

Holywood News - November 2017

(Term 2)



Hallowe'en Disco

Thank you to Steven our Hallowe'en disco man who comes into school and plays the tunes at no cost to the school.

Much appreciated. See you next year.

Thank you to all the parents who jumped up to help out at the Hallowe'en disco— it was a great atmosphere in the hall.

Well done to our costume winners - Euan, what an excellent costume from a box!

School Show

We have chosen Mystery at Magpie Manor as our school show this year. A 1920's mystery with great songs. Scripts out soon. Auditions to follow. And then the hard work of learning lines and songs begins.

Evening Performances: Tuesday 12th December & Wednesday 13th December at 6.30PM

Matinée: Wednesday 13th December at 1.30PM

READING HUB

The new building in the playground is looking fantastic. The see-saw seating and the go-kart look amazing.

Ms Fergusson and Ms Marshall have been working incredibly hard to get the interior ready. Mr Mattinson and Mrs Mattinson have completed the exterior painting. Thank you so much - we appreciate all your efforts and the time away from family.

What next?

- We are looking to put power into the building for heating and lighting.
- The Library Business Group are putting together ideas for saying Thank you and for the Grand Opening. I will take along their ideas to the next Parent Council Meeting. A fantastic resource like this needs a proper opening.

A massive thank you to everyone who has been involved in the project - it takes a lot of time and hard work to make a project like this happen. Our pupils are very lucky!

CHRISTMAS DINNER!

We would like to invite parents and friends of the school to join us for Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 19th December.

We will of course sing one or two Christmas carols.

Lunch will be served from 12.30pm

The first field fi

More information and an order form to follow soon.

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ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - Thursday 14th December

Team Holywood are off to the ice hockey to support one of the international teams playing this year.

Pupils will be taken to the event by bus from Holywood School.

Pupils will be collected from the Ice Bowl by Parents and Carers at 3pm.

We have asked if there are any spare tickets for parents who want to join us to cheer on the teams. Keep an eye on your text.

A HUGE Thank you!

We got in touch with Linda Nelson and Carol Brolles at DGFirst about buying an industrial dishwasher for the school.

We wanted to use it for easing the clean up at Healthy Cooking Club (back next term) and then have pupils host social events using their developing cooking skills.

We wanted to involve parents in a shared finish at Cooking Club so that they can taste the healthy dishes and talk about how to make them at home.

The brilliant news is that Carol Brolles has some funding and she would like to cover the cost of the dishwasher. We get this brilliant resource for free! Thank you so much - we will put it to good use.

Second Hand MP3 Player needed:

My pink IPod Shuffle may have given up after 8 years of playing tunes in the school hall at Holywood.

If you have a player which is lying around unloved could we have it, please?

CRICKET

Mr Walker will be running Cricket Club for P4-7 pupils on Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of November from 3-4pm.

Mr Walker has experience as a cricket coach and has roped in support for training sessions. He also hopes to make a link with local clubs and competitions next term so that pupils can use their new skills out with the school.

Never tried cricket? Now is the time to try it!

Badminton

Anne Robertson is back to coach P5-7 pupils in Badminton.



Badminton will be on Thursday the 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November and 7th December and will cost £1 per pupil per session.

It will then move to a Monday in term 3.

P6 and 7 pupils can sign up to take part in the cluster badminton competition in February.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the sponsored walk. There were a mountain of cakes in the hall for everyone to enjoy afterwards—thanks to all who contributed. With your help the Parent Council have raised £307.50 which will go towards lots of fruit to keep our pupils healthy eating at break times. Thank you.



Still got money to hand in? Just pop it in an envelope and hand it into the school office.

We need to make some changes to the event next session after discussion with parents and staff:

Pupils will have to be accompanied by an adult on the walk. It was noted by a parent that we had younger pupils in the middle stages of the walk with very few adults to monitor safety.

As we did this year - adults (either staff of parent) will take the lead and all pupils must walk with or behind the lead adult. This is to ensure that all pupils are safe while walking on the road. We appreciate that some of our pupils are allowed to walk in the area unattended as they grow older but during a school event they must stay behind the lead adult.

Please note that at any school event, even when parents are present, the safety of all participants lies with the Headteacher. Pupils must follow all the rules of the event if they are taking part. These are safety rules.

