



# Hollywood News

February 2013

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## Parent Meetings – postponed

We hope you received the text informing you about the change to Parent Meetings. We apologise for any inconvenience the change has caused but wanted to ensure that everyone was safe and sound given the terrible weather. Parent meetings have been scheduled for next **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. Times will remain the same – unless you need a change.

Please note: we can organise alternative meeting times if the Wednesday doesn't work for you. It would be great to meet with all parents to look at learning targets for pupils with pupils.

## Cluster Working Review – Parent Consultations

Parents are reminded that meetings are being held in order to consult about proposed changes which will affect small schools with teaching head teachers. This is an opportunity for our parents to hear all the information about why the proposals have been raised and to consult on how it might work. It is a chance for you to raise questions and to make comments.

### **Please go to one of the meetings and have your say:**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Troqueer Primary School meetings start at 3.30pm and later at 6pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Heathhall Primary School meetings start at 3.30pm and later at 6pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Wallacehall Primary School meetings start at 3.30pm and later at 6pm

## Family Quiz Night

Rake out your relatives and get your thinking caps on because the Parent Council have organised a **Family Quiz Night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013** from 7pm.

## Sledging on the New Hills!!

We know the weather caused chaos around the region over the past few weeks and we hope that everyone is safe and well. Here at Hollywood we took the opportunity to get out onto the hills for some sledging. We would like to thank Charlie and Axel who were happy to share their sledges with the team. It was great fun and some pupils were experiencing the sledging experience for the first time. We're sure it won't be their last time!!

We hope you all received your copy of the Special Snow Edition Newsletter last week. Katie did an excellent job of editing and putting the newsletter together. Pupils were asked to use plain English instead of VCOP when writing the news stories as the newsletter was written for the pupils of Obugi School.

## Obugi School Update

We received an e-mail from Mr Steven letting us know that our Wee Books had arrived safely and were being read and enjoyed by pupils. He sent warm regards to all members of the school and community.

Mrs Shnapp has worked very hard to complete the Connecting Classrooms application form. This form is to apply for another round of British Council Funding in order to support further teacher exchange visits. It is hoped that two different members of staff from Obugi School would visit Hollywood this session. Although Mrs Shnapp and I would love to return to Kenya we are also keen for others to have the extraordinary experience of working with our colleagues in Obugi

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school. We would like to consider a parent going on the exchange to widen the links and learning opportunities for our pupils. We would be interested to know your views.

Meanwhile we continue to work on the joint project 'Our Village' and make connections through the post and e-mail. Skype has yet to prove successful due to the very rural location of Obugi school but we know that staff are continuing to try to get the link working.

### **New Dates for Stronord P5-7**

As you know due to the weather warnings we decided to postpone the overnight residential to Stronord. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March can now be confirmed as the new dates for the trip. Fingers crossed for better weather!

### **Parent Council Questionnaire**

Recently the Parent Council issued a short questionnaire – it would be great if every family could make a return so that we know that parental needs are being met.

Lost your questionnaire? We are more than happy to get a new copy to you.

### **Dalawoodie Nursing Home**

The Holywood Pupil Council organised and ran a very successful bring and buy sale last Thursday afternoon. A massive thank you goes to all members of the school community for their support both in the bringing and the buying. Pupils raised a staggering £258.10.

£58.10 will go to the BalEco Committee to support their action plan in the playground and community.

£200 will be donated to Dalawoodie House. Dalawoodie House staff and residents are currently trying to raise funds to develop a secure garden and easy access to the garden area for residents. I know they will be delighted and grateful for the donation from Holywood School and Community.

Please note that all left over items from the sale will be donated to the Barnardo's charity for children.

### **Baking Club**

What a response...

Over 20 pupils would like to join baking club. The pupil council have discussed and decided that the club will run in two four week blocks so that all pupils who want to bake can have the opportunity.

Thank you to parents who wrote on the reply slips offering to help out – we will be taking up your kind offers and Miss Dale will be in touch shortly to confirm times and dates. Charlie has written a letter for new Bake Club members – please find it attached.

The pupil council surveyed all pupils to ask about after school groups and baking club is the first to be organised. If you have a fresh idea or a skill that you would like to share with pupils we would be delighted to hear from you.

Coming soon to after school... rugby and football. Information will be sent home as soon as we have it from Jim Thomson and the Active Schools Co-ordinator.

### **L and L Computer Club**

Lewis Reid and Lewis McNish have very kindly accepted an invitation to run a lunchtime computing club. The club will run on a Wednesday at lunchtime and P3 and P4 pupils will be invited to join. Pupils will learn basic skills using Textease, 2Simple09 and GLOW. Lewis R and Lewis Mc are going to get together with Miss Dale to plan a programme of study.

The club will start next Wednesday and we hope lots of our P3 and P4 pupils will take the opportunity to go along and improve their ICT skills.

As usual, lots going on please get in touch with any ideas or queries – thank you for your support.  
P. Dale

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# Bake Club

The 27th of March is when the bake club starts so you will not see your children until four o'clock maybe a little later. You might be able to ask Miss Dale if you can help out and she will be pleased. We will have to take it in two blocks because it is more popular now. Most of the school signed up for it. I'm sure it will be a lot of fun. Miss Dale will be helping. We will bake a lot of things.

Charlie

## Block 1 is:

27/2/13  
13/3/13  
20/3/13  
27/3/13

Lewis r  
John  
Keira  
Olivia  
Katie  
Leah  
Ben  
Laura  
Caitlin  
Mark  
Zak  
Cameron

## Block 2 is:

17/4/13  
24/4/13  
1/5/13  
8/5/13

Georgia  
Kaylan  
Sarah - Jane  
Euan  
Ebony  
Greg  
Kye  
Dylan  
Gavin  
Isla