





Pencils, rubbers, rulers and sharpeners

I'm sorry to say that the upper school pupils will now be required to bring their own pencils etc. for use in class. Despite being a team of very capable pupils we cannot seem to look after school property. We have gone through over 100 pencils since the start of this session and this is unsustainable.

I am very disappointed to report that our quality sharpeners and rulers have also vanished from the classroom. If you find school stationary at home we would be delighted to have it returned.

In the worst case scenario this could mean that we have someone stealing property from school – we would ask that all pupils have their names on all of their belongings and that valuables are left at home.

School Show - Pupils are rehearsing for the school show Scrooge in School or Mr Humbug Sees the Light.

We know that pupils get a lot of support from home to learn words from the script and for the songs. The pupils are clearly working hard.

Please find costume list at the end of this newsletter – it would be greatly appreciated if you could lend us items to save us having to purchase them.

Please note: Ticket order forms can be found in this week's mailbag.

The **Parent Council** will be holding a raffle at the School Show on the 11th December to raise much needed funds. As you know the Parent Council supports the health and wellbeing of our pupils by providing free fruit on a Tues, Wed and Thurs. To support their fundraising we would ask for donations of raffle prizes and food and drink items for hampers.

St. Andrew's Holiday – school is closed this Friday for the St. Andrew's day holiday.

Pantomime - The bus is booked and we are off to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at DGOne on the 18th December. A huge thank you goes to the Parent Council for purchasing the tickets for the pupils as their Christmas gift.

Business Meetings - Last Wednesday we started our business meetings. We have the Eco/Global Group and the Pupil Council.

The Pupil Council will be taking responsibility for playground resources, the library, health initiatives, I Bike, Road Safety and may organise related events for the school and wider community.

I Bike is an initiative to get our pupils and their families cycling more – we have set up a Bike Crew. They will meet with Rhiann Davies and will develop biking initiatives with the support of the pupil council. They are planning a Get it Bright Day on the 5th December. Please find a letter explaining in today's mailbag.

Congratulations to Georgia Smail – Georgia's name popped out of the hat and she will switch on the Community Council Christmas Lights this Sunday 2nd December.

Thank you to Isla – Isla kicked off our pupil led assemblies with an active session about her gymnastic lessons. Mrs Shnapp showed off with impressive toe touching!! We all learned a lot – well done Isla!



Playground Opening – what a fantastic turn out! Thank you to everyone who baked for us once again – it was brilliant! A huge thank you to the staff team for coming back to work on a Saturday – their support was much appreciated!

It was good to see some of our past pupils and parents (Friends of Holywood!!) come along to visit the new playground; we hope it looked the way they imagined it three years ago when they drew it up.

CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

Geoff Forrest will be stopping by on the 13th December from 10am to help us cut the willow den back into shape. Please get in touch if you can help.

Dalawoodie Nursing Home

As you know we have been invited along to sing again this year (yes, they have invited us back!) to Dalawoodie Nursing Home on Wednesday 19th December. We will be leaving school at 1pm to walk to Dalawoodie. It would be great if you could come and sing with us.

Thank you

P Dale

COSTUME LIST

Xmas Jumpers – Large Woolly & With Bold Patterns or Xmas images
Xmas Headgear – Santa Hats, Reindeer headband etc
Smock with a neckbow
Stripy socks or wildly coloured socks
3 chains & padlocks (Please note – Mrs Shnapp made this list)
Dungarees for boys – with flares if possible.
Hippy Dresses
Any Hippy type clothing
Morph Suit (any colour - preferably gold)
Swimming caps – these will be kept and not returned.
White wigs
White see-through netting
Elastic - thick and thin
Tawse / cane
White / stripy aprons

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