



Hollywood News

February 2014

Confident, creative learners with big ambitions.
Kind to each other – Kind to the planet.

I Bike Breakfast

As mentioned in previous newsletters Rhiann will be joining us next **Friday 14th March** for a cycle before school.

Parents and pupils are invited to join us for a short cycle followed by breakfast in the hall. Mrs Sturgeon will be providing cereal, toast and bacon rolls.

Everyone intending to cycle should meet in the school car park at 8am for a bike check. We are setting off at 8.15am.

We would appreciate if some parents would cycle with us to ensure pupils are safe. Rhiann is bringing one or two adult helpers and Miss Dale is also cycling. We will invite all staff to join us too. As numbers are very important for safety ratios and for bacon orders we need the letter in today's mail bag returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Target Setting

Thank you to everyone who came along to discuss their child's targets with pupils and staff. We noticed that most pupils are getting more confident when talking about their learning and how to move learning forward.

What next?

We need to extend the target setting across the curriculum in a manageable way and share that with all parents.

We need to review Thinking and Talking about My Learning Folders with pupils in order to use and share with parents.

Remember to keep up to date with learning by reading the BLOG when your child won't reveal the details of their day!!

Movie Night

Thank you to the Parent Council for running a very smooth Movie Night...Miss Dale managed not to cry when the tech didn't work properly but we got there in the end. Pupils behaved very well – thank you.

Suggestions needed for the next film to be shown.

Open air movie night during the warm and dry summer term?

Curriculum Structure

In true Hollywood style we have started to put our curriculum up on a big wall in school. It is a work in progress but Miss Dale is more than happy to show and discuss this development with parents. Just call in or sort out an appointment with Mrs Henderson.

Miss Dale is also in talks with Mrs Little at Shawhead about their latest idea - Planning on the Wall which sounds very exciting.

YPSS – both of our P7 pupils are attending YPSS a youth group for building new relationships and confidence for the transition to high school. Mrs Lee is already very impressed with our pupils. Well done Axel and Olivia – off to a great start.

Girls Allowed – A group for senior girls and transition gets underway this week. Olivia and Charlie will be participating in a number of sports and will be meeting up with pupils from the cluster schools.

Curling – well done to the P6 and P7 pupils who were a credit to the school at the curling on Monday. Pupils are learning that different adults can have very different approaches to teaching and learning. Not always easy to adapt so well done.

Quad Blogging

We have been asked to Quad Blog with some other schools in Dumfries and Galloway. Quad blogging means that four schools partner up and share learning. Each school takes a turn to upload their learning experiences and the other three schools comment on it. It is hoped that pupils will give and receive quality feedback as well as learning more about the different uses of a blog.

Congratulations!!

Mrs McMichael has very recently been appointed as the new Principle teacher at Duncow Primary School. We know she will do a super job and we look forward to hearing about more events with an American spin.

Weather Station – thanks to Mr and Mrs Clenahan our weather station is now up on the roof and running properly. Pupils in the senior room are currently working on measuring weather and aspects of weather such as the water cycle and clouds with Miss Day the geography teacher from Maxwelltown High School. They have set up a hand made weather station to understand how information is collected and recorded.

Reading Challenge Update – nearly all pupils are off and running with their reading challenge. Pupil council members are working hard to keep the library tidy. Thanks to Josh Bell and his Mum for donating books to the library – they were in very good condition and caused a rush of excited borrowing. Much Appreciated!!

First Aid – Mrs Queen is updating her First Aid training on the 24th and 25th March – Mrs Nyondo will be in school working with pupils.

Unwanted Toys

We need to replace and update our toys and games in the infant room. If you have toys or games which you know longer need we would love to have them.

If you have bigger items such as a garage or a play kitchen we would be happy to discuss terms!!

Dolls, cars, action figures, doctors set, cups and saucers, kitchen, garage, dressing up clothes are just a few of the

Cross Country Running – pupils in P4-7 are building up their stamina and fitness by training for a cross country event. The inter school event takes place on Wednesday 26th of March in the morning at King George V. More details to follow by letter in the mailbag...if you are available to join us as a helper please get in touch with the school office for further details.

Loudest Assembly Ever!!!

Lewis McNish played his chanter and bagpipes at assembly last week. He was amazing and we were all very impressed with his skills after such a short time of learning to play. Thanks also go to Mum for bringing in his pipes – much appreciated. Next time we are going to have the bagpipe assembly outside or sit further away from Lewis as bagpipes don't have a volume control!

Behaviour

Unfortunately we had a rather serious fight related incident outside school at 3pm on Friday. We are sorry to parents and younger siblings and pupils who witnessed this incident. Pupils involved and their parents have met and discussed consequences with Miss Dale in line with the Holywood Pupil management Policy.

Miss Dale would like to thank parents for their support with this matter – it clearly indicates the strong partnership we have between school and home when we can discuss these rare events so openly.

Pupils have many strategies for managing behaviour in school but it is always worth revisiting them to ensure that every member of the school team knows how to effectively communicate and resolve issues with their peers.

Ukulele

Miss Williams is back in school and will be working with senior pupils and Kate from Feis Rois on ukulele skills. Miss Dale will be working with P1-4 on music skills. Pupils are currently working on a castle sound map using the voice, found sounds and musical instruments.

Thank you.

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