



Hollywood News

Update February 2017

Scottish Opera - The Tale o' Tam o' Shanter

Hollywood P4-7 pupils will be working with pupils from Cargenbridge, Shawhead and Lochside primaries to put on a production with Scottish Opera.

Pupils will be working on and performing The Tale o' Tam o' Shanter. They were introduced to the songs yesterday by Mr Riddick our Music Specialist.

Pupils got a copies of the song words out to learn at home and we will be practising lots in school. Pupils must know all their song words confidently before we head to the first joint rehearsal.

Wednesday 8th March - first joint rehearsal workshop. All pupils get together at Lochside Primary for the afternoon to sing together and get input from Scottish Opera staff.

Friday 31st March - pupils get together for a full day rehearsal - to practise singing and performing.

At 2.15pm on Friday 31st March parents can come along to Lochside Primary School to watch the performance involving the pupils from the 4 primary schools.

Pupils are on holiday on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th February 2017

INSET days

While pupils are off resting school staff will be attending training.

Learning Assistants Mrs Queen and Mrs Madden are off to a workshop day in Kirkcudbright. They hope to learn about Lego Therapy!?!

Miss Dale and Miss Stapleton are heading to Dumfries College to hear an Inspirational Speaker. They will also be working on Moderation with the schools in the cluster – this will include Professional dialogue on the achievement of a level; What evidence looks like and Building confidence in teacher judgement.

QUIZATHON!

Thursday the 23rd February 2017 at 6PM

Miss Dale has invented a whole new social event for school. It is a quiz with a difference...

Each round will have a winning team who take home an exceptional (read: cheap and ridiculous) prize each.

Each round will require you to swap seats and gain a brand new team.

The aim is to get a chance to natter with different parents, pupils and family members.

Imagine the bragging rights in the car as you take a home a pile of prizes that the rest of your family didn't win!

Residential to Stronord

P5-7 pupils will be heading off to Stronord (near Newton Stewart) on Wednesday 1st March at 8.30AM and will return to school at 5.30PM on Thursday 2nd March 2017.

Parents will be e-mailed an information letter and an equipment list. Consent and Medical forms will be given to pupils to be completed at home.

The trip will cost £50 per pupil. We are asking parents to pay half. The money pupils raised at their Christmas show will help to pay for the other half.

Your £25 will pay for accommodation, transport, a dinner, a breakfast, a lunch and trained outdoor education staff to lead the activities.

Activities should include a full day hill walk, orienteering and mountain biking.

Please get in touch with Miss Dale if you have any queries about the trip.

Good Luck!

To our P6 and P7 badminton competition entrants.



They will be taking part in the Cluster Competition at Maxwelltown High School on Thursday, 9th February 2017.

Parent Council Funds

Thank you to everyone who attended the Movie Night and helped to raise another £170 for fruit at breaktimes.



One of our infant parents has asked the Parent Council if he can make donations to the Parent Council fund without waiting for an event. WOW! This is a radical and new idea. Of course, the Parent Council are delighted.

If anyone is interested in finding out more – please get in touch with Mrs Lynn Mattinson (Euan's Mum) or with Miss Dale who will put you in contact.

Target Setting

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th February

It is time to discuss targets once again.

You will receive a text with your timeslot - please reply to confirm if you can make it or not. If the time offered is not suitable we will offer you another time when all responses have been received.

Pupils should attend so that they can share their learning and targets too!

Employability Skills

It is important that pupils know about the wide range of jobs, careers and routes to employment that can be taken.

We would like to start by asking parents to come in and give a brief talk to pupils about their work and to answer pupil questions.

We will work around your work schedules – just let us know when suits. We know that this may be out of people's comfort zones and can assure you that only one parent will be in class at a time and that teaching staff will be there to support.

What do we want to know?

What is your job?

How did you get into the job?

What skills / qualifications did you need?

What are the enjoyable or challenging aspects of your job?

Want to know more before volunteering? Please get in touch with Miss Dale.

Infant Maths

Pupils in the infant maths class are currently working on aspects of Money. They have decided to set up two shops in the play dens – a pet shop and a café.

We intend to set up our shops this Friday (10/02/17) and need some resources:

Empty cardboard boxes (medium and large) as pet cages.

Borrow soft toy animals (name on label) – Miss Dale will keep a list to ensure all get home safely afterwards.

