

Hollywood News – September 2015



Gala Day

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for organising and running the Hollywood School Gala on Saturday. Despite the unfavourable weather those who attended enjoyed eating burgers and homemade cakes. Taking a small gamble on the tombola and then legally hitting our best friends in the gladiator arena. It takes a lot of time and effort to organise the run up to the event and the event itself—thank you to Hollywood Parent Council members for all their hard work.

Some of the prizes on the raffle and tombola were due to an excellent letter written by Orla in P2. If you won a fish supper, a trip to Mabie Farm Park or a trip to Palmerston Park then you received just one of the prizes which Orla helped us to secure. Thank you Orla!

Thank you to all the local businesses who supported our event by donating a prize!

Pupils get Enterprising

Made up! - Sarah Jane (P4) brought her make up bag and set about improving the appearance of gala day attendees - all her own idea—brilliant!

Well done to Georgia and Kaylan (P4) who set up their own loom band stall on Gala Day. They planned and made a range of loom band jewellery before setting up and selling on the big day. Some of us are still trying to wash off the glitter tattoos from Saturday which were expertly applied by Isla (P5) and former pupil Charlie.

Of course, they couldn't have done it without the support of their parents—much appreciated. A great effort—**thank you!**

DID YOU KNOW?

About 80% of pupils come to Hollywood School from out with the school catchment zone!

This means that most of our pupils travel into school by car—some from quite a distance.

This means that a lot of families don't know each other and that children may only meet at school.

This makes it very important that the school provides opportunities for families to come together and get to know each other at social events, fundraisers and celebrations of learning.

Why?

...So that pupils and families feel included in the school community.

...To provide pupils and parents with a strong support network.

...To increase your knowledge and confidence in the work of the school.

We hope that making the choice to attend Hollywood School means that you want to be an active member in our school community.

We look forward to seeing parents, family and friends at a wide range of events across this session!

Only with your support can we continue to improve our school, build our community and move our learners forward.

Go Team Hollywood!

Up coming events...

Evening Beetle Drive - Dinner included! - Thursday 8th October – 5.30–7pm

Family Hallowe'en Disco - Friday 30th October - 6.30–8pm

Thinking About Starting...

Get out of your car - come in for a coffee! (a weekly opportunity to stop in to school from 2.30pm for a cuppa and a natter before you collect your children)

Family Breakfast - a chance for a conversation, a croissant and a coffee before the rush of the day.

Got another idea or want us to bring back a blast from the past? **Please get in touch and let us know.**

Please make sure you are updating your contact information with the school office. Changes to address, home phone, mobile phone and e-mail should be communicated to Mrs Jardine as soon as possible after a change.

This will help us to keep you up to date with school events or changes. It is also vital that we have contacts in case of an emergency!

Parent Council

We are very lucky to have a strong, well supported Parent Council.

We are always open to new faces and new ideas on the parent council. They have big ideas for school projects this year and want to organise a range of events to suit all the family.

Please get in touch with the school office or chat to a Parent Council member if you want to come along to meetings or get involved.

Possible ideas in the pipeline...

**A child free cabaret and race night at the village hall
Family Hallowe'en Disco**

Astro turfing the hard play area

Poly tunnel

BBQ Hut

Reading and reflection room

Please get involved...We need you!!

Thank you!

Thank you for all your ongoing support as I continue to teach five days most weeks.

Miss Baxter has written to parents to explain her extended absence. We continue to send her our best wishes for a full recovery.

Over the next three weeks we are delighted to have Mrs Trish O'Neil who is a very experienced class teacher working with us part time.

The staff team are working hard to ensure continuity and quality learning experiences for the pupils.

Please get in touch with any queries or concerns.

P7 pupils are out at Operation Safety on Tuesday 22nd - this is a very practical day organised by the emergency services. Pupils take part in a range of activities to ensure that they have the skills and knowledge to keep themselves safe in the modern world!

P4 pupils are out at Active Games on Wednesday 23rd - all the P4 pupils from across Dumfries will be joining the Active Schools team for a range of sporting events.

P1 and P7 dental checks take place on Thursday 24th - get your teeth brushed!!

Mrs Jardine has e-mailed out the school calendar— it has all the upcoming events and activities!

**MAILBAGS - WE INTEND TO SEND MAILBAGS OUT ON THURSDAYS THIS SESSION.
MAILBAGS WILL NORMALLY BE SENT HOME WITH THE YOUNGEST CHILD IN THE FAMILY.**

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Kind to each other – Kind to the planet.**

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