



Holywood News

September 2012

...AND WE'RE OFF!!!

Mrs Shnapp and Miss Dale leave for Kenya tomorrow (Wednesday 26th September) after school. Thank you to everyone for the continued support and encouragement.

As a gift for pupils we have purchased school uniforms, collected pencils and stationary, and have looked out a parachute, an inflatable globe, some Scottish story books and footballs.

As a gift for each staff member we have purchased a Scottish calendar and a porridge spurple for stirring their ugale!

Just today using sponsor money raised by you, we have purchased two brand new laptops to take out with us. Brilliant – we'll soon be GLOW Meeting with Obugi pupils. (Please note that solar panels were too heavy and not available in time to take with us – we will look for sustainable ways of charging laptops during our visit in Kenya.)

Mrs Maclean will be in school from Thursday and is looking forward to working with our pupils, parents and staff team. She recently spent a day in school and was impressed by the positive ethos and environment at Holywood – well done Team Holywood!

Sponsored Walk

Well done to Mrs Shnapp for raising a massive amount of money for the Kenya project – over £600 and Miss Dale who raised over £200. Thank you to everyone who has returned the money so far.

Please can we have sponsor money in A.S.A.P.

Impressive Home baking – thank you for all the chocolate cakes, truffles, fairy cakes and flap jacks it made returning from the walk very enjoyable. Much Appreciated.

New DGFirst Menu

DGFirst have issued new menus which mean you make choices for lunch now for Oct – Mar. You may still want your child to have a lunch on one day a week or every now and again. Just send in a note or stop in at the kitchen and see Mrs Sturgeon.



Sunflower Stunner

Well done to Kye! The winner of this year's Sunflower Competition. We know a lot of plants were rained off. Thank you to Mr Barch for donating all the seedlings to the school for the competition.

School Trips

Thanks to Mrs Henderson a Historic Scotland Travel Grant came our way; the £232.50 went to cover 75% of the bus costs for the trip to New Lanark.

Thank you Mrs Clenahan! – very recently, Mrs Clenahan stepped down from the position as Chairperson at the Holywood and Newbridge Community Council. To show our thanks and appreciation for all her support we sent a bouquet of flowers on behalf of Team Holywood.

GLOW Meet in the Woods – well done to our pupils for hosting the first GLOW Meet live from the forest. Our skills in the woods films are on GLOW – get your child to show you.

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

Mud Saga – We are working with Tom from the Ranger Service to solve our massive mud issue in the woods. He has a number of plans and if anyone can source cheap bark chips for us we would really appreciate it.

Thank you for putting up with the very muddy clothing – we know it has been a pain!

Den frame – pupils are currently constructing a den frame in the playground. The frame made from tree trunks can then support a cover or other branches to form a tent or den. This then creates a space for imaginative play.

I Bike – Maxwelltown High Cluster schools have volunteered to join the first year of the I Bike scheme – our I bike training officer is Rhian Davies and she will be in school on Wednesday 10th October to talk to pupils at 11.30am about the scheme. Parents are very welcome to join us. The plan is to encourage, where possible and safe to do so, pupils to cycle to school. Of course, we appreciate this cannot happen for all of our pupils and so Rhian hopes to organise Bike Breakfasts other cycle based activities for pupils and parents.

Dates for the Diary

8th October – Miss Dale back in school

11th October – Celebration of Learning – Daily Lives Museum (2-3pm and 6-7pm)

15th October – Holiday starts return to school Monday 29th October

31st October – Community Council Hallowe'en Disco in the village hall

3rd November – Gala opening of the playground 12.30 – 2pm

Thank you, P. Dale