Pet accessories – brushes, leads, bowls

Posters – pupils can make to match their pet animal. Include price

Signs

Menus – Pupils can make with pictures and prices

Pupils will be given problems to solve, bills to work out and orders to add up as well as role playing the buying and selling in the shops during choose time. Later in the term pupils will be opening their stationary shop to raise funds for school and for a local charity – more about that to follow.

This will be a real opportunity to work with money in school.

Thank you

To Mr Dick who very quietly emptied the plastic recycle bin last week. This means another load of plastic will be recycled into benches and planters. It also means we have increased our credit with the BPI company once again. We really appreciate your time!

Counting Workshop

Miss Dale and Miss Stapleton are going to hold Counting Workshops so that you know how to support your child's numeracy learning at home.

Workshops will be on Wednesday , 22nd February from 2.45pm and from 5.45pm for about 15 /20 mins.

Please bring your child (unless out doing football training) as they will be demonstrating some of the counting approaches.

Staffing

Miss Findlay will be starting with us on Wednesday 1st March until the Easter Holidays. Miss Findlay will be working Miss Dale's timetable and will be teaching IDL in the senior class and mathematics in the infant class.

Homework

All parents were e-mailed a copy of the minutes from Miss Stapleton's recent working party on homework. Your views are being sought – please get your replies in as soon as possible so that we can get homework in literacy and numeracy up and running after the February holiday next week.

Survey for Self Evaluation

Look out for an e-mail coming soon which will give a link to an online survey. We are setting up a Survey Monkey to gather parental views on Holywood School. We hope this quick access online questionnaire will mean that more parents share their views.

Visit to Islamic Centre

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Mattinson for accompanying us to the Islamic Mosque last Monday. We all found the trip to be very educational. The mosque was very plain inside and everyone was settled and quiet as a result. Mohammed the secretary of the Centre explained about aspects of the Islamic religion. He also answered pupil questions about why no pork is eaten, how weddings differ and how Muslims pray. A short but informative trip.

SHED

The management team from Lincluden Primary School were up at Holywood to discuss the merits of an indoor shed. With space at a premium in their school too, new ideas to create a quiet nurture zone are needed.

Communication with Pupils

We have been discussing the positive outcomes of moving to a paper free office: direct communication with parents / carers through e-mail and text, no loose papers getting lost in bags by pupils, saving money on printing / posting costs, more time effective.

One major drawback is that pupils may not know what information has gone home. We used to read mailbag contents (as appropriate) to pupils prior to sending out home.

We are going to trial e-mailing pupils in P4-7 all relevant communications, for example: newsletters and sports letters. This will give pupils a real reason to check their GLOW e-mail on a daily / weekly basis. This will support the development of their ICT skills as well as keeping them up to date with school communications.

Pupils will be e-mailed from the school office address to their GLOW e-mail address – pupils will be able to access their e-mail in school and at home – just as they can with the school's GLOW Blog.

Assembly

What an amazing job Ethan, Jack and Bailey did presenting at assembly!

Ethan brought his guitar and shared his knowledge of the instrument and played a number of short pieces - most of which we recognised from the charts or movie themes. Ethan you were confident and engaging. You had prepared well. Thank you.



Jack and Bailey brought their kit and talked about their martial arts training. They demonstrated a number of stretches, kicks and punches. They told us about the good listening and discipline skills needed to progress in the sport. Loads of questions were asked by the audience - Jack and Bailey answered confidently. Boys you were very organised, shared a lot of information and demonstrated confidently. Good preparation. Very well done.

It is essential that when signing up to lead an assembly pupils consider the preparation needed. They must be organised with resources and key points. They must be ready to take audience questions.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to lead an assembly this term.



Mr Keith Walker is currently working to develop his skills in Primary teaching. Mr Walker will be in school to observe teaching and to discuss approaches. He will also be teaching one or two lessons in the infant class. Mr Walker is a trained secondary teacher who is currently the Development Officer for Outdoor Learning, Science and Sustainable Learning with the Local Authority.

Sketch Up Classes

Mr Euan Maclean (Miss Dale's other half) will be in school this term teaching pupils in the senior maths class how to use Sketch Up - a 3D computer design package. Mr Maclean will be working with Miss Stapleton to put together a programme of study for pupils. Mr Maclean has his own 3D visuals company and is giving up his own time to support learning at Hollywood. Sketch Up classes will be every second Friday during maths time. The first two classes have been well received by pupils who have given very positive feedback.

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.

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