Holywood News - April / May 2019



Congratulations Miss Brockie Donald!

We have nominated Miss Brockie-Donald for Scottish Probationer Teacher of the Year and we are very pleased to announce that Miss Brockie Donald will be going to the Conference in Edinburgh as the probationer representative for Dumfries and Galloway.

Her confident approach to the curriculum—gymnastics, food technology, Outdoor skills and STEM engineering are just some of the reasons why we felt we had to nominate her!

Miss Stapleton will be heading to the event too as she has been Miss Brockie-Donald's teaching mentor this session.

Staff News

To ensure that we can take improvement forward we have been able to appoint permanent staff to all the posts in school:

Miss Brockie Donald has been appointed to the full time position here at Holywood.

We are delighted that Mrs Jardine will be returning on a Thursday and Friday.

And Miss Pattie will be working with us after the Summer on a Thursday and Friday.

Congratulations to all—we are delighted that you will all be joining us at Holywood to take learning and teaching forward!

Moat Brae

Mrs Jardine recently attended a pre-opening event for teachers at Moat Brae. She was very impressed by the new resource and the activities on offer for pupils.

P3/4 will be heading along to test out these new resources this **Friday - 10th May**. Pupils need to be in school uniform and have a packed lunch (letters were e -mailed home last week).

We look forward to hearing all about the visit and hope you all get a chance to go along and see this exciting new venture for yourselves.

Fond Farewell!

Miss McIntyre will be finishing up at Holywood and starting her Maternity leave on the 20th May 2019.

Miss McIntyre has taken the decision to relocate and will be moving to join her fiancé. We will be sorry to lose her excellent teaching and team working skills. We have had a lot of fun working together over the past two years at Holywood.

We look forward to meeting the newest member of the family when they arrive!

We would like to get Miss McIntyre a special keepsake to remind her of her time at Holywood. If you would like to make a donation toward her gift please hand it in to the school office as soon as possible.

We are hosting a wee afternoon tea for Miss McIntyre on Friday 17th May from 2.15pm. We will present the gift at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to join us—drop in for tea and cakes.

Donations of home baking very much appreciated too!

Please note that Mr Walker will be taking on Miss McIntyre's days at Holywood until the Summer break.

We look forward to working with Mr Walker once again!

Science Workshops

P3-7 have been offered a free science workshop on **Wednesday 8th May**. Lucy will be joining us at Holywood to show pupils how to make their own juggling balls before teaching them how to juggle—clearly there is science behind being good at it. We'll let you in on any secrets we discover.

Local Study - Town Trip

We can't believe it's three years since we all headed to Dumfries Town Centre, to visit local attractions, to survey and complete tasks. But it is!!

We are planning to take the whole school to town once again on May 22th and 24nd. We will split into mixed year groups and visit six different locations over two days.

Each location will have a task with information to be collected for use back in school.

Pupils will be working together to complete their tasks both on the visits and back in school.

Parents will be invited in at the end of the project to view the work undertaken by pupils.

RAG BAG COLLECTION

We have **Tuesday 14th May** marked in the diary as a **RAG BAG** Collection.

This means that you can bring along any old clothes, shoes, curtains or duvet covers (no duvets!) that you want to be recycled in a bag and they will be taken away.

We know that the bin in the car park gets very full - please note that we can store bags in the shed until a collection day.

We are going to see if we can get a second bin in the car park as you are totally brilliant at using this resource.

The school get a small amount of money when the clothes are weighed and this goes into school funds.

Gala Day

On Friday June the 7th, we are holding Gala Day!

We have loads of fun stalls planned for anyone who wants to come along!

Some of these include: Beat the goalie, Face painting, the plant stall and the cake stall.

Pupils are putting together letters asking for donations and help, so if you can help us, that would be amazing.

Gala Day runs from 2pm—4pm.

Please keep fingers crossed for a sunny day.

More information to follow!

By Kaylan

Our Parent Council take charge of running the tombola. If you have any unwanted gifts, tins or bottles at home we would be happy to accept them as donations to the tombola stall. Simply hand items in to the school office.

Easter Hamper

Congratulations to Dakota Beattie and her family who were the lucky winners of the Big Easter Hamper!

