

September 2013

Clothing Muddle – We are pleased to report that Logan's fleece has now been returned. Unfortunately he is not the only pupil who has lost or misplaced clothing. We are currently holding a dress, trousers, jumpers, a fleece and shorts in the lost property box. Please ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing.

P4-7 Rugby

Pupils in P4 - P7 will be receiving rugby training during their Monday P.E. time for the next three weeks. At the moment we have 4 or 5 pupils each week turning up without their PE kit. It is a health and safety issue and pupils will be unable to participate in PE and the rugby training if they do not have shorts and t-shirt to change into.



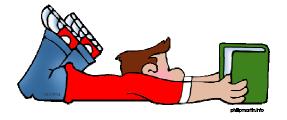
Gala Day - Saturday September 21st

Thank you to our senior pupils for the excellent job they made of the banner for the Gala Day – we hope it raises attention and brings in one or two new faces from the wider community.

Great Holywood Bake Off At John's suggestion we are holding a baking competition on Gala Day.
Enter your very best cupcake for judging on looks and taste.
Medal for the best child entry.
Trophy for the best adult star baker.

Remember the mini garden competition is open to all pupils – great prizes to be won!!

Hope you can all join us on the day - thank you to parents who have signed up to help out.



P1 Parent Workshop

We like to get our new P1 parents in to school to share our approaches to phonics, reading and writing. P1 Parents look out for a letter in the next mailbag.

Zoo Lab will be visiting the school later this session and an information sheet will follow in the next mail bag.

Younger pupils and their parents are very welcome to come into school and join the Zoo lab session with P1-4.

P7 pupils will be going to **Operation Safety** on October 1st. Operation Safety is a full day event run by the Police, Fire, Ambulance, NHS and other services. It provides interactive sessions which inform pupils about safe approaches in the wider world.

As our theme this session is Scotland's Physical Landscape with an extension into natural disasters for the senior pupils and weather for the younger pupils we have decided to make a whole school trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

More information to follow shortly.

Target Setting Parent Meeting

The first of our target setting joint meetings between parents, pupils and teachers will take place on Tuesday 24th September.

Appointment slips will be in the next mail bag.

Business Groups

All pupils at Holywood School are involved in a business group.

This session we have three groups – Health, BalEco and Pupil Council.

The health group have healthy eating and thinking about school lunches on their action plan for this term.

BalEco are focussing on recycling and are planning a whole school Green Day event.

The Pupil Council are going to focus on the library and getting everyone reading more this year – they hope to organise a number of book related events.

Miss Dale has asked that each business group takes responsibility for running a small business enterprise at some point this session. Each group will try to raise some money for charity. Understanding and running a small business enterprise for profit or loss is a Curriculum for Excellence experience and outcome. Pupils will be transferring numeracy and literacy skills to a real life context.

We are hoping that pupils have sound business approaches and will make a profit rather than a loss!

After School Clubs – Logan has suggested that a Design and Technology club should be the first after school club this session. Look out for his information letter and permission slip in a mail bag very soon.



Ukulele – we will be dusting our ukuleles off again this session. Thanks to Mrs Queen for recommending a super Beginners Ukulele book which we will be using to build our skills. Musicians from Feis Rois – a Scottish music programme for schools – will be working with upper school pupils on ukulele and traditional Scottish singing. This is the year when we will master and perform the ukulele!!

Teeth Brushing – we had a visit from Shona Muir who as always is very impressed with the responsibility pupils take for brushing their teeth after lunch. Keep up the good work.

Parent Helpers welcome – got time to support in school? Want to share a skill such as a second language or woodwork? Please get in touch with Miss Dale to discuss how to make it happen.

School Improvement Plan – this year's school improvement plan is now available on the blog. We are happy to provide a written copy or a direct e-mail.

Please read the Improvement plan and get back to us with comments.