Holywood News February 2019



Wave Hello, Say Goodbye!

It is lovely to welcome Bruce and Lottie to P3/4 and Josie to P5-7

Our P5-7 class is now full!

We are always sad when Team Holywood pupils choose to move on but we wish Erin T and Rein well at their new school. We hope to catch them through the blog to find out how they are getting on.

Loving the Outdoors



P5-7 had a great experience at Carlingwark and their photos are on the blog to prove it.

One of the instructors out together a film of the hill walk up Screel. We have put the film on the blog and we would urge you to go and watch it immediately. My Dad (Mr Dale) was very impressed!!

We have reviewed our experience and sent feedback to Mike and his team over at Carlingwark. Very noisy bunk beds the most serious complaint and not just because of chatty children!

Pupil Holiday

Pupils will be off school on the 21st and 22nd February for their midterm break.

Please note that teaching staff will be in slogging on with staff training!

Shed Shuffle

We have moved the shed from P5-7 into P1/2 where it will be turned into a sensory shed for younger pupils and pupils across the school who need a time out from the hustle and bustle.

This will free up some elbow room in the senior room which has been filling up with pupils!

The Parent Council are funding a new shed which we have put in the new greenhouse as a Tinkering / Makerspace . Pupils will be able to use tools to take part broken appliances. They will be able to repair items!?! Pupils can also invent and build new designs. (From Me Shed Son...for Big Breakfast viewers over a certain age!)

Greenhouse Meeting

Thanks to everyone who expressed an interest in getting involved in the next stage of our Greenhouse—planning the inside layout.

I have set a meeting for **Monday 25th February at 3.15pm** so that we can have a robust discussion and get exciting ideas to make the greenhouse an excellent learning space.

Please let me know if you can attend.

Movie Night—Wednesday 20th

Before midterm holiday stop by in the evening for Movie Night.

Bring your bean bag and wear your onesie to ensure maximum comfort as you tuck into a great movie and a hot dog and ice-cream.

Letters sent home with pupils.

New for Let's Get Sporty - Tuesdays 3-4pm, starts 26th February.

We asked the senior class what they would like to do at their Let's Get Sporty sessions to help them stay fit and they came up with military style obstacles and outdoor exercises. Pupils plan to be dragging tyres up hills and scrambling under nets. Pupils must have outdoor PE kit and a free pass to the family washing machine.

Parents! Want to join in? Get in touch and we'll ask the question. Miss Dale intends to get her old joggers out and take part!



Holywood Reading Challenge 2019

All pupils have received their Reading Passport and can get it stamped to say they're on the way with the reading challenge!

Reading Hub open on Tuesday and Fridays for borrowing books at the end of the school day. But just ask if these days don't suit as we can be flexible!

Start a buzz about books!

Building a Tippy Tap

Pupils are building a Tippy tap in the playground. This simple invention will allow pupils to wash muddy hands and rinse off their boots before coming into the building.

Paul and Greg are in charge of the build. If you have an empty 5litre plastic container we would be delighted to recycle it for you!

Badminton

Well done to Greg, Ebony, Euan and Kaylan who recently took part in the Cluster Badminton

Competition. We hope that they will continue to play when they head off to secondary school and take their skills forward.

Come back to Holywood as coaches in the future!?!

Cooking Club—Bigger then ever!

What a turn out for cooking club—over 50 pupils took part and made soup, turkey kofta and fairy cakes. Recipe cards are available in the corridor—please help yourself and if you make a dish at home pop a photo on the blog!

Thank you to all the parents and staff who help make cooking club a smooth running success.

We will be running more cooking clubs this session but wanted to shake things up by holding a few pupil cooking community events...

Food Events at Holywood

Pop up Pancake Stall - Wednesday 6th March from 2.30pm.Pupils will have their batter mixed and the toppings ready.
Stop by and munch a pancake or two.



DGFirst will be stopping in at this event with a school dinner display—to answer questions, share new menu choices and discuss costs and value for money in response to your questionnaires.



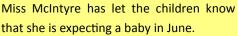
Burger Night - Wednesday 3rd April from 5—7pm (Kitchen closes at 6.30pm) Pupils will make a range of burgers (Beef, turkey and veggie) for you to try. Bring the family along and have dinner with us!

Lunchtime events coming up in term 4...

Soup and pudding lunch

Salad bar and smoothie lunch

Congratulations!



Exciting news and we wish her well.

Mr Walker will be rushing to Holywood to cover Miss McIntyre's maternity leave until the Summer holidays.

Dates to be confirmed.

Cross Country Event

Miss Dale has entered all pupils from P4–7 in the Nithsdale Cross Country Event on **Wednesday 27th March 2019** at King George V. As we have 60 pupils we are now classed as a middle school and our first race is at 9.45am.

Pupils will be getting ready with practise sessions in school during P.E. times.

Big Thursday Update

Pupils tell us they are really enjoying the STEM engineering and the addition of computer science to the Big Thursday timetable. Pupils have been de-constructing everyday appliances in engineering.

After the February break pupils switch to Outdoor Learning with Miss Brockie Donald warm layers, old clothes (long sleeves and long trousers) and wellies will be essential!!

Digital Photography will be the focus in Computing after the break and Mrs Jardine has called on the support of Mr Walker and the Abbey Camera Club to assist with knowledge and expertise!

Professional quality photographs on the blog soon!!



