# Holywood News - August 2019

# Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a great Summer and found time to chill with your children.

Pupils look very smart in their school uniforms - PLEASE ensure pupils have their names on each item of clothing.

Loads of **Pre-loved** uniform on the stand—Please come and grab some bargains. £1 an item.

Mountains of left over clothes in lost property from last session heading to the RagBag recycle bin—last chance to claim!

# New Staff

Congratulations to Ms Gray our new school cook. We are certain she will do a great job in the kitchen.

Our new cleaner is Mrs Balfour—she is going to help us to keep Holywood clean and tidy.

Welcome to both new team members!

# P.E Kit Needed

P1/2 on a

P3/4 and P5-7 on a Friday

## Off Timetable

For the first two weeks back at school (this year 3 days and a week) we stay off timetable.

#### What do we do?

We focus on building positive teams and relationships within classes and the school.

We focus on an aspect of Health and Wellbeing—Be Nurtured.

We revisit behaviour expectations and KiVa approaches.

## Why?

This has shown to support all pupils to settle in quickly and to build positive relationships with peers and staff.

Ensuring all pupils have the best possible start to the new school year and their learning.

Homework starts in week three too—more information to follow.

## Any changes?

Please let the office know of any changes in address, phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

Communications with home can only be kept up to date if we have the correct contact details.

We will be keeping up our paper free communications as much as possible. Texts and e-mails will be our most frequent methods of contact.

# Blog

We have a super blog which the pupils update weekly with their learning.

Get online and check out their blog posts.

Search online: Holywood Hullabaloo Glow

You will also find a whole load of other relevant information about Holywood School.

## **New Pupils**

Welcome to our seven new pupils joining Team Holywood in Primary 1.

Welcome to Jo who joins our P6 pupils.

We are looking forward to meeting Airen on Monday when he also joins the team here at Holywood.

## **Greenhouse Planters**

Our new Plaswood planters have been delivered and they look amazing.

Stop in and check them out. We will be meeting to plan how we use our fabulous resource to support both pupil learning and family learning at Holywood.

Huge Thank you! The planters were delivered for free and a friendly team arrived to help Mrs Moore and I place the planters in the greenhouse. Brilliant!



#### What is **BIG THURSDAY**?

#### We take the opportunity to work differently with our classes on a Thursday and the pupils love it.

#### How does it work?

Each member of staff teaches a curricular area for the day and has the chance and challenge of working with all pupils in school.

Staff also get their RICCT time (reduction in class contact time) during the Big Thursday day.

#### What do pupils need?

<u>Pupils need to come to school in their old clothes</u>. Long sleeves and long trousers. Wear wellingtons (Plenty of spare wellies in the school shed—please come and try before you buy new ones!) Layer up as the weather changes as it gets cold in Winter.

<u>Pupils need to bring their PE kit</u>—shorts, t-shirt and indoor shoes / trainers. Pupils may need outdoor trainers if the weather permits as PE may be outside.

#### What subjects are taught on Big Thursday?

Term 1	PE	Drama	Outdoor Skills	Art
Term 2	PE	Drama	STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths)	Music
Term 3	PE	Computer Science	STEM (including food technology)	Art
Term 4	PE	Computer Science	Outdoor Skills	Music

Big Thursday starts on Thursday 29th August.

#### ALL ABOUT ME!

Everyone in school will be given an All About Me project. The project asks pupils, staff and families to delve in and tell us some fun facts about themselves on a poster.

We then hang the posters around the hall and invite everyone along for a cuppa to read and share photos, info and fun facts. In the past it has been a positive opportunity for building positive relationships between pupils, staff and parents.

We have discovered new things about pupils and staff we have worked with for years.

Projects will be given out this Friday.

Hand in date Wednesday 4th September.

Big Project Share - Thursday 5th September from 2.30pm. All parents welcome to join us for tea and a biscuit in the school hall. Come and find out all about us!

## **Holywood Year of Reading**

This term we are very excited to be launching our "Holywood Year of Reading"! We will be carrying out a reading survey to find out more about reading habits and how we can increase confidence and enjoyment in reading.

Pupils will be taking a leading role in developing our reading hub and planning events. Keep an eye on our blog and newsletters to keep up to date.

We can't wait to see where the magical world of reading takes us!