

Holm Primary School Newsletter – November 2017



Dear Parent / Carer

Staffing

We would like to extend a warm welcome to some new team members here at Holm Primary. Mrs Sonya Morrison has been recently appointed to the role of Early Years Practitioner in the Nursery. Mrs Helen Luke continues to be part of the Support Team in the role of Pupil Support Assistant but will now be supporting our children on a full time basis. We also welcome Ms Alison Macleod who will be in school two days each week covering the role of Mrs Sarah Paterson who has recently started her maternity leave.

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)

As part of our School Improvement Agenda we recently welcomed into school representatives from Wills Bros, who are involved in the building of the new West Link Bridge,. They talked to the children from P5 - 7 about their jobs and the skills involved. Many thanks to Mrs Nicholson, Mr Henstridge and Primary 5 for organising the event. Future dates for the diary are Nov 21st when The Dolphin Centre will visit P5 - P6/7, Nov 22nd when P7 will welcome a visit from the Royal Society of Science to discuss The Physics of Mountain Rescue and Nov 23rd when P5 will have a visit from a representative from Rewarding Dogs along with a canine companion! Please check out the school blog for photos of these events and comments from staff and children about their learning.

Rights Respecting School

Thank you to all who took time to engage with the Talking Homework recently sent home. It has been encouraging to read the comments made about the children's learning. After Parents' evening these pieces of work will be added to your child's learning journey profile.

Odd Sock Day

Mr Henstridge and the Rights Respecting School Group are encouraging everyone to come to school on Thursday 16th November wearing odd socks - this is a chance for us to talk about and celebrate everyone's differences as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Further activities will be taking place during the school week.

Children in Need

The Pupil Council and Mrs Nicholson are busy organising events for Children in Need on Friday Nov 17th. A flyer with more details should have reached you either by email or schoolbag mail. Pusey biscuits will be on sale for 50p.

Road Safety Week

During week beginning 20th November, Miss Allan and her team of Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) will be holding a road safety poster competition - some of the winning entries will be displayed around the car parking areas at school to promote safe use of our drop off and pick up zones. They have also planned additional activities for the children to take part in during the week.

Creative Café

The pupils in Primary 3 and Primary 3 /4 will host a creative café and share aspects of their learning with their parents on the morning of Thursday 23rd November. This event will take place in the school hall.

Canteen/Morning snack

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that a significant amount of uneaten food is being put into the rubbish bin by some pupils who are eating packed lunches. Therefore we will no longer provide a rubbish bin for packed lunch waste and request that children take home their rubbish so food waste and recycling can take place. This will hopefully also give parents an insight into what is and isn't being eaten. Many thanks in advance for your support with this matter.

Please note that on Thursday 23rd November there will be no morning snack available from the canteen as P3 and P3/4 will be using the hall for their Creative Café.

Congratulations to.....

- Primary 4/5 football team who recently came 2nd out of 20 teams in the Gordon Bennett football competition. Their trophy is on display in reception.
- Aaron in P6 who won a gold medal at a recent Judo Competition and is now National Champion for the U12 category.
- Kaii, Jani and Rachel in P7 who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in a recent Firework Poetry Writing Competition and received their prizes of book tokens from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Parent Council Meeting

Unfortunately, the meeting scheduled for Monday 6th November had to be postponed. The new date is Monday 20th November at 7.00pm.

Family Update Reminder

Any forms which remain outstanding should be returned to Mrs Thomson as soon as possible, to ensure we have the correct contact details should you need to be contacted.

Payments for school meals

From P4 onwards children pay for school lunch. If your child is having lunch please put the money in an envelope with their name and the days of the week they require lunch. The kitchen would like this handed in on a Monday morning.

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