# Holywood News January2016

## Christmas Lunch

What a great event and very well attended with over eighty pupils and parents sitting down to lunch.

A huge thank you to the staff team for serving and the big clear up.

Special thanks to Mrs Sturgeon and my Mum for battling through in the kitchen to get us all fed!

# SWIMMING



We are delighted that our P3 pupils can now be offered the opportunity to attend the curricular swimming with our P4-7 pupils.

Swimming is on a Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri this week and next week.

Congratulations to the senior pupils who no longer need to attend the lessons. They were swimming up and down like fish!

A tremendously important life skill.

We did ask if any adult lessons were being held at the pool. Not at the moment!

#### The SHED - a quiet room and meeting space!

We have decided that the first development in our Improving the Inside of our school to Support Better Learning will be the purchase and construction of a meeting shed.

The shed will be put up in room 3 and should be big enough for solo working and for small group work.

It will allow staff a quiet space for working one to one with pupils.

It will provide a space for thinking and reflection for both staff and pupils.

## School Show

Did you all check out the photos in

the Standard Newspaper last week? We will try to get as many on the blog as we can in the very near future.

Pupils were outstanding and clearly worked hard to learn their lines. Thank you to everyone who worked on lines and supported from home. A real team effort!

The audience were brilliant and pupils from P1/2 at Cargenbridge thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Get on the blog and give us your feedback-the pupils would love to read your reviews.

### Free Fruit

The Parent Council will continue to fund the free fruit on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Jardine is currently buying and serving fruit to the pupils with bananas and melon being the big favourites!

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Sturgeon who has shopped for and served the fruit for over two years!!

#### **Business Groups**

We will be restarting business groups on THURSDAY 28th January.

Parent support needed from 2pm - 3pm to help us take school improvement forward.

Able to work on the computer? We have a group who need you!

Very practical? We have just the group for you!

### DANCE-MANIA

What a brilliant time we all had at the Let's Dance classes. Mrs Graham was great at getting us moving and laughing!



A real opportunity to de-stress and get fitter while learning a new skill. We hope to run the class again for parents and pupils after February. Bring along your two left feet and join us!

No previous experience needed. Best of luck to Mrs Graham as she gets into training for the local Strictly Dance Competition.



## **Maths Homework Club**

Ms Carruthers and Miss Bell will be starting up the Maths homework club on Wednesday 27th January 2016.



The club was very well attended last term and pupils were enjoying the opportunity to work alongside peers and parents on their maths activities.

Please note the club will finish at the later time of 3.45pm!

#### Assembly

We are going to continue with assemblies on a Friday afternoon this term.

Parents can join us from 2.30pm starting Friday, 29th January 2016

Next term assemblies will move to a Wednesday afternoon.

Good Luck and Farewell

We are unable to make the change this term as our PE specialist Mr Law is in school on a Wednesday afternoon.

### TIME for REFLECTION

Time for Reflection is now a part of the curriculum and it is a requirement that we meet with a small group of school community members to discuss and plan our calendar for the session.

We will be putting together a working party to discuss and plan our Time for Reflection Assemblies- we need a small number of parents and pupils (p4-7) to join Miss Dale and Miss Stapleton on the working party.

The working party will only be needed for one or two meetings. Meetings will be held just after school for a maximum of an hour.

Bonjour to our New French Link

We are hoping to get a new link underway with a primary school in France. Julianne visited Holywood in term 1 as part of her travels around the globe. She has now returned home and has arranged for her school to link with Holywood.

We intend to ask the P1-3 class to start up the link project before involving senior pupils.

• Hi Miss Dale,

Much greetings hoping that the Holywood fraternity is doing I will write on behalf of the Holywood well. We at Obugi we are fine and we have opened the school Community to thank Mr Odek for his • after a very long holyday. I want to bring to your attention that help and support with our Kenyan Link. I have been transferred to another school and therefore I am no longer at Obugi Primary School. You will now be dealing Mr Odek visited Holywood School in with the new head teacher Mr Joseph Otieno Nyameche and 2012. the link teacher who has done a tremendous Job in the link He also made me very welcome in his programme Mr Nicholas Otieno Onundu. I have briefed the new head teacher about the link programme. The Obugi school school in 2013. community are fully involved to see to it that programme is Although the funding for exchanges sustained for the good of our learners. I wish you a happy New has now ended we are trying hard to Year and prosperity in your endeavours. maintain a link through our pupils by Thanks undertaking joint projects. lacob Arodi Odek



Parent Council Bingo Night Thursday 25th February 2016 6-8pm At Holywood School. All family members velcome.

### PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council have big plans for supporting the improvement of the school grounds.

So far they have raised...

£125 from the Christmas Movie Night

£286 from the raffles at the school show.

### BRILLIANT!

They would like to thank everyone one supported by donating a prize or buying a ticket!

Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th February 2016 INSET & Holiday. Please note these dates as the school will not be open.

# Staffing

Miss Baxter wishes everyone a Happy New Year. But has no good news concerning her eyes. It is unlikely Miss Baxter will return this term.

We wish Mrs Bathgate well as she starts at Closeburn Primary.

Miss Dale will be teaching full time although we continue to seek temporary support through the teacher supply list as yet no one is available.

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# Sponsored Read New Total £432 - WOW! Thank you!

Library group will be getting a huge list of books ordered very soon!

## **RETURN SLIP**

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The Parent Council are happy to change the meeting time and day if it means new members can attend.

Return this slip to school and we will pass on to the Parent Council, let them know when would suit you best. They will try to accommodate as many parents as possible.

Preferred day:

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