

# Hollywood Newsletter February 2016



## Badminton

### Competition

Well done to Mark, John and Cameron who took part in the cluster badminton competition.



They played a number of games on court to gain points. Pupils with the most points moved into the next round of the competition. Mark made it to the semi-finals. Brilliant!

What do we need to work on?

Getting competitive!

Serving within the lines of the court

Making our opponent move around the court.

What were our strengths?

Excellent behaviour and attitude on the court.

Well done boys—we are very proud of you!

**Bingo - tonight in the school hall, 6PM-8PM**

### Pencils!! :-)

We ask that pupils come to school prepared with a pencil and a rubber.

We would like to suggest that pupils could earn pencils at home instead of pocket money! This might encourage them to look after them?!

We are thinking about setting up a profits to charity stationary shop in school where pupils can purchase pencils, rubbers and sharpeners. Is this a good idea? Let us know what you think.



### Cabaret Night

*Get your tickets now for Cabaret Night at Hollywood Village Hall!*

*Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from the school office.*

*An opportunity to let your hair down and have a night off from your children. Bring friends and family along for an evening of top quality entertainment. Help us to raise money for an outdoor classroom!*

### Target Setting Meetings - 16th and 17th March 2016

**Miss Dale and Miss Stapleton will be meeting with parents and pupils to review and share new targets. Appointment times have been sent home.**

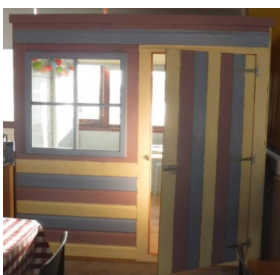
### Let's Dance

Dust off your dancing shoes as Mrs Graham will be back in school on the 1st March.

Letter in today's Mail Bag!

### Indoor Shed

**Come in and spend a restful moment in our new quiet**



**space...The Shed!**

### Staff Update

Miss Tweedie is joining the team on a Monday and Tuesday both for this term and next term. We are delighted to say she is already enjoying the positive ethos of Team Hollywood.

Mr Payne is with us for the next six weeks on a work experience placement. He will be shadowing Mrs Queen. Mr Payne is an ex-Hollywood pupil!

Miss Dale (no relation to Miss Dale HT!!)- will be joining us on the 29th February for 2 weeks and in April for four weeks. Miss Dale is a teaching student, she will mainly be working in the senior class.

Mrs Patrick will be in school as an ASL, Assistant to Support Learning, in the infant classroom on a Thursday afternoon.

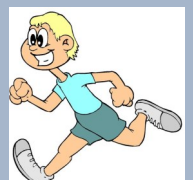
### Outdoor PE kit needed

**Pupils in P4-7 are going to start training for the upcoming Cross Country Event at**

**King George V on March 22nd 2016.**

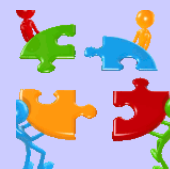
**Layers like sweatshirts and fleeces would be a good idea.**

**Outdoor trainers (which can get a bit muddy) will also be needed!**



## Business Groups

We now have all new business groups! Every pupil in P2-7 is a member of a business group. Playground Maintenance, SHANARRI, Recycling and Litter, Welcome Committee and the Library group to name just a few.



Each group has an action plan - a list of tasks which their group work on to improve our school.

Business groups run on a Thursday from 2PM-3PM. Parent Helpers are always needed!

Each group has a leader and every three weeks the group leaders will meet with Miss Dale to discuss their progress through their action plan. We will discuss what has been achieved, any problems and anything needed to support the work of the group. Braiden will be chairing the first meeting and the minutes of each meeting will be available on the blog.

## Outdoor Skills Book Launch

We were delighted to host the launch of the Outdoor Skills book which was written by Dumfries and Galloway Ranger—Tom Henry.

Tom led the first Week in the Woods at Holywood School and was an instant hit with the pupils.

He is now training staff to have the confidence to take learning outdoors.

Staff at Holywood were some of the first to undertake the training two years ago. And we have been putting it to good use ever since.

## Healthy Cooking Club

An astonishing 32 pupils have signed up for Healthy Cooking Club.



This means that we have split pupils into two groups to learn to cook a healthy starter, main course and dessert!

What a life skill!!

We will get club members to blog the healthy recipes!

## Karate

The Karate taster session organised by Active Schools was a huge success. An after school club is starting on Thursday, 3rd March 2016, for three weeks. If we have enough interest the instructor will come back to Holywood to run a club after the Easter holidays.



## Farming Trip

Miss Stapleton is organising a farm visit for P1-3 as part of their Environment IDL.



She is heading to the farm to undertake a risk assessment with a representative from RHET.

The class are getting involved in the Tesco sponsored Farm to Fork and the visit is part of this project.

## How to Build an Outstanding Reading School



Miss Dale was on a training course last week to find out if there are new or different ways to raise pupil's attainment and enjoyment when reading.

She has come back with one or two new ideas which she will be sharing with staff before introducing them to pupils and parents.

One of the key messages was READ, READ, READ!

## Peer Mediation Training

20 pupils in the senior class have volunteered to be trained as a Peer Mediator.

Julie and Cindy from SACRO will be coming into school to carry out training.

Peer mediation is a strategy for pupils to support each other to resolve small disputes which may occur in the playground, class or dinner hall.