



Holywood News

January 2014

Happy New Year!!

We are off and running into the new term, apologies for not getting this newsletter to you sooner.

SECOND GREEN FLAG AWARDED to HOLYWOOD!!

Congratulations to BalEco who have successfully secured Holywood School their second Eco School Green Flag. The pupils helped to complete the form telling the Eco School staff what we have been developing such as switching off computers and recycling clothes and plastics. A huge thank you goes to Miss Baxter who worked with the group and took time to work on the application for Green Flag status. Thanks also go to Mrs Gunby the Eco Schools advisor who has been working in school with BalEco. We look forward to working with her in the near future.

Weather Station

Mrs Gunby has asked the school to put a digital weather station to good use for her. The expensive piece of equipment is being studied by Mr Clenahan who has kindly offered to help us to set up and get the most from the equipment. The station is solar powered and links with the computer. We hope to put weather reports onto the school blog. It could help in the future with the planning of outdoor events!

Health Group Recipe Book

The Health Group are designing and making a recipe book to sell to the wider community in order to raise funds for a local charity.

Cover designs were being selected at the last meeting and we look forward to trying out some of their healthy recipes when the book goes on sale later in the term.

TARGET SETTING MEETING

Tuesday 11th FEBRUARY 2014.
Parents and pupils are invited into school to set targets for learning with teaching staff.

Information letter in today's mailbag.

HOMEWORK

A parent stopped into see us this morning to tell us that some adjustments may be needed to get the Maths Workout working properly.

Thank you...this feedback will help us to improve homework resources.

Please let us know what you think so that can continue to improve!

Dalbeattie Eco Group Visit

Pupils have been helping us to get the playground shipshape this week as pupils from Dalbeattie Primary School are coming for a look around. They are thinking about the designs for their new playground and have heard about the amazing developments here at Holywood.

Dinosaur Crazy in P1 - 4

P1-4 are studying dinosaurs and can tell you all about their habitats and physical features. The theme was suggested by Kye. Well done Kye, your classmates are really enjoying this work!

P1-4 Skating

Primary 1-4 pupils will be heading off to ice skating next Monday afternoon as part of an education being offered at the Ice Bowl. P.E. lessons with a difference!

Staying on the ice theme...P6 and 7 pupils will be taking part in Curling's Cool on the 3rd of March. More info to follow.

Reading Challenge Update.

Well done to all our readers who are off and running in the Wacky Reading Race – thank you to Zak for the new name. An update and reminder letter are in today's mail bag.

**On your marks,
get set,
Get Reading!!**

Kenya Link

It is time for us to complete our return form for the partnership funding for our link with Obugi School in Kenya.

It is also necessary for us to apply for future funding if we are to continue the teacher exchange programme which the British Council support.

The staff team will get together to discuss the future of the project and how we intend to take it forward now that Mrs Shnapp has retired. We will update as soon as we can.

A big consideration is how we get the project impacting further for our pupils and their learning.

Mr Steve has been in touch with photos from Obugi. We will need to try and create a Kenya section on our blog in order for everyone to share in his messages.

P7 at Aqua Splash Festival.

Axel and Olivia are taking part in this year's fun swimming event at DG One on the 21st February. Best of Luck!



SUPER ASSEMBLY

Thanks to a very informative assembly from Isla and Sarah Jane we now know all about the Rainbows and Brownies. It was clear that a lot of planning and preparation had gone into the assembly.



Feis Rois are back at Hollywood

Kate is a traditional music teacher who will be in school on Friday afternoons working with P5-7 on Ukulele skills. In just one lesson we learned two songs and two chords.

By the end of the 8 weeks we are sure to have a lot of ukulele skills to share with parents. Something to look forward to?!

French Bingo Event

P4-7 are learning French with Miss Dale this session. They are going to be organising a French Bingo event – brace yourselves!

Date for the Diary:

**Bike Breakfast
Friday the 14th March.**

**Before school cycle and
breakfast with Rhiann
from Sustrans
More info to follow:**

PLASTIC RECYCLING

**Please note all items must be bagged up before going into the recycle bin.
Only clean plastics are allowed.
Thank you.**