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<u>Behaviour</u> - As always, we continue to build and maintain a positive ethos at Holywood, where all pupils are treated <u>fairly</u> and <u>equally</u> both by other pupils and staff.

We have a robust Behaviour Policy to ensure that all pupils know the Holywood Code of Conduct and the boundaries. The policy is available on our blog, Holywood Hullabaloo, or a paper copy can be requested from the office.

If you have queries or comments about school incidents please contact Miss Dale.

We currently have an issue in the playground with youths smoking and leaving alcohol cans and cigarette butts in the playground at night.

We have contacted the Community Police to ask them to monitor the situation.

Mrs Sturgeon will check the playground in the morning to ensure that it is safe for our pupils.

We will ask the Community Council to look out for youths in the playground after hours.

If you spot someone in the playground at night we would ask that you contact the police and make them aware. Thank you for your support.

<u>Playground Incident Box</u> - We have introduced a playground incident box to address issues from the playground.



Our aims of this strategy are -

- We can look for patterns in behaviour.
- We can reduce telling tales.
- We can provide all pupils with an immediate outlet for them when a situation upsets, angers them.

Staff will deal with incidents as soon as possible after break-times.

Reading Challenge - Some pupils are off to a flying start. Well Done Kye!!

Remember the Pupil Council Reward for reaching 10 on the ladder is a waterslide afternoon, with ice-cream!!! Don't miss out - Get Reading!!

Senior pupils know that their books may count as 2 or even 3, depending on the books difficulty level. Discuss with a teacher!!





<u>Changes to Target Meetings</u> - Please complete the TARGET MEETING FEEDBACK SHEET about changes to target meetings and let us know what other curricular communication you would like.

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Miss Dale recently met with Julie Wilson from SACRO to discuss the items going missing in school. Julie works with pupils with a focus on Youth Justice and Restorative Practises. Julie and her colleague Cindy have put together a workshop for P4-7 and will be coming into school before the Easter holidays to get the pupils thinking about:

- how they make choices and decisions
- taking responsibility for property
- respecting the property of others
- the consequences of our decisions
- how to restore relationships when you have made poor choices.

It is hoped that pupils will have questions relating to our missing stationary to ask Julie and Cindy. The aim of the workshop is to promote life skills for pupils. It is our intention that senior pupils will put together a workshop with similar aims and will deliver it from our P1 - 3 pupils. This pupil led approach had very successful outcomes for all learners when we used it in our Health and Wellbeing - Skills for Life project two years ago.

Please contact Miss Dale for more information regarding the upcoming workshop.

<u>Football meetings</u> - We are getting more organised with our break time football to improve behaviour and sportsmanship. The minutes of the first football meeting can be viewed on the school blog.





THANK YOU - to the Parent Council who have purchased three new digital cameras for the pupils to use. They were put to the test by infant pupils on the recent trip to Ellisland Farm.

<u>P5-7 Personal Project</u> -The senior pupils are currently working on a personal project 0 an aspect of WWII. We are having a two thirds review of projects next Thursday. Your P5-7 child should be able to explain what this means. An update information sheet will be in the next mailbag... just in case!! Our WWII Museum (celebration of learning) will be held in school on Wednesday 1st April. Please drop in between 2.30 and 3.30pm or between 6 and 7pm to view work and take part in WWII related activities. All family, friends and community members welcome!

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