

Holywood News

November / December 2018



A Huge Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who voted for me in the Kip McGrath inspirational teacher competition.

I am delighted to announce that I have won—thanks for your kind words and messages. It was amazing to have so many of our parents and friends of the school take the time to vote for me.

The prize is £100 voucher for a meal out and I will be using it the next time the staff team are out because as you know in a school like Holywood it is all about the team.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Mr Queen our football coach who has been shortlisted for School Coach of the Year.

We hope he has a great night at the awards ceremony and of course that he comes away with the award.

Thank you for all your hard work Mr Queen, we know you are coach of the year what ever the result!!

Ramp and Entrance Change due to wall re-construction—Work starts 8AM on the 12th November

An e-mail was sent out on the 1st November detailing the changes in entry to the school due to the building works to be undertaken at the front of the school.

Copies of the plans are on the school noticeboards—please be sure to make yourself familiar with the changes which will be in place for 4-6weeks.

Parking

It could make parking trickier especially at 3pm. Please be very considerate about where you park. Could you park at the village hall and walk round? Miss Dale happy to walk pupils out to the village hall if needed!

After school clubs will help as pupils will be getting picked up at staggered times!

Patience and Understanding will be required during the works. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Is there anybody out there?

Are you reading the school blog - the big, friendly blog which is mainly written by our pupils?

Pupils are adding to the blog on a weekly basis - sharing learning and their views on school. Please read and add your comments.

Mrs Martin and her class from Gretna Primary are big readers of the Holywood Blog and leave regular comments. Thank you - much appreciated!



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

Pupil Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 14th November starting at 9AM

We are West Sound School of the week starting Monday 12th November 2018!

Coming up This Term...

Science Afternoon, Friday 16th November 2pm in the school hall -

Pupils are setting up some of the resources and investigations they have been working on in Science.

Learn about magnets and forces.

Find out if your shoes are slippy or grippy.

Make a musical instrument with a variety of tones.

Try the buoyancy fruit challenge

Take the wooden spoon challenge

...and much, much more!



Book Week Scotland



Week beginning 19th November



Look out for daily events for pupils during book week. Pupils in P1 - P3 receive book bags from the Scottish Government on the Friday of book week.

P4 Curricular Swimming



20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th & 29th November & 4th, 5th, 6th December 2018

P4 pupils are involved in swimming lessons this term.

Due to authority changes only P4 pupils are getting the opportunity this year.

We will look for opportunities to take pupils swimming - perhaps to the open air pool at New Cumnock?!

Toys and Stuff Table Top Sale - Friday 23rd November

Pupils would like to hold a bring and buy sale from 2pm in the hall to raise some finds for school. Time to make some space before Santa comes to call. Please send in your unwanted fabulous items and we'll find them a new home. Please come in from 2pm on the 23rd and we can sell you lots of fabulous things for Christmas!

Any unsold items will be donated to local charity shops.

Hallowe'en Hullabaloo

A huge thank you to everyone who got involved in the Hallowe'en disco.

Amazing turn out - great to see families supporting the school and having fun!

Amazing costumes - best selection of homemade costumes ever!

Amazing adults in costume - brilliant to see so many family members in their Hallowe'en garb.

Did you like the new games? Rings of Blood and the Bat Hunt - feedback would be appreciated.

Thanks again to everyone for creating a warm and friendly environment in the school - a shout out to the dads for getting mummified again!

School Show - Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December

This year pupils will take to the stage to perform Wizard of Oz

How it works at Holywood:

- Pupils are given a script. They choose parts they want to audition for and learn some of the lines.
- Auditions are held in school and parts are awarded. Pupils learn their lines with the help of their family.
- Pupils learn the songs at school and home.
- Monday 3rd December , rehearsals start in school, costumes get organised in school, sets and props get made.

Parents, family members and community members buy lots of tickets and we perform three sold out shows—ticket order forms will be out soon.

On Wednesday an evening performance starting at 6.30pm

On Thursday we have an afternoon performance (1.30pm start) and an evening performance starting at 6.30pm.

Please note that the Thursday afternoon show is a special show. It is the one we recommend to bring babies, toddlers and noisy family members to. We try to have an interactive element—this year's pack will include rainbows to wave.

All performances are followed by a cuppa and a biscuit.

The Parent Council hold a raffle to raise funds for school—Please send in any donation for Hampers from the start of December. Thank you.

Pupils also take on roles behind the scenes with lighting, sets and music.

New Pupils

Welcome to Esmae, Cleo and Rory, Sarah and Daisy who have joined the team here at Holywood.

Welcome also to their families - look forward to catching up at future school events.

P1 & P7 Dental Inspections 15th November

Letters sent home 31st October - if you would <u>not</u> like your child to see the dentist you must reply to their letter and let them know before the inspection date above.



P1 School Nurse Visit - 11AM on Tuesday 28th November

Letter were given out for parents on the 9th October please complete and return if you haven't already before the nurses visit. Thank you.

Let's Get Sporty

P3-5 Started on Tuesday 6th November from 3-4PM

Still time to come along and join in the fun.

Pupils from P3-5 will be playing a range of games and sports to keep them active and fit.

Greenhouse - planning meeting

It would be great to get a working party together to discuss sorting out the inside of the greenhouse.

It would be ideal if we had parents, community members and pupils on the working party alongside staff.

Please get in touch if you help us to get some plans together.

Reports home to Parents - Wednesday 5th December

Staff write short Interim Reports which share levels, effort and progress across all the curricular areas worked on in school this session.

These reports go hand in hand with target setting and context evaluations to give you, our parents, further information about pupil learning.

Badminton

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

Badminton will be on Monday the 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November and will cost £1 per pupil per session.

Pupils in P6 and 7 will be entered in the cluster badminton competition so that they get a chance to experience playing new people.





Healthy Cooking Club - Huge demand as over 30 pupils sign up for this club.

Group 1 Starts Wednesday 14th November for 3 weeks. Group 2 starts after the Christmas Holidays (sorry—just not enough weeks in the term that don't have a show in them!!)

Please note that we will run another cooking club later in terms 3 and 4 to make full use of the cooking equipment! Yum!

Village Christmas Light Switch On

The Holywood and Newbridge Community Council have their official lighting ceremony on the first Sunday in December (2nd) 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?

Christmas Dinner—Tuesday 18th December from 12.15pm

It's back! And you are all invited!

One of the biggest events last session was the Christmas lunch.

We all enjoyed chomping our way through a turkey dinner with chipolatas

and roast potatoes (please note dietary requirements can be catered for).

Put the lunch date in your diary and join us once again for a couple of verses of Jingle bells and some great nosh!

Order forms will be out soon!

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.









School Christmas Party

Pupils will be having their

December 2018. They may

bring their party clothes in a bag and change after lunch.

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