

# Hollywood News - November 2019

## Target Setting

If you didn't get a chance to stop in last term (you lucky, lucky people on holiday!) then be sure to make an appointment and catch up with us ASAP so your child can share their targets.

Copies of target sheets home this week!

### Well done!

**Well done and thank you to our P6 pupils who recently attended a curling training event.**

**You were a credit to the school both with your effort during the sessions and your behaviour.**

**Thank you!**

Welcome

A warm Hollywood welcome to Caspian (P4) and Tanith (P2) who joined the team this Monday.

We look forward to getting to know you and your family better.

## BIKE BREAKFAST

A huge thank you to all the parents who come along to the Bike Breakfast and help us to ensure our riders are safe and secure on the road.

Thank you to Ms Gray for making our breakfast; it was delicious!

We couldn't run these events without you!

Thanks also to Kate and John from Sustran for supporting the event. They love coming along to Hollywood Bike Breakfasts and speak very highly about the parent/ community support we receive and about the good manners and team spirit of our pupils.

## Cycle Lessons for Parents

The Sustran team have offered us the opportunity to take up free cycling lessons for parents / carers.

If you haven't been on a bike for years; are a bit wobbly or have never been on a bike this is your chance to build skills and confidence.

Get on your bike and learn; we'll see you at the next Bike Breakfast.

Information being e-mailed out this week.

## Scholastic Book Fair

**WOW!**

**Our parents and community spent £600 at the Scholastic Book fair...**

**This means that the school get to choose £300 worth of free books.**

**You are all generous and amazing! Thank you!**

**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.

## Healthy Reminder:

Our Parent Council buy fruit for snack on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (often lasts into Friday too!)

Free for all pupils!

You only need to bring or buy fruit snack on a Monday and Friday.

Please save sweet treats for packed lunch or home time.

Water bottles should only contain water—keeping us hydrated and learning!

Thank you!

## Big Thursday

You need old clothes ( and layers for heading outside) as well as your PE kit (shorts, t-shirt and trainers) for Big Thursday (every Thursday).

### PE days:

P5-7: Friday

P1-3: Monday

P3-5: Friday

## Hallowe'en Disco—Brilliant Homemade Costumes!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the party and helped to set up and run the games.

A huge thank you to the Hollywood staff team for giving up their evening and coming back to work—I know that the pupils and parents appreciate it as much as I do.

Thanks also to Stephen, our music man—who gives his time and resources for free!

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Merissa's Mum for painting our new Black board wall in the hall last week.

We love it!

We have advised pupils that only school black-board walls should be drawn on.

Look out for the Solar System appearing on the wall very soon!

## School Show

We have finally made a decision about this year's show...

### Dragon Days!

How a show works at Hollywood:

1. As soon as the script arrives we will get every child a copy to take home (hopefully by the end of this week)
2. Pupils read and choose a part they want to audition for (pupils can audition for as many parts as they want). Any pupil can audition for any part—no age restrictions.
3. Auditions are held in the hall with the whole school.
4. Pupils awarded a part highlight their words and go off and practise—at home, at lunchtime etc.
5. Everyone learns the songs. Words at home and school. Tunes in school (so that you only get to hear the glorious finished numbers on show night).
6. On the week beginning 2nd December REHEARSAL WEEK begins (words need to be learned!). We'll sort out as many of the costumes in school as we can but may need your help with t-shirts, leggings etc.
7. SHOW WEEK: Tuesday 10th (6.30pm) and Wednesday 11th (1.30pm and 6.30pm)
8. Photos taken for the newspaper, school blog and newsletter.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Family members who have good sewing skills can stop by and help with costumes on rehearsal week—just get in touch!

The show has no link to Christmas and is more in the style of a panto/ musical (our usual!).

This is to ensure that all families and pupils can participate and attend the event.

No photos or filming on the night—due to parental permissions, GDPR and an additional £30 to purchase a filming licence!!

Tickets will be on sale soon—details to follow.

## Christmas Dinner

### Save the date, tweak the flexitime and join us!

We are delighted that Ms Gray is happy to get all steamed up in the kitchen for our community Christmas Lunch.

Family and siblings (maximum of four per family in addition to pupils) are invited to join us for a Christmas Lunch.

Wednesday 18th December from 12:15pm

Pupils, staff and parents will help Ms Gray to prepare lunch.

Usually a cost of around £3 per lunch is charged for this event.

More information to follow.

*Christmas Jumper Day!*

*Please note that we will be inviting everyone to wear their Christmas Jumpers to the lunch and to bring a pound for the Save the Children Charity. Please support if you can.*

## Christmas Party

We always have our whole school Christmas Party on the last afternoon of term - Friday 20th December 2019.

Pupils should wear school uniform in the morning and bring their party clothes in a bag— this is to avoid muddy frocks or sauce down shirts!

We play a range of traditional party games.

## Business Groups

Pupils from P2 –7 are involved in Business Groups on a Friday afternoon. Pupils take the lead in school improvement.

We have a range of groups:

Eco– group (led by Miss Brockie Donald)

Active Leaders

Business News Group

Fundraising Group

Helping Other—Charity Group

Job Team

Playground Maintenance Team

SHANARRI group

Reading Reps (led by Mrs Jardine)

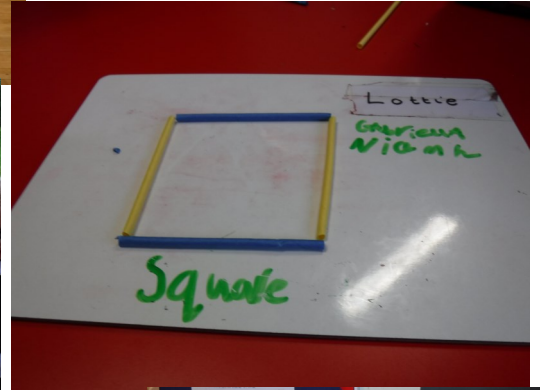
How Good is OUR school? Review Team

Ask your child what Business Group they are involved with.

Look out for the Business News Group filling you in on each of the groups and their plans.



Photo Page ...so far this year!



Now for Term 2!!



**\*\*\*JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST NEWSLETTER...**

### **THE STORIES YOU NEED TO KNOW!!**

#### **\*\*\*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

#### **P7 Leadership Skills**

P7 pupils have been working with Mrs Byers from the Active Schools team to develop their leadership skills.

She is hoping that our P7 pupils will try out their skills by leading a short lunchtime or after school club.

We'll keep you posted.

#### **REMINDER:**

All parents welcome to join the Parent Council.

Come along and share your views.

#### **\*\*\*Reminder 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.

#### **THE BLOG—Holywood Hullabaloo on GLOW**

According to the analytics in the last 30 days - 23 people in India and 46 people in the USA have been reading the blog.

No sign of any readers in New Zealand...yet!

The blog has been viewed 10 294 in the UK in the past month. Are you one of them?

Catch up with learning, pupil views and all the latest goings on by reading the blog.

#### **Afterschool Groups this TERM**

Tuesday : P1/2 Let's Get Sporty

Tuesday: P5-7 Homework Club (trial run)s

Wednesday: Gymnastics with Miss Brockie-Donald (full—waiting list being held in the office for next term)

Friday: Football with Coach (Mr Queen) P3 –7 welcome. More girls needed.

Cooking club will be back next term!

Do we need an evening club for pupils and parents after the New Year to get us out and moving about?

Ideas to Miss Dale please.