

Holywood News June 2015

Confident, creative learners with big ambitic Kind to each other - Kind to the planet.

Staffing

Miss Baxter will not be returning to work for at least the next three weeks—we continue to stay in touch and to offer her our best wishes and support. The pupils wrote and received letters from Miss Baxter. We know she likes to keep up to date with the pupils and their learning. We are happy to pass on any pictures or letters from the children to Miss Baxter.

Miss Dale continues teaching 5 days - apologies for any delay this may cause in 'normal' procedures or communications. We hope you agree that continuity in learning for our pupils should

Please Note...

REPORTS and TARGET sheets will be sent home to parents on **Thursday 11th June**.

Parent's Meetings—Miss Dale and Miss Stapleton will be available on **Tuesday 16th June** to meet any parent who wishes to discuss an aspect of their child's report.

Appointment slips will be in the envelope with the report.

P7 profiles will also be out to parents on Thursday 11th June—parents should read, make a statement, sign and return the profile to school.

We will send you home a completed copy

READING CHALLENGE

In order to review the uptake of this year's reading challenge the upper maths class will be undertaking some Data Analysis. They will be putting together some statistics and analysis.

We will share their findings with you!

CLASHES of DATES and EVENTS

Please note that the regional swimming lessons are allocated to the school from a central office.

We tried to make changes due to clashes with our Fishing for the Future project, our Week in the Woods and the Primary 7 induction days.

We were informed that the lesson dates cannot be changed.

All pupils attending swimming lessons will therefore miss the first day of swimming due to the final Fishing for the Future trip.

Pupils will attend swimming lessons and then join us in the woods!

Thank you to all the parents who got in touch to query the upcoming calendar of events!

French Breakfast - Friday 12th June 8.30am—9.30am. Please see separate letter.

Bike Breakfast cancelled - 19th June!! :-(

Sports Day - Friday 19th June

9.30am start

Parents are invited to join is for a morning of sporting competition.

Pupils will participate in a number of competitive races including a sack race, egg and spoon and a sprint.

A short refreshment break.

Potted sports - parents and family members are invited to join in and compete against their own children in a number of events. In the past these have included a beat the goalie, show jump timed event and a wellie throw.

Medals will then be awarded to our Holywood Sports Champions.

This event will be completed by 12 noon

Fingers crossed for dry weather!!

CAMP OVER - Thursday 25th June. We have purchased a new BBQ and have hopefully booked some sunny weather for the annual family camp over, so get your tents ready! More information to follow.

Graduation - Tuesday 30th June: 2– 3pm. Join us to celebrate the successes of our 2014 –15 school session and to wish our P7 pupils a fond farewell.

As always we ask you to join us for tea and cake afterwards - we promise to edit our photograph slide show in consideration of numb bottoms!!

Event-Update!

What a turn out!!

Thank you to the 24 pupil cyclists and the 14 parents cyclists who rode with us on our Bike Breakfast. Kate from Sustran ran a well organised event—Thank you Kate!

We all enjoyed our well earned sausage sandwich after the event—thank you to Mrs Sturgeon, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Queen and Mr McEwen for taking on the kitchen duties. Much appreciated!!

Brass band from India learn

the Canadian Barn Dance!

We all enjoyed working with the Rajasthan Heritage Brass band on Monday. The group were in school to share some Hindu language, singing, dancing, music and turban making with us.

Did you Know? It takes 10 metres of fabric to make the turban that the band members were wearing!

After lunch we presented the band members with a Holywood Badge and invited them to learn a traditional Scottish dance; the Canadian Barn Dance. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely!

Ask your child to tell you all about it!



Walking in Your Onesie

Thank you to everyone who walked with us on Thursday to raise money for the school. The Parent Council are still collecting in sponsor money and as soon as they have a grand total we will let you know!

It was great to see so many of our younger pupils out walking with us!

Please note that we will try to keep a balance of timings for school events to take account of our working parents and families with babies or toddlers. We know that all event dates and times will not suit all families—we appreciate everyone supporting us when they can—thank you!!

Congratulations to Georgia - winner of the Parent Council Logo competition! We look forward to seeing Georgia's bold and bright logo on future Parent Council correspondence.



OBUGI Update

We are sorry to announce that Mr Steve at Obugi School has now been transferred to another school and will no longer be the lead for the Holywood— Obugi Partnership.

Mr Steve was a wonderful ambassador for the partnership when he visited Holywood 2 years ago. He led lessons and enjoyed meeting families and staff.

We have written to wish him success in his new post.

Jacob Orodi the head teacher has been in touch to assure us that the partnership will continue and that one of the classrooms now has electricity and is being used as a computer room.

Brilliant!

We look forward to exchanging e-mails with pupils very soon!!

Fishing for the Future

So far we have visited the fish farm, hatched salmon eggs, watched electro fishing, studied invertebrates by kick sampling in a local burn and learned to cast and all about the history of fishing—which Chris made very interesting indeed.

On Tuesday we went to Dalswinton Loch for a fly fishing learning experience. Pupils learned to cast , checked the loch for invertebrates and got a chance to fish for trout. Unfortunately, the fish were not biting on Tuesday.

Pupils were a credit to the school with excellent listening and behaviour.

We are off to Sandyhills to study the more industrial side of the salmon fishing industry.

Learning and great fun too!!!













New Business Groups

We have changed our old business groups because they were not working . Now we have 3 or 4 in a group, some of the groups have helpers like Roy, he is helping the mud kitchen group and Mr McEwen is helping the green house group to move the greenhouse. These are some of the groups that are the business groups. So we are working hard to do our jobs and have a little toughness too.

If you are available to help out in school on a Thursday afternoon from 2-3pm we would be delighted to have you join us. Gardening, tidying, library tasks, football skills and much more!!

Holywood Election

Pupils in P4-7 are studying Democracy and the election process. As part of their learning they are running an election campaign in school. The winning candidate will be Head teacher for the day!

Each candidate has a supporting party and has to produce a manifesto of policies which they will carry out if they get in to office.

Candidates will be making speeches and holding debates to try to persuade other pupils and staff across the school to vote for them.

Pupils go to the ballet box on Thursday 18th June

Head teacher for the day—Monday 29th June

Miss Dale has a huge pile of paperwork ready for the winning candidate!!