the Reception Office, to ensure staff and pupil security. This includes during Breakfast Club time.**

**Please do not walk through the school building without speaking to our Reception staff.**

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