



HOLYWOOD NEWS

October 2014

See you this Thursday at the *Mabie Hallowe'en Night: 5.30pm – 8pm*

PHOTOCOPIER out of action – we are unable to copy for the next few days.

Target sheets will be out ASAP and we may hold mailbags until later in the week.

Curriculum Structure

Miss Dale has painted the curriculum structure on the wall.

Come in and see it before we stick Experiences and Outcomes all over it.

We have been discussing what each part of the picture represents – ask a senior pupil and see if they can tell you about it.

It is hoped that this creative way will show what a learning journey at Holywood looks like.

STAFF UPDATE

Welcome to Mrs Law who started on Monday as our PE specialist for this term and term 4. Pupils will need PE kit on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Welcome to Miss McGregor – a student who will be undertaking a placement at Holywood School every Monday and Tuesday from now until June. Thanks to Miss Stapleton who will be supporting Miss McGregor with her tasks and activities.

Get well soon to Ms Graham who is absent from Holywood at the moment.

Volume Control

We challenged both staff and pupils to work with a level 3 voice or quieter during the last week of the holidays.

Mrs Sturgeon and Miss Dale found it most challenging.

Mrs Sturgeon immediately noticed an air of calm in school and so without further encouragement we are going to carry on with our small voices at Holywood Challenge.

Reminders:

Flu shots also this Thursday for pupils.

Mr Bell first aid trainer in school on Friday pm to work with P5-7

Wee Christmas meeting at Holywood School on Monday 3rd November at 5.30pm to discuss ways of supporting and developing a Christmas event at the village hall. All Welcome.

COATS

All pupils should be bringing a coat or waterproof to school. Only pupils with suitable clothing will be able to play out at break and lunch times.

LONG Hair UP!

Pupils with long hair (shoulder length or longer) are reminded to wear it up to school. This supports safety in the gym and can stop the transfer of unwanted visitors should they be stopping by at Holywood.

Car Park

Thank you to everyone who is keeping their eyes peeled on pupils and their safety around the school at home time – please keep up the good work.

BLOG –Tastic!!

Please get on GLOW and read our blog and make a comment so that we know you are keeping up to date with learning at Holywood School.

Well done to Mark Phillips who earned a Holywood Hero certificate at the end of term for the fantastic effort he is putting in to all his learning – a positive example to all our pupils!!

DID YOU KNOW?

A friend of Miss Dale's – Mr Euan Maclean has been undertaking a sponsored weight loss in order to raise funds for the Holywood – Obugi partnership.

Mr Maclean has lost 52lbs!!!! And has raised £704!!!

Mr Maclean will be in school soon to hand over a cheque and we will make sure that the pupils raise a big cheer of thanks.

The money will be split evenly between Holywood School and Obugi School. The money will support learning and teaching development in both schools – ideally by providing resources for pupils. We will discuss the matter with Jacob and Steve at Obugi and let you know what we decide.

Could this be a way of getting better ICT / Skype links with our partners in Kenya?!

Mr Maclean is now determined to keep up the healthy lifestyle - we wish him well!!

School Show

We are pulling PANTO PANDEMONIUM out of the cupboard and dusting it off for this year's School Show. In the next few weeks you will receive song words to learn and then we will sort out lines.

Parents – you know that your hard work at home on songs and words help to make the show a success each year. Thank you in advance and no pressure!!!

After school group for P1-3

We have noticed a gap in the after school timetable for our younger pupils. We will get the pupil council to ask P1-3 what clubs they would enjoy attending and see if we can get one underway in the next couple of weeks.

Parents – got a skill or after school club idea which you can help support? Please get in touch.

Badminton – Badminton – Badminton

Active schools have organised a badminton club at Maxwelltown High School (MHS) for P5-7 pupils – letters have been out in mail bags and we know a few pupils intend to join.

Anne Robertson will be leading a badminton club at Holywood School from 3pm – 4pm on a Thursday from 6th November. As the photocopier is currently down we will text out to P5 – P7 parents for permission and follow up ASAP with a small permission letter.

P5-7 pupils will be attending a Badminton event at the Emirates Stadium in Glasgow on Wednesday 19th of November.

Information will be out in the next mailbag.

Why are we going badminton crazy? Pupils told us they wanted it. Lewis Reid played his socks off and went to the Scottish Final – and this year we all want to get there!!

Families on the Move

We wish the Traut family and the McNish family our very best wishes for the future as they undertake home and school moves to new parts of the country.

Every pupil who comes to Holywood makes an impact and every family who commits to supporting the school community is an asset. We would like to thank both families for their support over the years – you will all be missed!!

Topics this term...

All pupils will be tackling a science topic this term based on water – A celebration Science Fest is planned for...

P5-7 pupils will be studying WWI and WWII this term and into next term. Pupils will be undertaking historical research, looking at artefacts, selecting personal projects and trying to understand some of the politics. They will focus on Scotland and the Second World War.

Pupils are planning to put together a World War Museum in school next term and we will get more information to you nearer the time.

Pupils in P1-3 will be studying Scotland – traditions, geography, landmarks and food are just some of the areas being studied. They will compare what they have learned about African countries with their home country.