We have discussed this with all of our pupils as they have to be clear that behaviour and safety expectations are the same at events whether they are before, after or during the school day and whether they are on the school premises or not.

Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss any of the points raised with Miss Dale

Interim Reports - will be out to parents on Thursday 7th December.

Student in School

Miss Watson is joining us for her placement. She will be in school on a Monday this term. Next term she will be in school on a Monday and a Friday. Miss Watson will be working in P1/2 as part of her Childhood Studies.

Welcome to Holywood!



Welcome to Michael Sacre a French Language Assistant who has come to work in our cluster this session.

Michael will be in Holywood for the next 8 Fridays and will be working with all pupils—although a greater focus will be on developing the skills of our P7 pupils.

Pupils have impressed Michael with their French skills - Très Bien Team Holywood.

Christmas Light Switch On

The Holywood and Newbridge Community Council have their official lighting ceremony on the first Sunday in December (3rd) at 6pm.

Join us in the Holywood Village Hall for mulled wine and mince pies. A lovely event for the whole family.

One of our P1 pupils will be selected (name pulled from a hat!) to have the honour of switching the lights on... who will it be this year?



Thank you!

Mrs Little, thank you for joining us for term one at Holywood and for all your hard work supporting our pupils with their learning. We have enjoyed working with you.

Mrs Madden is working through a phased return now that her ankle is mended - welcome back.

Numicon Training

We will soon have the second Numicon training day for staff in school. This time with a focus on using the resource and strategies with pupils in the upper school.

The first day was very informative and staff are excited about using the approaches with pupils in their class next term.

Heading Out and About

Pupils are heading out and about on educational trips which can then be a focus for writing.

P5-7 have visited Dumfries House STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) centre to build vacuum cleaners and The Devil's Porridge Museum as part of their WWII work.

We hope to visit the Aviation Museum soon too.

P3/4 are heading to Dumfries Museum to explore Space.

P1/2 are heading to the Ewart Library as part of Book Week Scotland. (27th November - 1st December 2017)

Congratulations!

Miss Rutherford was married in the October holidays.

She has decided to become Mrs Rutherford-Campbell.

Our very best wishes to Mrs Rutherford-Campbell and her husband from Team Holywood.

DOG POO!

The Community Council have asked us to make posters to point out how disgusting it is when dog owners do not pick up their dog's poo.

Look out for our posters around the village particularly near the park and the wooded area.

Together we can clean up Holywood village.

School Christmas Party

Pupils will be having their Christmas Party on the afternoon of Thursday 21st December 2017. They may bring their party clothes in a bag and change after lunch.

Be Seen, Be Safe

The clocks have been rolled back and it is now much darker in the evenings.

Pupils walking home after school should make sure they can be seen by having a hi-visibility item of clothing like a vest or an arm band. A reflector on the school bag can also be a useful accessory.

Make sure your child can be seen to keep them safe when they are out and about this winter.

Please keep your information up to date with the us

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 for you.

LINE DANCING is back!

Mrs Graham was persuaded to come back and teach us some more Line Dancing skills this term.



Great for mental agility and physical fitness—this class can be a real de-stressor. And fun too!

Adults welcome with or with out their children. Bring a friend or family member along too.

£3 a class - Mrs Graham asks that adults pay for the 5 week block on the first night. (15th November 2017)

BIG THURSDAY

This term Teachers will be taking;

Miss Stapleton - Art

Miss Rutherford-Campbell - P.E.

Mr Walker - Outdoor Skills









Miss McIntyre - Music (pupils in P3-7 have been given the opportunity to purchase a Tin Whistle from the school at a cost of £5)

The last Big Thursday of this term will be 30th November 2017. After this pupils should come to school in their uniforms as we will be using the time to work on the school show.



Big Maths Share

Pupils across the school will be creating games in maths related to their learning. We are inviting parents / carers to come in and play these games with us - Yes, it's a big maths share!

Choose an afternoon or evening slot which ever suits you best.

Tuesday 16th January - 2-3pm or 6-7pm



Help!

Geoff Forrest will be back to help to get the willow den ready for winter on Friday 8th December.

Helpers needed to trim back and tidy the structure.

Pupils in P5-7 will also be helping and will need to bring wellies and gloves.

It would be great if you could spare some time in the morning to give Geoff a hand.

Please get in touch.

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