

# Hollywood News - March 2017



## Car Park

Please be vigilant when using the school car park especially with very young children as reversing cars can find it difficult to see. We are trialling a new one exit to the car park only at 3pm—the first day seemed to go well.



## School Gates

Please note that school gates can often be left open at the start and end of the school day—allowing young children to exit the playground via the ramp and the car park without adult supervision. We have concerns that young children could be hurt be in these potentially dangerous situations.

Please help us by ensuring that gates are closed.

Please ensure that your young children are safe around the school at these busy times!

**We want all children to enjoy running around the playground - safely!**

## *Great Lottery News!*

The lottery have conditionally awarded the Holywood Parent Council £10,000 towards the purchase of the Reading Room.

### **Brilliant News!**

Thank you to Anne Fergusson our Parent Chairperson and the Parent Council members for all their hard work.

As soon as they have the money in they hope to get it straight back out and get the project underway.

Exciting times—thank you once again for your hard work!

## **New Maths Homework**

Thank you to all parents who attended Target Setting last week. We took the opportunity to launch the new approach to maths homework too!



... pupils have their stars on the chart for bringing in their first parent signed homework sheet! Well done!

A parent stopped in and asked if we could do a short refresher session on things such as fact families and partitioning numbers. We are meeting today at 4pm (please see text for details) and are happy for you to join us.

Also happy to meet to discuss at a different time, anytime. Just get in touch!

Very positive week 1 feedback from some of our parents—let us know your thoughts!

## **Parent Council**

It is great to have over 10 families represented at through the Parent Council but we could use you too!

More representation needed from parents of infants. Most of the parents who attend represent the upper pupils in school. It would be good to hear views from across the school.

It would help us to get social events right for more of our families.

It would help us to get a better idea of how parents are feeling about the school and the experiences we provide.

It would help us to learn how best to support you and your families as part of the learning community at Holywood.

## **Parent Helpers**

Please get in touch if you have got spare time on your hands (lol!!) and you want to get more involved in the learning at Holywood.

***Parent Helpers always welcome.***

Please note that regular support in school requires us to ask you to submit to a PVG check. (No cost to parents)

Please also note that if everyone offers (always positive—it could happen) we may have to put together a rota or timetable.

## Equity Funding

The Scottish Government are awarding schools funding to close the attainment gap. Research has shown that poverty is one of the main causes of the gap in learning in Scotland. Ensuring that schools provide all children with high quality learning experiences and equal opportunities is essential. Information on Pupil Equity Fund and the Scottish Attainment Challenge can be found on the Scottish Government Website.

This year the funding has been based on Free School Dinners information from 2014/15 - recent information could not be used as all P1-3 receive free dinners.

Please note that if you are entitled to meals and clothing grants it is always worth applying—we are happy to provide forms and help fill them in—if you need us! Applications are confidential—even your children do not need to know if you don't want them to.

Hollywood School has been awarded £14,400 - which is around 4 times more than our annual budget!

I have attended a national conference to extend my understanding of how this funding can be used. We are to receive information from the Local Authority on how this funding can be used.

*Think about...*

*Identify the GAP*

*Planning*

*Intervention*

*Evaluating*

*Consider participation rates and inclusion figures as well as Academic data, Attendance data.*

*Make sure it is not all about extras – What can you do in the classroom? Beyond the classroom?*

*What are the barriers to learning in our school?*

*How is teacher aspiration? Learning and teaching?*

*DATA – what is working? What is not working?*

*Where do you want your school to be in three years time?*

*Quality learning and teaching – encourage innovative approaches.*

*Innovation = fresh ways to meet long standing challenges – disciplined innovation ( a few well targeted interventions; well considered priorities)*

*Ask Staff, pupils and parents – What works well in our school?*

*What do you want your child to achieve before they leave this school?*

*Taken from a speech by Linda Rae—Education Scotland, February 2017*

Please get in touch if you have views or ideas you would like us to consider.

I am also happy to answer any queries you may have regarding Pupil Equity Funding or the Scottish Attainment Challenge.

I will keep you informed of any discussions or decisions that we take forward.

P. Dale

### **Don't Panic! Talk Lunch!**

Parent Council members have told me that a big chat in the school would be a good way to get us thinking about how to use our funding.

Join us for a buffet lunch and a natter on Friday 28th April from 12.15pm.

### Scottish Opera

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to withdraw from the Scottish Opera opportunity.

The pupils feedback about the quality of the songs was very negative and they were being switched off by the experience.

