

Holywood News - June 2016

REMINDER:

Sponsor money now being collected at the office.

Thank you if you have handed in your money already!

Team Holywood - Out and About



Samye Ling Visit

Our pupils did us proud both in behaviour and by asking and answering questions during their visit to the Buddhist Temple. Paul the guide was very impressed with the pupil's knowledge of Buddhist worship and features of the temple.

Pupils took part in a short meditation session by imagining themselves in their favourite place with their favourite foods.





St John's Church Visit

Pupils went to compare and contrast the approaches to worship taken in the Christian Church with the Buddhist approaches and found both religions shared some common features. The Rector shared lots of interesting information and pupils asked a wide range of questions. Isla did a bible reading at the lectern while we were shown the key features of communion. Two of our infant pupils got married - just pretend!

Town Trips

Pupils were out and about in Dumfries Town Centre taking part in a range of planned activities all connected with their local studies project.

Behaviour was very good as pupils led staff through town using their maps.

Our big display wall in class is filling up with pupil's work sharing information about different aspects of the study.

Come in and read all about it.









PAPER FREE

WE HAVE TRIED TO LIMIT THE PAPER FROM THE OFFICE IN THE PAST MONTH ONLY SENDING OUT FLYERS WHICH ARE DELIVERED TO SCHOOL OR LETTERS WHICH REQUIRE A PARENTAL PERMISSION RETURN SLIP.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH AND LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON PAPER FREE COMMUNICATION. ALL THE COMMENTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE..

P5-7 Pupils On Residential

Pupils in P5-7 are off to Galloway Activity Centre on Wednesday. They will be taking part in a range of water sports and activities.

Pupils will be staying at Galloway Activity Centre for two nights and will be returned to their parents on Friday at the end of the school day.

Miss Stapleton will be leading the trip supported by Mrs Queen and Mr Mattinson.

Pupils in P1-3 will be working with Ms Tweedie. They will be looking at Houses and how they meet needs as a mini—project.

P4 will be working with Miss Dale on maps and mapping.

Only TWO teams signed up for the Soap Box Race so far...

Get your team names in to the office as soon as possible!

Look out for...Information Letters

Camp Over 23rd June 2016 - information letter was handed out last week - we hope as many families as possible will join us for the annual camp over in the Holywood Playground.

Need to borrow a tent or sleeping bags—get in touch we can help!

Graduation 2PM 30th June 2016 - our most formal assembly at Holywood Primary is the annual graduation ceremony. It gives us a chance to celebrate learning and to say thank you to everyone who has supported us this session.

A Huge THANK YOU to

Ms Carruthers for leading the Maths Homework club.

Parent support needed for next session if club to run again.

Frozen Dessert Challenge - June

Congratulations to Elliot, Euan and Isla for getting through to the Regional Final of the Frozen Dessert Challenge. The pupils have a lot of preparation to do before the main event as they have to design packaging and labels; research the food miles and sustainability of their dessert and to make it taste super yummy!

Den Day

We are hosting a Den Day on Friday, 17th June. Pupils need a blanket or cardboard box, even a sheet of tarpaulin to make their den. This is a fundraising event for Save the Children. *Please support the event by making a small donation*.

End of Year Reports out on Wednesday 15th June

Please note staff are currently writing the pupil's end of year reports. These will be sent out in a paper copy as per normal.

Parents can request an appointment if they wish to discuss an aspect of the report.

A form will be included with the report.

Remember to keep all your contact information up to date so that you don't miss out on newsletters and school information!!

Toy Auction

Pupils are holding a toy auction on the 16th June at 1.30PM

Please have a clear out and send in any old toys or games.

Money raised will buy new playground equipment for pupils.

Parent Council AGM

Tuesday, 21st June at 7PM

Join us for a cuppa and a review of the session as the Parent Council reflect on the year past and think about the year ahead.

Miss Dale also provides a Head Teachers report summarising the year.

A chance to join the Parent Council and play a part in moving the school forward - new members always welcome!

Everyone is invited - a chance to ask questions, make suggestions or to simply sit back and listen.

Please come along and show your support for the school.

Mobile Phones

We understand that pupils may need their phones for after school reasons. Please ensure that all phones are handed in to the office in the morning and collected at 3PM.

We have had a recent issue with senior pupils using phones in school, taking photographs and uploading to social media sights. Parents have been contacted and any images of the school have been removed.

This is unacceptable behaviour - thank you to the parents involved for their positive support in managing the situation.

We would ask all parents to discuss the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones with their children.

Want to know what we are learning in school?

Check out the school blog.

Read by pupils and staff in Obugi School in Kenya.

Please add comments and let us know that our parents are reading our weekly blog posts!

Sports Day

A chance for pupils to get competitive and to challenge themselves on the sports field.

Will they run faster than they did last session?

Will they master the sack race or balance their egg better on the spoon?

All pupils should be wearing shorts, t-shirt and trainers (no football colours). All pupils should have a bottle of water. Pupils will be seated in the shade but suntan lotion should be applied prior to school.

Parents are invited to join us for Holywood Sports Morning from 9.30AM - chairs provided.

For the first hour - all pupils take part in competitive races.

Parent helpers will be needed to sticker First, Second and Third places as they cross the finish line.

Short Break - an ice lolly (if sunny) For the second hour - potted sports. Parents join their child and take part in a range of sporting activities. Wellie throw, beat the goalie, table tennis challenge etc.

Please note that parents can be medal winners too at a Holywood Sports morning!

PLEASE NOTE: If the weather is very wet sports day be cancelled - keep your fingers crossed for a dry day!!

Holywood Football Team

A huge THANK YOU to Miss Taddei and the team at Rico's and Gates Power Transmission for their very generous donations of £100 each sponsorship towards our football team's new strip!

Confident, creative learners with big ambitions.

Kind to each other – Kind to the planet.

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