Holywood News - September / October 2019



Wellie Exchange!

Thanks to generous parents and pupils we have an amazing selection of wellies in the school shed.

Please don't buy a new pair if your old ones are too small or have worn out. Come and get a pair from the shed. FREE!

Even better bring your old wellies and put them in the shed for someone else to use in future. Let's grow our Wellie Exchange.

Kind to Each other: Supporting the ongoing challenge of reducing the cost of the school day for all of our families.

Kind to the Planet: re-using and reducing the amount of wellies going to landfill.

BIKE BREAKFAST

Pupils have asked us to try and squeeze a Bike Breakfast into the calendar before the October holidays and we have!

FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER - 8am, School Playground

Join us for a 2 mile cycle before breakfast in the hall.

Letter to follow.

Can't cycle yet? Walk it with us or bring the buggy!

Look out for info about parent cycle classes coming soon!!

Also Miss Dale and Miss Stapleton will be running cycle training for pupils later in the session!

QAMSO

Miss Stapleton has volunteered to be a Quality Assurance and Moderation Support Office (QAMSO) for our school cluster.

Great for Miss Stapleton - as she will be attending national Education Scotland Events to learn about and share good teaching practice.

Great for Holywood - as we get to hear about new national development and we get to share what we do and discuss how to improve it with other professionals.

Great for the Cluster - as Miss Stapleton will support our teaching colleagues across the cluster as we develop our practice on teacher training days.

Bon Voyage!

We had a wee social dance and a bite of shortbread on Friday with Moira and her family. A chance to say farewell and to thank them for their positive support as members of Team Holywood before they head off to New Zealand.

As you know once a member of Team Holywood—always a member of Team Holywood.

We look forward to a partnership with Moira's new school in New Zealand. We will take the opportunity to study the country and how it compares and contrasts with Scotland.

We hope to send some wee books across the world and to start some pen friends for life!

Target Setting and History Night

It's time for parents and pupils to come in and talk targets.

We will be target setting on THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER from 3.15pm.

Information letters and appointments will be out this week.

Can't make it on the Thursday? It's fine—we'll make you another appointment.

BONUS: Travel back in time and see our great work all about Scottish History!! Thursday 10th October 3pm - 7.70pm

Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to Mrs Jardine and the Reading Reps our Holywood Year of Reading is off to a great start.

The Book Fair was jam packed with shoppers on Friday—a huge thank you to everyone who bought a book. Supporting their child's reading and helping us to get some new books for the Reading Hub.

The Book Fair is open Monday—Wednesday this week from 2pm - 4pm.

Bring family, friends and neighbours along to buy a book.

Want to borrow books for free?

Come along to the Reading Hub and sign out our library books or join the Dumfries Library — they have an amazing selection of children's books.

Well done!

Ella and Larsson attended the Inclusive Sports Event with the Active Schools Team. They really enjoyed it.

A huge well done to Larsson who won a bronze medal whilst taking part in his first Boccia competition.

Ella and Larsson were the only primary pupils at the event—they competed against secondary school pupils!

Boccia is a sit down bowling game and can be played competitively all the way up to the Olympics. Just Saying!!

Holywood Hallowe-en Family Disco

On Thursday 31st October 6.30—8pm join us in the school hall for some spooky dancing and games. It's a family affair so parents and siblings welcome too!!

Go on a bat hunt - but watch out for the spooky ghosts. Dook for apples and survive the Rings of Blood (strawberry sauce).

Prizes for best HOMEMADE costumes children and adults —so get out your newspaper and old boxes and get creative! We are happy to support with tape, glue and resources if you need them.

It's what the two week October holiday was made for!!!

P6 Curling's Cool

P6 pupils are heading out to Dumfries Ice Bowl for Curling on Monday 28th October. You'll get a letter with all the details soon and a reminder text nearer the time

Homework - Clearing up myths pupils are telling their parents!!

Please note **everyone** in school has homework:

Maths Pack - every pupil has a maths homework options sheet and parent comment board. Pupils can be undertaking 10-20 mins of maths homework 3/4 times a week.

Spelling Workout—every pupil in p3-7 has a spelling workout programme to work on. Pupils can workout their spelling for 10 minutes—3/4 times a week.

P1-3: Phonics / Sounds homework.

If your child is telling you they don't have homework—this is not the case!

If you have never seen homework—come in we're happy to replace.

Maths and Spelling Homework has been designed to:

- -Fit around clubs and sports.
- -Planned in short, frequent bursts rather than spending hours.
- Skills based to support classroom learning and life long learning.
- Be completed in partnership with parents and siblings.

Just like with sports you can improve some of your numeracy and literacy skills with practice. It's about effort!

Reading - improve your reading by reading - yip reading

Heating

The school heating system had enough after 52 years and gave up in May this year.

Plans are in place to replace the school heating between January and March 2020.

We have portable heaters which should keep us warm and toastie over the Winter.

We will be in school during the works and classes will need to move out of class into the gym hall to work for 2/3 weeks at a time.

Staff at Holywood adapt to change very well and we are certain some creative BIG work will take place when pupils have the hall as their classroom.

When we have confirmed the plans for the works we will share them with you.

Pupils should find all their missing jumpers as they may need them over the Winter in school!

Reminder: P4 Curriculum Swimming Dates

8th, 9th, 10th, 29th 30th and 31st October

and the 5th, 6th and 7th November.

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