



Huge Thank You!

The Holywood and Newbridge Community have given us a cheque for £1500 - an amazing and generous amount of money. Thank you so much! £1000 will go to the Parent Council for the Reading Room fund and £500 is for us to buy a second indoor shed and furnishings. We will be sure to invite Community Council members up to school for a cuppa and a personal thanks as soon as the projects are completed.

Assemblies on a Wednesday at 2.30PM

Pupils have signed up to lead assemblies this term and parents are very welcome to join us. We would ask that you join us at 2.30PM so that you don't miss anything.

Please note that a cushion will be needed for Time for Reflection assemblies (pupils and parents) and that everyone at assembly will be joining in the discussions and reflection time.

25th January - Time for Reflection - Creativity and Individuality

1st February - Guitar by Ethan & Boxing by Bailey and Jack

8th February - Pokemon by Logan, Euan and Ryan

22nd February - Tractors by James

1st March - Talent Assembly - playground skills

8th March - Rats! by Dakota .B. Georgia and Kaylan

15th March - Hamsters by Merissa and Thomas

25th March - Time for Reflection - Happiness

29th March - Gymnastics by Paul

Cinderella Success Story!

The pupils did a brilliant job and the show was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who brought friends and family along to the school show.

203 people came to see our show!! WOW!

It was great to have past pupils and parents in the audience too. It was lovely to be introduced to family members who were in Holywood for their first visit—we hope they will attend another event in the future.

All the pre-school and toddlers came to the noisy show on Thursday and we waved flags and magic wands to help the show along.

Mark is editing the Special Edition newsletter about the school show and we hope to have it with you before Easter!

Open Door Policy

This is a reminder that the school operates an open door policy for meeting with staff. If you need to talk to the class teacher or head teacher stop in before or after class time and if they are free they will be happy to meet with you.

Parents can stop in to look at the walls where pupils work is displayed too.

Books can be borrowed from the school library—Kaylan is sorting out a jotter to record the books borrowed.

We have lots of maths board games which can also be borrowed for playing at home to practise skills.

It is great to hear feedback direct from our parents and carers - if you have comments, ideas, queries or concerns bring them into us.

Please recognise that we can only take any concerns seriously if you make contact and tell us about them.

Pupils were delighted by the range of comments that you made about their school show. They could tell that you recognised their hard work and were proud of them. Also an idea for pupils writing a programme for information and as a keepsake will be taken on board.



Staffing

Unfortunately, Miss Todd the 4th year teaching student has been unable to take up her placement with us.

Miss Dale will be teaching full-time until we secure a Teacher for her management cover.

Coach Liam will be in with the Let's Get Sporty team on a Wednesday morning.

Mr Riddick will be teaching music on a Tuesday morning.

P.E. kit needed on a Wednesday and a Friday this term.

Changes in Families

We have families who have moved on from Hollywood School. We wish Sarah-Jane and Bruce well in their new school. We know that Hamish has settled well in his new school. Soon Kaiden will be heading to a new school much nearer to his home and we know that he will make lots of friends that he can play with afterschool.

We have two new pupils arriving - Charlie and Sonny will be joining P5 and P7 in the next couple of weeks.

Our new P1 families were enrolling on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January and as soon as we have the official numbers we will let you know.

Good Practice at Holywood

We told you about the new organisation we were trying out in writing back in August. We are delighted with the approach so far and as we have been talking about it excitedly with fellow professional they now want to come in and see it in action.

Before the end of this term we will be asking the pupils to feedback on the learning experience and to compare their writing to see if a positive impact has resulted from this change.

A bus load of pupils came into school on Monday, 16th January to take a tour of the playground and then spend break time playing with Team Holywood.

Upper school pupils from Nethermill are designing a new play area at their school and want to see what they like in our playground. They loved the hills! And the mud kitchen!

We have warned them about the muddy uniforms!

Over 30 teachers from our cluster came to Holywood on Monday after school so that Miss Stapleton and Miss Dale could lead a talk about the Context Evaluation sheets that we write with the pupils and send home to you. They were very keen to find out how we put them together, how we use them in school and that we share them with our parents.

Context Evaluations could be coming to schools near us, very soon!

Badminton Club - Anne is back to teach badminton to the P4-7 pupils for the next few weeks. P6/7 pupils who attend the club will be entered in the cluster competition on Thursday, 9th February 2017 at Maxwelltown High School.



Parents are welcome to come along and watch. We will try to organise a mini comp in school for P4/5 pupils.

Football Training - Mr Queen is back on a Wednesday night for football training. Everyone should dress ready for outdoor training.

Declan (Kaiden's big brother) has signed up as assistant coach, he is very interested in a career in sport and leisure and is coming to share and build his skills. Thank you!

Friday Lunchtime Football - Chris Jardine is back in school for football training—weather permitting to continue our football skills training. P4-7 can attend.

Active Schools - Mrs Byers will be coming in to support the upper school pupils as they train for the Cross Country event. All pupils in P4-7 are entered.

Parents can come along to watch—more information to follow.

Drama Club

Riley's Mum will be launching a Drama Club on Thursday, 9th February from 3-4PM, putting her prior experience in Children's Theatre to very good use.



Initially, the club will be limited to 10 pupils - all pupils P1-7 can put themselves forward. If lots of interest—names will be drawn from a hat and the club will be repeated (4 week sessions?!) to accommodate as many pupils as possible.

Technology Challenge Homework

26 pupils have already signed up for a tray and will be taking part in the mini—Fairy Garden design challenge.

Excellent!

Miss Dale can source plenty of seed trays so call at the office if you still want to get creative.

Bring them to school on Friday, 27th January and display them in the Hollywood Mini - Garden Exhibition.

Homework

Thank you to everyone who completed a SWOT Analysis about homework.

Miss Stapleton has been in touch with parents who signed up on the form to join her working party and they will be meeting in the very near future.

Please Keep Your Personal Information Updated with the School.

If you have moved house or have changed your mobile number / e-mail address let us know as soon as possible so that we can be sure that you are receiving all the information being sent home.

If you would rather have a paper copy of letters please call in and we can organise this with Mrs Jardine.

We are making huge savings by going paper free and other schools are copying the good model Mrs Jardine has set up in our office.

A huge thank you to Orla's Dad for building a massive cooker and oven for the mud kitchen.

As you can see it is getting filthy already. Brilliant!

Digital Image Consent

A new Digital Image Consent Form has been produced which includes an additional yes/no question about use of images in the media. These will be sent home for all pupils. Please complete all information asked for, and if you need any help or further information pop in or give us a call.

Costume Crazy!

We have inherited boxes and boxes of costumes from Miss Dale's neighbour. The boxes are full of fifties style skirts, policemen's helmets, leather jackets and much, much more! Look out for brand new costumes at future productions (thank goodness for that—I hear you cry!)

Georgia is going to make a thank you card on behalf of the school which Miss Dale will pass on to her neighbour.

Internet Safety



Thank you to the parents and pupils who made it along to the talks by PC Anderson. They were interesting and informative.

We did have a very low turn out but that allowed everyone to ask a wide range of questions. All who attended felt the talk was useful.

We can run this event again—if you would like to attend an internet safety talk please get in touch with the office and we can get it organised.



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