We have since learned that part of the issue was that Scottish opera has provided the wrong music and timings for some of their songs and this was one of the reasons we couldn't get them to work.

You know from attending school shows that we love a good song...

We will look for other opportunities to work with professional artists and to expand our pupils' horizons in the future.

### Outdoor PE kit needed

**Pupils in P4-7 are already in training for the upcoming Cross Country Event at King George V on Wednesday 22nd March 2017.**

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

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



### First Aider

Mrs Queen is taking a break from being the school First Aider and Miss Dale will be asking if any of her team would like the opportunity to take on the role.



BUT...

Did You Know that the First Aider is trained to deal with any staffing and visitor emergency?

This is because all staff in school have a Duty of Care to the children and every member of staff should attend to a child in need.

Thank you to Mrs Queen for being on call as the main first aider for the last 8 years. We know we will still be calling on your expertise in the event of an accident!

### World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who donated a £1 and made a mask (a week later, due to Stronord trip).



Pupils have their £1 world book token to take to book shops and exchange for special short stories - David Walliams has written a new short story especially for World Book Day.

### Glasgow Science Centre

We have booked a trip for the whole school to Glasgow Science Centre on Thursday 4th May 2017. A letter will be e-mailed to parents with all the details on Monday, 13th March 2017.

**Easter Holiday - Pupils finish on Friday, 31st March at 3PM and return to school on Tuesday, 18th April**



### Religious Observance - Happiness

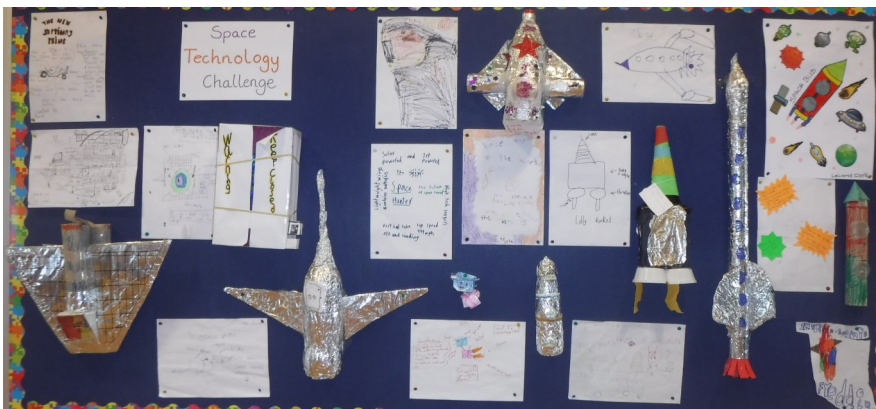
The next R.O. assembly is 22nd March 2017 at 2.30pm. Pupils need a cushion/pillow and parents are welcome to come and join us.

School Meals are going up in price to 1.80 per day / £9 per week. This increase start on Tuesday, 18th April 2017.

New menu option forms were given out to pupils and Mrs Dawson has asked if you could please return these to her before the Easter Holiday.

### Stronord

Everyone had an excellent time on the residential trip. Pupils should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Queen for joining us ! Reminder: All payments due by the end of March. Thank you!



### TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

**A GREAT SELECTION OF SPACE VEHICLES WERE DESIGNED AND BUILT FOR LAST MONTHS TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE.**

**GOOD LUCK DESIGNING THE ULTIMATE SANDWICH - I LOOK FORWARD TO TRYING SOME OF THEM AT THE END OF THIS MONTH!**

## Staff Update

Miss Findlay is joining the team on a Wednesday and Thursday this term. We are delighted to say she is already enjoying the positive ethos of Team Holywood.

### Senior Homework – Literacy

Pupils were given homework on Tuesday – apologies if pupils have not explained what they have to do properly ...

#### For Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

Put together a list of 8 quality rhyming pairs – Mr Riddick has asked that pupils prepare rhyming words to be used as part of their work on writing rap songs in music.

#### For Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

Pupils were asked to select two descriptive phrases and 2 ambitious words from a selection taken from our Shakespeare books in class.

They have to use these phrases and words in a short letter written to the Director of Education...

They may want to complain about their head teacher, make suggestions about improvements to education or try to get longer holidays

### Bike Breakfast

On Thursday 30th March at 8AM we are meeting at school for a Bike Breakfast.

A letter with a permission slip was given to pupils to be completed if they wanted to take part. Breakfast cost £1 per rider, please pay on the day.

Parents can take part too!

If you would like to take part but don't have a bike let us know, we might be able to help find you one to borrow.



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