

## Twitter Page

Whilst we endeavour to keep our school website up-to-date, we are now using Twitter to post our latest news. If you have not yet followed us please do @HolmstonPS. You can link to it from the school website.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**1st April – 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Rugby Coaching for P4 and P6 starts

P5 Allotment Visit pm

Accelerated Reader Workshops

Netball match at Heathfield PS

World Book Day

P7 visit to Culzean all day

P6 visit to Ayr College

P1 and P2 Culzean trip all day

P3 Culzean pm only

Netball Match at Heathfield PS

P4 and P5 Culzean visit all day

1.30pm STEM Fayre – all welcome

P5 Allotment pm

P1 at the Ayrshire Music Festival

P3 trip to the Gaiety

Parents Evenings

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P5 visit to Stirling Castle

School closes for Easter 2.30pm

School closed – Easter Holiday

School re-opens for pupils

School closed

School closed

Yours faithfully,



Richard Hardy  
Head Teacher

### Article 3

All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

**United Nations  
Convention on the Rights  
of the Child (UNCRC)**

### Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

**United Nations Convention on  
the Rights of the Child**



## Holmston Primary School

### February/March 2019

We have had a very busy start to the year with a lot of exciting opportunities and events going on. We would like to welcome Mr. Coccozza to Holmston. Mr. Coccozza is covering for Mr. Wilson as our janitor on Monday to Thursdays until the summer. We also welcome Mrs Bate, our new Cluster Pupil Support Teacher. Mrs Bate previously worked in Kingcase Primary and will be in the school working with pupils from Monday to Wednesdays. We have our Parents Evenings coming up on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Times will be allocated shortly. I hope you can make it along to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and there will also be an opportunity for you to share your views and ideas on how the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) could be targeted next session. I look forward to seeing you there.

### Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Week 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Plans for our STEM week in March are coming together. Trips are planned for each stage and we have visits from technology teachers and engineers as well as trips to Culzean to enrich our learning in these areas. Lots of exciting science experiments are planned along with some challenging maths puzzles. We will have the opportunity of sharing your child's learning at our pupil-led STEM Fayre on March 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon for parents and families to attend. All pupils will be participating in the Engineer Leaders Award. This involves interviewing engineers and then a design challenge based around the question, "If you were an engineer, what would you do?" Previous winners from the school have had their work displayed up in Glasgow.

If you have a job that involves one of the STEM subjects and would be prepared to **come and speak or lead workshops for the classes during STEM week**, please contact the school. This could include cooking, hair-dressing, beautician, builder, engineer, accountant, web-site designer, submarine driver, oil rig worker – the list is endless. We would like to work together to inspire our pupils and support them to make links between their learning in school and the world of work, increasing their awareness of career and further education choices.

Respect

Responsibility

Fairness

Honesty

Courage

### Events so far...

- P7 Sky Academy – Our Primary 7s spent a day at the Sky Academy producing a news report and learning about the skills you need to put a television show together. A BAFTA winning documentary!
- P5- P7 Scottish Opera – This was an amazing show. Our P5 – P7 pupils worked exceptionally hard to learn and perform the songs along with members of the Scottish Opera. The audience were blown away. Photos are available on the school website.
- P1 Stay and Play afternoon – parents had the opportunity of working with their child on a range of space themed activities.
- Yoga for P5 and P7 as part of Children’s Mental Health Week. Thank-you to Mrs Garner for leading these sessions.
- Our Burns Competition supported by the Market Inn Burns Club was extremely tough to judge again this year. After much discussion congratulations went to Miley in P6 for being the overall winner and receiving the Market Inn Burns Quaich. Thank-you to Rev. Gemmell for helping us to judge. Several pupils also performed their poems at the Auld Kirk Burns Service. Three members of P7 represented the school at the annual Schools Burns Supper held at the Town Hall. They performed an extract of ‘Tam O’Shanter’.
- P6 Dumfries House – An opportunity came up for P6 to take part in a Space-themed workshop at Dumfries House. The pupils had great fun designing, making and testing their own satellites. Photos are available on the school website.
- P1, 2 and 3 are receiving a block of Gaelic lessons from a visiting teacher on a Friday morning for the next few weeks.

### Events coming up...

- ‘Oor Wullie’ Fundraising – We will be raising money for Glasgow Children’s Hospital over the next few months and as part of this we have been awarded with our very own ‘Oor Wullie’ model that will form part of the Big Bucket Trail around Glasgow during the Summer. Larger ‘Our Wullies’ are being designed by artists and smaller ones by community groups. Further information about school events and a design challenge will be coming home shortly.
- P5 and P6 Bikeability will be starting again soon. If you are interested in becoming a Bikeability volunteer to help with running the sessions, please contact the school.

- P5 will be starting work back on our allotment again soon. If you are available to help on a Tuesday afternoon or would like to help with the allotment in general, please contact the school. They will also visit Stirling Castle in March
- P3 will be working in partnership with the Gaiety Theatre as part of the ‘Back to the Gaiety’ Project. A theatre heritage project that ensures its history is preserved and memories are not lost. This will involve lessons within the school focusing on the history of the theatre and the jobs that are needed within a theatre. They will also visit the theatre later on in the month for a tour of this fantastic building.

### Playground

Our new playground toys and equipment funded by the Parent Voice have arrived in school and the pupils are thoroughly enjoying using all of these. Our P7 Play Leaders are doing a great job of organising this.

Remember to be in the playground on a Friday morning from 8.45am if you would like some toast. ‘**Toast Fridays**’ is something we are trialling and we do have gluten free bread and spread too.

### Accelerated Reader and STAR Reader

There are parental workshops all about Accelerated Reader and STAR reader system on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Some parents have already returned slips to say that they can make it but spaces are still available for you to turn up on the day. You can choose from three times: 9.15am, 2.15pm or 6.00pm. This is for parents in P4, 5, 6 or 7

### Partnership with Southcraig

Our P7s led a very powerful assembly with their friends from Southcraig in February. They explained about equity and equality, demonstrated how they worked together and performed songs. This term we will be welcoming three young people from Southcraig to Holmston to do their work experience and Primary 2 are working with Southcraig pupils on inclusive games on a Monday morning. Our P5 Makaton group also visit the campus on a Friday afternoon. Our partnership work with Southcraig has been nominated for a Scottish Education Award, fingers crossed we are shortlisted!