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Gala Day - bring the whole family along for our first Friday Gala afternoon. The pupils have planned and organised most of the activities and will be running them on Friday.

Come along and spend your pocket money.

Pupils will be developing life skills, working with money, interacting with members of the community and using their persuasive skills to get you to part with your pennies.

It could be chaos...it could be silly... it will be fun!

Remember if you intend to waterslide on gala day you will need your pennies and your towel!

Look forward to seeing on Friday 26th May 2017 at 1.30pm!

Last minute Gala requests: tombola prizes needed - hand in any unwanted gifts at the office!

Can you face paint? We need you to help us out on Friday afternoon - please get in touch with the school office.

Home baking for the cake stall and the afternoon teas would be greatly appreciated!

Welcome to Miss Gilmour!

Miss Gilmour is learning to be a Primary School Teacher and has come to work with us for the next six weeks in the P1-3 class.

She will have lessons to prepare and teach across the curriculum. Miss Stapleton will be her mentor.

Pupil Holidays - Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June. Staff on training courses.

\* National Champion in School!

Can you believe it we have a National Champion Baton  $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\sim}$  Twirler in school - Congratulations to Dakota who  $\bigstar$  arrived in school recently with a trophies, medals and a \$ sash from her competition weekend.

🔆 Dakota works very hard putting in hours of training every week when other guys are out playing—your big efforts have been worth it Dakota.

🛠 We are all very proud of you!



#### Sports Day

Fingers crossed for a dry morning on Wednesday 14th June from 9.30am, this year's sports day at Holywood. Parents members are very welcome to come along and support pupils. We will be ready to start around half past and family nine. Volunteers will be need to help with the finish lines and judging. Pupils will be participating in a range of races including a sprint, sack race and egg and spoon. Last year we introduced the Siblings Race — that got families talking!



We will have a short break for refreshments - an ice lolly if the weather is warm!

The second half of our sports event will be a circuit of activities which all members of the family can take part in (trainers needed!). Last year we had a Penalty Shoot out, a table tennis challenge, a wellie throw and a show jumping activity. Parents and carers can be sports day champions too!

	Bike Breakfast is back! 👰
Healthy Cooking Club	Tuesday 27th June - 8am
Wow! With 15 cooks in the first group and 19 cooks in the	One of our P7 parents has requested that
second group most pupils at Holywood will be able to treat	we hold a Bike Breakfast before the end
parents and carers to a healthy home cooked meal!	of term. Why? Because she has just got
Group 2 - Wednesdays the 24th & 31st May and 7th June 3-4.30pm.	herself a bike and this will be her first and last opportunity to take part as a Holywood Parent.
Pupils will be provided with a copy of the recipes and we will put them on the blog too!	Letters will be out soon. Please complete and return so that we can ensure plenty of sausages are ordered.

# Week in the Woods and Camp Over

Week in the Woods begins on Monday 19th June.

Pupils should wear old clothes to school. They should have long sleeves and long trousers.

All pupils should be wearing wellies (We have plenty of spares in the shed please come and try a pair on for size before the week begins).

Pupils will only return to school for lunch.

A raincoat will also be an essential item!

We will be undertaking science studies and construction tasks as well as den building, knot tying, camp fire cooking etc.

On Thursday 22nd June we will be inviting all families to join us in camping out in the school playground (last year we had over 20 families!).

Please get in touch if you need to borrow a tent and we will see what we can do.

# Last day of term—Friday 30th June

We have spoken to the pupils and have decided that we are much happier in school on the last day of term.

We will be having a Waterslide Day. Please wear shorts and t-shirt and swim suit. Please bring a towel and a dry change of clothes.

Helpers much appreciated!

#### Huge Thank You!

Thanks to Mr Clark we now have 2 excellent wellie stands - we're sure you'll agree they really tidy up the entrances to the school.



# **Report Cards**

Teaching staff are currently writing your child's progress report. Reports will be out to parents on Tuesday 13th June.

Parent Meeting times will be offered to any parent who wishes to discuss the content of the report further. Please note we have put Thursday June 15th in the diary but can arrange an alternative meeting time to suit if necessary.

P7 pupils have now completed their P7 Profiles. Miss Dale will check them over and we will send a copy out for parents to comment on and sign. This form then gets mailed to the secondary schools.

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# Holywood Football Team

🖈 We are very proud of all the players who took 🖈 part in the Primary School Competition at Palmerston over the past few Friday evenings.

We were soundly beaten by some excellent teams but we learned at lot about which positions we play best in, defending the ball, team work 😒 and communication. We learned that Greg can be a fearless goalie!

Mr Queen is pleased with our progress but has ideas for improvement!

Our pupils had an excellent attitude to each other and towards other players—thank you!

And can you believe it just when we thought it was all over... we won our last game! Brilliant!

The team will be playing next in the Guid Nychburris School Competition on Wednesday 🔬  $\frac{1}{2}$ 7th June and then at the Cairn Cup

Competition on Friday 16th June.

☆ Go Team Holywood!  $\overset{\frown}{\sim}$ 



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#### Graduation Thursday 29th June 2017

We celebrate the year of learning at Holywood and say thank you and best wishes to our primary 7 pupils at our presentation assembly. Parents and family members are very welcome to join us in the hall at 2pm.

After Graduation we all move into the classroom for a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a natter. We hope you can join us.

Last year one of our P7 parents requested to sit with her son / daughter during Graduation—we are happy to arrange the seating to allow that to happen this session too. Just let us know.

# **Parent Involvement Workshops**

Parental engagement and involvement are a large part of getting it right for our learners.

We have organised for Parent Council UK to hold a couple of workshops in Dumfries for our parents and teachers.

We are assured that these events will give us ideas and get the thinking started as to how we can better engage our parents here at Holywood.

It would be brilliant if we had a few parents at the workshops as you know the school and our needs too. Different viewpoints. Different ideas.

All the information has been e-mailed out to you-please get in touch if you need us to resend.

#### **QoS Football—Guid Nychburris decorations**

As we are keen on football at the moment we have taken up the request to support Queen of the South with their Gala float. They are looking for paintings and decorations in the colours of the club.

We will be starting our art works after the gala day!

**Holywood Parent Council AGM** 

Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 7PM in the school hall

All parents / carers are welcome to attend

Your views matter!

### P7 Leaving Do

The P7 pupils are currently organising their end of Primary School activity. It has been suggested that this year they will book a Limo and then head out for lunch. A staff member will join them for lunch. Pupils are allowed to wear smart non-uniform for their event.

This event is funded by the Parent Council with a small contribution from P7 parents.

Further information will be forwarded to P7 parents.





# Confident, creative learners with big ambitions.

Kind to each other – Kind to the planet.