



Hollywood News

April 2015

Thank You!

Most of our parents made it along to the recent Celebrations of Learning – World War Museum and Scottish Night.

The pupils work very hard and they are proud to share their work with you. We really appreciate parents taking the time to come into school to share in their children's learning. It gives value to the pupils' work and we enjoy hearing your feedback:

Fab! Great Pictures. Great food. Well done guys!

Brilliant effort from all the kids. Definitely did justice to WWII

I had a fantastic time. The children have all worked very hard.

Very good displays and information. And the kids were very interactive. Brilliant!!

*Today has been very enjoyable, found out lots of interesting things.
The soup was gorgeous! Thanks for a great day!*

QUIZ NIGHT this Thursday in the school hall at 6.30pm. Please check flyer for further details.

Thank you to Mrs Queen, Josh, Ella and Leland who visited houses in the village to distribute leaflets.

We hope to see some of our local community members taking on the quiz this Thursday!!

Science Centre Trip

A reminder that we are off to the Glasgow Science Centre on Tuesday 5th May.

The bus leaves at 8am, please be at school for 7.45am, and we will be home around 4pm!

Packed lunch needed

School uniform to be worn

Fishing Project

As you know we are part of the Fishing for the Future project – our Salmon Eggs have hatched, our Alvin will now be Fry and soon will need to be released into the river.

Unfortunately, the bus which arrived on Thursday was too small and Miss Dale took the decision to postpone the trip. Debbie from the project has now re-organised the trip for the 8th May. We will go to Pennyland burn on the Friday morning for Electro fishing and kick tray river work. Return to school for lunch and have casting training at school in the afternoon.

Pupils will need a change of clothes, Wellingtons and a jacket as before.

This term we will also be heading out for a fishing trip on Tuesday 2nd June at Dalswinton and to see more industrial forms of fishing at Sandyhills on the 15th June. More information to follow.

Staffing Update

We are sorry to say that Miss Baxter is absent at the moment – we wish her well. Miss Dale is taking over her teaching commitment at the moment due to a shortage of supply teachers. This also ensures continuity for pupils in both behaviour and learning.

Mr McEwen is now working with the team on a Thursday and Friday as an Additional Support for Learning assistant as Mrs Graham is still absent. We hope to see her back in school very soon.

Congratulations to Mrs Law the PE specialist who has had a healthy baby boy. No one has been appointed to replace her as yet. Miss Dale and Miss Stapleton will lead PE in school this term.

Big Well Done to Kaylan!

Kaylan is the first pupil to complete the 10 book reading challenge. She has been reading David Walliams, Roald Dahl and other fabulous reads!
KEEP READING HOLYWOOD!!

Reply from the Queen

Paul wrote to the Queen to tell her about the book he had been reading for his Holywood Reading Challenge. This week he received a reply telling him how much Her Majesty had enjoyed hearing his review of the book.

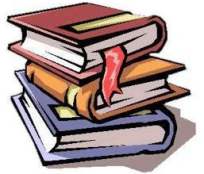
Want to know more about the book?
Want to know more about the letter?

Paul is the boy to talk to!!

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to Hamish who has joined Team Holywood as a member of Primary 5. Good to have you as a member of the team Hamish!

The Library needs a wee once over to maintain the good work that parent helpers carried out last term. If you have a half hour drop into school and we'll put you to work!!



Sponsored Walk – May 14th 2015

Information will be with you very shortly about a sponsored walk the Parent Council are organising to raise funds for school resources.

Pupils are currently drawing up wish lists and writing to the parent council to persuade them that we really need some new resources.

Past Pupil Back at Holywood

We are delighted to welcome Claire Hastings back to Holywood. Claire is a former pupil of Holywood Primary and has been trying to come in as a Feis Rois tutor for three years now. Finally, the timings are right and Claire is coming in to work with us on our traditional Scots singing and with the ukulele. As the recent winner of the Young Traditional Singer of the Year we know we are learning from a very talented tutor.

We will talk to Claire about putting on a performance for pupils and parents nearer the end of term – something for everyone to look forward to!!

Miss Stewart is studying to be a teacher and she will be in school working with the senior class for four weeks starting on the 25th May.

Miss Stewart has carried out a series of placement days and has met the pupils and staff.

We know everyone will extend her a warm welcome.

Muddy Again!

You will recognise from the mud we brought home on Thursday that we were up managing our borrowed woodland. Pupils in P4 and 5 set up a medics den and put the first aid kit to good use. Pupils helped to barrow a load of bark chip up to the site to help maintain paths and the fire site which were a little soggy. Josh was a star wheeling barrow after barrow! Thank you to all the helpers.

Thank you to Braiden and Merissa's mum who agreed to help out on a fishing project trip and ended up in the muddy woods – a great sport, thank you!



Bike Breakfast

If the snow goes away we plan to hold a Bike Breakfast on Friday 22nd May.

We will meet at 8am – cycle our usual route and meet back at school for breakfast.

Please check your bikes are road worthy.

Please make sure you have a cycle helmet.

High visibility vests are available to borrow from school.

Parent helpers needed to help supervise the riders.

More information to follow.

Curriculum Structure

We are working away on finalising our curriculum structure and are adding to the curriculum painting in Room 3. We have designed our bundles of Experiences and Outcomes and have put together our three year rolling programme of interdisciplinary learning (topics). Want to know more now? Stop in and quiz Miss Dale or Miss Stapleton? A short information session will be arranged later this term or early next session.

Only 5 target feedback sheets were returned – your views are important to us, please have your say! Thank you to the 5 – useful feedback!