You helped us to raise almost £100—thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.

A huge thank you to my mum's friend Aileen for donating the beautiful hamper to the school.

Mud Kitchen Update

Larsson has dismantled the old mud kitchen—which pupils had worn out. Anneliese in P1 has talked her Grandad in to building us a new mud kitchen! Thank you!

Help needed to take old mud kitchen pieces away!

Working with Lincluden

Last Friday 33 pupils from the P4 class at Lincluden came to visit Holywood. They joined us for a trip into the woods for a scavenger hunt.

To partner up with each of the P4 pupils we had to ask our P3-7 pupils to join in!

Lincluden have invited P4 pupils to join them for a trip to Mabie Forest for an Orienteering session on **Friday 17th May.** More information to follow.

The aim of this partnership working is to offer pupils new experiences and the chance to meet and build relationships with new people. Building confidence.

Everyone behaved brilliantly on Friday—thank you!

Please note Holywood pupils were a bit more mud confident than Lincluden pupils—no surprise there!!

Gymnastics Club!

Miss Brockie Donald is starting a gymnastics club. It will be every Wednesday from now to the summer holidays (so 6 weeks). There are two groups and 10 pupils in each group.

The second group will be after the summer holiday.

Make sure you have your PE kit.

It will 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Miss Brockie—Donald has offered the club to P4, 5 and P6 pupils. She can only take 10 pupils at a time for safety and top learning.

P4—6 pupils were asked to sign up.

Parents were then text and names were drawn out.

Mrs Jardine has text out to let people know who is starting

Survival Club

On the **16th of May** I will be starting a Survival Club for p5-7 pupils. On the first week you will be lighting fires. On week two you will be Building dens. On week three you will be learning about B.O.B (Bug Out Bags) and on the last week you will be cooking/baking and climbing.

Letters will be e-mailed out soon. The club will have a maximum of 15 spaces due to safety and activities.

By Paul

Abbey Camera Club

On Saturday, I popped in the photo exhibition of the Abbey Camera Club at the Stove in Dumfries High Street.

I saw all the great photos by Holywood pupils (some P5-7 pupils had photos selected).

We were asked to vote for our favourite photo. Dad and I chose differently.

By Euan

A huge thank you to Mr Walker and members of the Abbey Camera Club for supporting pupils in their learning and to Mrs Jardine for getting photos organised for the exhibition.

Don't worry if you missed the exhibition—we are certain we can put the photos on display in the school soon. We'll let you know when they arrive back!

Bike breakfast

This year, we have had two bike breakfasts so far. For those of you that don't know, bike breakfast is when everybody is asked to show up at 8am with their bikes. We cycle about a distance of about 2 km and those more experienced cyclists can go twice. It is fun and afterwards we get a free breakfast.

A huge thank you to Mr Houston for giving us the sausages for a great price.

It's a great time we have at bike breakfast and parents can join in the fun. You can walk if you are not so good on a bike.

It is great fun and as far as we know we are the only school that does it, so adopt our attitude... other schools.

By Charlie

Moving or Mobile Change?

Please keep us up to date with changes to e-mail, phone numbers and your address.

Keeping you up to date through e-mail and text is easy if we have the correct contact details!

Thank you!

Thank you Mr Dale!

A huge thank you to my dad for making us a super sized wellington stand.

As you can see, we can get an enormous amount of welly boots off the ground. Making the front entrance so neat and tidy!

The infants have already pinched the other stand and now have two—making the infant entrance super tidy too!



Pre-loved Uniform Bargains!

We know that you have your uniform order forms out and are thinking about new school clothes for next session.

PLEASE remember that we have a pre-loved stand in the corridor which is currently weighed down with boys trousers and small polo shirts.

Grab any item for £1 each. It's re-using—good for the planet.

Take away and try on before you buy!

Stock up on extra shirts for those really mucky weeks!

Thank you to everyone who sends in uniform which there children have outgrown! **Thank you** to everyone who buys as the money goes in the school fund and helps us to buy new resources for learning!

Uniform orders should be with us by Friday 10th May

Lost Property—Please come and find yours!!

Thank you to members of P5-7 who helped to write sections of the newsletter so that we could get it to you before the Summer!! :-)

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