Holywood Home Learning News 5 - June 2020



Hello once again from Home!

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the great weather we've been having over the past few weeks —even if you are still out working, working at home and of course, doing home learning.

Although, it is very wet today!

We know that the home learning journey now feels like it has stretched on for miles, but you are all doing a great job and we really appreciate it. Keep going but keep doing it your way.

You will know from the media that schools will reopen in August to pupils. It will not be our normal opening but a planned, phased return for pupils as lock down is eased by the Scottish Government. A letter will be coming out to all parents from the Director of Skills, Education and Learning Dr Gillian Brydson to explain the local authority approach to restarting schools in their buildings.

Mrs Moore, Miss Stapleton and I will be in the school building tomorrow to take a look at how we might set up for the return of pupils and social distancing.

Mrs Moore and I will meet with the Clerk of Works and members of the Health & Safety Team on Monday 15th June to risk assess the return to the school building for staff.

As you can imagine it is an ever changing picture at the moment, this makes it difficult to provide accurate and up to date information. I will try to provide updates when I have them.

In the meantime, we continue to support learning through the Holywood Hullabaloo Blog where pupils continue to keep the ethos and community feel of our school alive—some days it's completely bonkers! So Holywood!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the HOLYWOOD STAFF TEAM!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of my staff team for their hard work and commitment to Holywood during this very strange term. We have been at work full time just not in our building! And how we miss being at Holywood!!

Communication

We hope that you agree that we are communicating effectively and responding quickly to text, phone or email requests. Please get in touch if improvements can be made here.

Please bear with Miss Dale on the school mobile phone as texting facilities are from the 1990's and emojis come through in words (sent with Gentle Effect) was an emoji message I was sent by a parent last week?!?

I now look forward to reading a whole load of emojis - keep it clean people!!

Please call the school mobile if we can assist or you want a catch up - 07394528058. You know I love a natter!

Holywood Sports Week

What an excellent week - it looked like you had a lot of fun at home during virtual sports week.

Thanks to the staff team for putting themselves up on the blog in their films—great fun! I nearly made it into my pancake film. The director was so keen to use close ups and an action replay that I nearly didn't make it in at all! Thanks to family at home for supporting with the tech side! As you can imagine 'can you film me as I hang up the washing and commentate?' or 'can you film me getting into my work clothes?' raised a few eyebrows at home.

Thanks again to Mr Hesketh and the team at his home for the excellent home learning sports week badges which we used on all the certificates for sports week. They look amazing!



What Learning Looks Like at Holywood Until the Summer Holidays

This week we kept it looking almost the same as the weeks before sports week. Literacy and Numeracy plans are on the blog. Some kitchen science investigations to keep you busy and learning on wet days this week.

However, we have big plans for the last three weeks of term:

Week beginning 15th June: Week in the Woods Miss Stapleton is planning a wide range of learning activities that might take you out into your local area, the garden or maybe the living room.

Week beginning 22nd June: P7 week and GALA WEEK Miss Dale is planning a week to celebrate our P7 pupils on the blog and Miss Brockie Donald is planning a range of gala activities for home learning this week.

Week beginning 29th June: School Trips Week Miss Pattie and Mrs Jardine are planning to whisk the whole school off on exotic and exciting virtual trips this week with lots of fun learning activities too. No school uniform needed and you must provide your own lunch!

On these last few weeks of term our pupils would be getting tired and restless. We hear it is the same at home!

These changes to the timetable should help engage the pupils in fun and practical learning just like we would be doing in school. Without the waterslide! Sorry!

P7 Transition Booklet

Miss Pattie has put together a transition booklet for our P7 pupils to answer some of the questions that they may have about heading to secondary school.

We are posting the booklet out to pupils and Miss Pattie will be available for e-mail or phone chats if pupils have questions they want answered.

P1 Transition Booklet

We are going to put together a wee Holywood Booklet for our new P1 pupils. All 3 new pupils have siblings in the school so we will be asking their brothers and sisters to help them with any questions they may have.

We'll pop them in the post when they are ready—look out for them in a week or two!

P7 Week

Monday 22nd June = Charlie Day

Tuesday 23rd June = Daisy Day

Wednesday 24th June = Merissa Day

Thursday 25th June = Dakota Day

Friday 26th June = Jack Day

We plan to celebrate each of our P7 pupils and their time at Holywood on the blog this June.

We will be posting past photos and memories. We would like the whole team to post pictures of our P7 pupils, stories about them and messages to wish them well. We hope a few baby photos might appear from our P7 parents!?!

Join us on the blog and make it a celebration for our fabulous P7 pupils. Let's give them a big virtual send off!

Please note: our guys will be back when the global pandemic allows and there will be cake!!