



January 2013 – Happy New Year!

Dalawoodie Nursing Home

Pupils represented the school very well during their visit to Dalawoodie House. They sang beautifully and chatted with the residents. The Pupil Council will be organising a bring and buy sale this term to raise funds for Dalawoodie House. The house is being developed to allow residents to access the garden more easily.

BLOG Update

We now have an active Holywood blog. We are currently teaching staff and pupils how to post on the blog. https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/HolywoodHullabaloo/



Laura is our blogging expert and will be sharing her skills and knowledge with us! Go on line and have a look at her photo film of Christmas Dinner.

Thank you Mrs Sturgeon!

Mrs Sturgeon surpassed herself again this year and produced a delicious Christmas Dinner. Thank you to staff and pupils for helping with the tidy and the dishes – much appreciated.

Congratulations to the Ravens – winner of the Christmas Table decorating competition 2012.

Stronord

P5-7 pupils are heading to Stronord on Thursday and Friday of this week. Miss Dale, Mrs Queen and Mr Mattinson will be attending with the pupils (wish us luck!!)

Reminder: 9am departure on Thursday and lots of warm clothes!!

A Holywood Study

Pupils are studying their local village this term as part of a cultural project exchange with Obugi School. Pupils will be making maps, conducting surveys and reporting on local resources. Expect to see us out and about in the village. We may be knocking on doors to ask residents questions about the social history of the village.

Health and Wellbeing – Skills for Life Project

As part of our cluster working we are involved in a Skills for life Project with our cluster schools. Four modules have been developed – Mental Health, Communication Skills, Restorative Practices and Resilience. Miss Dale has developed and will lead the training for the Communication Skills group with professional partner Joanne Service from Speech and Language. Youth justice, Young Carers and CAMHS are also signed up for the project as professional partners.

Teaching staff will receive training on an aspect of the Skills for Life project and will then teach the skills and knowledge to their pupils. Pupils will then take on the leadership role – developing their own programme and resources and training up other pupils within their school or a cluster school. Extending and reinforcing their own understanding and skills.

Pupils at Holywood will undertake the Communication Skills training with Miss Dale this term. Miss Baxter has selected Restorative Practices and Mrs Shnapp has chosen Resilience. It is hoped that the project will roll out across the cluster over the next two years with all pupils either leading or receiving training in all four aspects.

This is an exciting project and we are delighted to be one of the schools initiating this pupil led working.

Dr Bike

Rhian Davies has booked us in for a visit from the bike doctor on Monday 28th January. This is an opportunity for pupils to bring their bikes to school for a check up. Bikes will be checked over and minor problems fixed. A master class in puncture repair could be part of the day! Bikes with more severe injuries will be issued with a prescription. Rhian hopes to set up and run one or two cycle activities for pupils.

Timings and further information to follow.

If you can help out on the day please get in touch – lunch will be provided!!

P1 ENROLEMENT!! – Please remind all P1 age pupils about enrolments today and tomorrow 2pm – 3.30pm.

Please get in touch with any ideas or queries – thank you.

P Dale

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