

Holywood News - Term 1 - 2017

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Child Protection

Every year staff are updated on the school procedures for Child Protection.

This is to safeguard pupils and ensure that all staff know the procedures should they have concerns about one of our pupils.

Miss Dale is the Child Protection Coordinator—any queries or concerns should be raised with Miss Dale in the first instance.

Miss Stapleton is the Depute Child Protection Coordinator and she should be approached with concerns if Miss Dale is out of school.

If you would like to view the Local Authority Child Protection Refresher Power Point which we share with staff annually—please contact the school office.



AMAZING NEW BUILDING

A huge thank you to our Parent Council members and their families for working during our summer holidays to put a new building into the playground.

A huge thank you to Euan, Gavin, Isla and Larsson; pupils who spent a lot of their holiday time in school digging and barrowing to get the base ready for the arrival of the new Outdoor Reading Hub.

Ann Ferguson (our Parent Chair) co-ordinated and gave up time to get the build organised. Thank you!

Thanks also go to the grandparents, cousins, uncles and aunties who were roped in to help.

Mr and Mrs Mattinson have been furiously painting - thank you!

Members of the parent council are now working on getting inside ready before the big reveal.

Happy Birthday Holywood!

Holywood Primary School opened in this building 50 years ago—on Monday 18th September 1967.

We are planning to celebrate our birthday throughout this our 50th year.

On Friday 15th September we had our Lunch Launch Party - buffet lunch, balloons, music and of course cake!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday—it was a great event.

What else are we planning?

We hope to design a 50th embroidered badge which pupils can wear on their uniform this year.

Isla has suggested that we have a commemorative plaque made for the front entrance.

Make and hang a big gold 50 for the front door.

🤾 We will look out all the old photos and add to the wall in the hall. We will try to put together a memory book.

We might organise a street parade to mark the end of our celebrations.

A decades display could be made for the hall.

Mrs Madden has planned a mural (which all pupils and parents can get involved in) for the main corridor.

Do you have an idea for marking our 50th year? Get in touch.

Target Setting Meetings

Bring your child along to discuss their learning targets on Thursday 5th October.

Appointments will be text out soon.

P.E.

As well as needing a P.E. kit for Big Thursday pupils also need a kit for their additional hour of physical education.

P1/2 - Monday

P3/4 - Tuesday

P5-7 - Monday

Shorts, t-shirt and indoor shoes are needed.

Please remove all jewellery at home.

Open Door Policy

A reminder that we operate an open door policy and encourage parents / carers to come in and discuss queries and questions before and after school.

Please note: If the teacher you want to meet with is unavailable that day an appointment can be made for you at the office.

NUMICON Training

We are using some of our Equity Funding to train staff in the use of the Numicon resource. Numicon is a resource to support the development of numeracy strategies.

Day 1: An introduction and strategies for using the resource.

Day 2: Using Numicon to re-engage pupils in P6 and 7 and to move learning forward.

Our training dates are Friday 29th September and Friday 24th November.

The training will take place at Holywood School and supply teachers will be working with our pupils on this day.



Sponsored Walk— Wednesday 11th October at 3.15PM

Help to raise funds to pay for the Free Fruit and for other school resources by taking part in our Sponsored Walk.

Sponsor forms are ready to be collected from the office.

Join us at the main entrance at 3.15pm for a snack and a drink before we head out on the walk.

Back in the hall reward yourself with a cuppa and a cake (homebaking donations would be much appreciated).

Last time we raised over £700—can we match that amount this year?!

Mrs Madden

Mrs Madden (Learning Assistant) is absent from school at the moment as she has broken her ankle.

Mrs Madden has written the story of her gardening misadventure for the pupils.

We wish Mrs Madden a speedy recovery.

Mrs Little is working with us in school to support learning this term.

LOST PROPERTY

We have already started to collect an astonishing amount of school uniform which pupils are not claiming.

Please ensure that all items of clothing have your child's name on them so that they can be returned if found in the school or playground.

Please let us know if your child needs to spend their playtime looking for their missing clothes.

School Photographer

Whole School Photo - we have asked Ewan Cannon to take a photograph of the whole school—pupils and staff to mark the 50th Birthday.

The photo will be available to buy and the school will purchase a copy for the wall in the hall. In 50 years time it will be pulled from the box and discussed by past pupils.

Ewan suggested we put together a time capsule and bury it in the play-ground—this is a great idea and we will work with the pupils to decide what should go in the capsule to represent learning at Holywood!

Business Groups are coming back!

We are working with pupils to share the United Nations 17 Global Goals. These goals for Sustainable Development have been set for everyone on the planet to take part in helping to make the world a better and fairer place for all.

We are planning our Business Groups around the Global Goals so that pupils at Holywood can help to improve our world.

We will have an assembly next term once we are up and running to share our Action Plans with parents.

Family Learning

A very important part of learning for our pupils is the support and involvement of their parents/ carers in the learning process.

In the new How Good is Our School 4 document from Education Scotland it is deemed one of the Quality Indicators to impact on positive progress for pupil learning.

What does this mean at Holywood this session?

Pupils will continue to set and then share targets in learning conversations with their parents.

Homework will have a skills focus and interactive element that parents can get fully involved in.

Parents will be invited to come into school to support learning through Business Groups (Fridays from 2PM).

Parents will be involved in developing the employability skills of pupils by sharing their experiences.

Celebrations of learning and whole school events will be organised to share learning and to bring the parent community together.

Please note: we will always try to take account of working hours and families with very young children by offering different events at different times or by giving as much notice as possible (through the school calendar) to try to engage as many families as possible. **PLEASE GET INVOLVED.**

Do you or a family member have a skill that is currently underused? Wood work, knitting, a foreign language, baking etc.?

Get in touch with Miss Dale to discuss how you could use your skills to support learning at Holywood.

The School Blog

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/HolywoodHullabaloo

Please access the school blog by clicking on this link and save it to your favourites! Read ALL ABOUT LEARNING at HOLYWOOD and access your School Calendar too.

Your child loves it when you leave a comment and start a discussion about a blog post.

This is an excellent resource led by the pupils. Please get family members reading the blog and show the pupils that their work matters.

We have new staff in school and they will work with pupils to get better at blogging too!

Maths Homework

Every pupil in school received their maths homework pack last Tuesday.

Need to discuss with a teacher? Get in touch and we will discuss how you can support to take your child's skills forward.

Literacy / Technology Homework

We will be developing A Connect 4 homework approach to support challenge and choice. More information to follow next term.

Please Keep Your Personal Information Updated with the School.

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 with Mrs Jardine.

Welcome to our new pupils

Oliver joins us in the Primary 4, Erin joins us in Primary 2 and another new Erin joins us in Primary 5!

Abigail, Carson, Daniel, Gabriella, Jack, Kohdie, Kye, Moira, Niamh & Rein are our new Primary 1 pupils.

Looking good in their new uniforms!

JOJO BOWs

As gorgeous as they are, please leave big ,glittery JoJo Bows at home. Please save for parties, discos and dress as you please days...Or evenings and weekends! Please note this does not include your small bows in school colours. Thank you.