



Holywood News

June 2012

£10,000 Lottery Grant for Playground Development



We can now tell everyone about our Awards for All Lottery grant. No start date as yet for the main work but we are hoping the hills and pitch will be completed before the pupils return in August from their holiday. A representative from Stancliffe will be in school on the week beginning 25th June to discuss the climbing stones. A local building company are keen to get involved in the tree house project and as soon as the pupils have designed their ideal tree house we will get discussions underway.

Huge Thank You...

To Ryan and Dylan's Dad and Grandpa for digging out the space for the mega sandpit and to Blair, Gavin and Cameron's Dad for shifting all the soil.

Much appreciated!!



Staff Update

Mrs Kirk is hoping to be back in school before the end of term – we send her our best wishes. Mrs Nyondo is supporting learning in the infant classroom in her absence.

Mrs Graham returns to Holywood this Friday – good to have her back fit and healthy. A huge thank you to Mr Horne for coming into work with us on P.E. – the pupils enjoyed working with you.

Tesco Tokens – please have a root around the bottom of handbags and in jacket pockets to find the last of the Tesco tokens and send them into school as soon as possible. We have around 6500 collected so far and need to order soon – thank you to everyone who collected for us.

Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) – P7 Profiles

It is a governmental requirement that P7 pupils complete a profile from June 2012. The profile is a snapshot of success, written by pupils. The profile is sent home for parents to read and comment on – a copy is then sent to secondary school and a copy is returned home. Pupils are asked to reflect on each curricular area and on their wider achievements. The profile format has been designed by a central working party and each primary school in the region will be asking pupils to

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

complete the same form. It is hoped that the consistent approach will make it easier for secondary schools to make use of the profile.

We have taken the decision at Holywood to ask all of our P5-7 pupils (some P4 pupils also having a go this session) to complete a profile this year. The aim is that our pupils will become increasingly skilled at reflecting on their learning. Unlike a report the profile only states the positive successes – no next steps are reported.

It will be interesting to hear your views on the profile when it comes home in the near future.

Target Feet Sheet – staff have discussed the use of the target feet sheet and found that it does not meet the needs of our pupils. By the time the form came home it was out of date for some pupils. It did not serve as a reflection tool for pupils. We are trying out a large target on the wall of the classroom and pupils will share their targets when they set them and will let you know when they meet them. We will run with this next term and you can let us know if it works.

As always please get in touch if you have any questions about the profile or a CfE matter.

Olympics – P4-7 pupils and Miss Dale planned the modern Olympic theme. Please find a copy of the plan in today's mail bag. It's our *biggest* pupil challenge yet – find out how hard our pupils have worked and if they are successful at the Olympics next Tuesday.

Please bring a deck chair next Tuesday and then you can move about to secure the best view ... When you are not taking part!!

Transition - Mr Graham the head teacher of Wallacehall Academy will be in school this Friday 15th at 10am to meet our P7 pupils. It is an excellent opportunity for Mr Graham to see where his new S1's have undertaken their primary education journey. It is also an opportunity for our pupils to ask questions direct to the head teacher – have a big chat at home and come with a list of interesting questions!

Tin Whistle CD – P 5-7 pupils have recorded fifteen of their best tin whistle tunes for their first CD. You can order as many copies as you wish for the bargain price of £3 each (ideal present for all the relatives!) Please complete and return the order form below with the correct money – remember to put money in an envelope with your child's name on the front.

Thank you – P. Dale



ORDERS FOR TIN WHISTLE CD

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF CD'S _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____