

8th February 2017

Our children have been achieving success in various sports in recent weeks.

Holm Gymnastics Team - Holm Stars

Last weekend the schools gymnastics team entered a competition held at Inverness Leisure Centre. We are delighted to announce that some of our children received medals for their performances. The Level Two Team were awarded third place in their division and received a bronze medal. Within that team, Emily Renton earned a silver medal for her individual performance. Well done to all our gymnasts who represented our school and who performed well, encouraged one another and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. They will continue their training for Gymfest which takes place later in the session. I would especially like to thank Mrs Claire Mackenzie for her dedication to training and encouraging the team.

Holm School Basketball Team

Well done to all our basketball players who participated at Millburn Academy, recently. Our P4/5 team came first in their group. (Amy, Campbell, Evan, Rachel, Rio and Ruthie)

Judo

Congratulations to Aaron Broadley who is Scottish Champion in the 10-12 year category. Aaron has also been selected to attend Judo Scotland Talent development, this means he will train with the Scotland Squad. He will shortly compete in the 2018 British Schools Judo National Championships. Congratulations and good luck to Aaron from all at Holm school.

Swimming & Cricket

Niamh Carey and Kaii Foxcroft have both achieved personal best medals for success in their swimming. Matthew Scicluna came third in a recent cricket tournament.

Football

A number of our senior boys are now playing with local football teams, Caley Thistle and Ross County. This is a great achievement and requires a high level of commitment and time. We wish you all well.

Lunchtime Choir -Starting Soon

We are shortly hoping to begin a lunch time singing club for pupils. We are most grateful to Mrs Jean Bradley, who with Mrs Maclean, our P1/2 teacher, has offered to run this club on Thursday lunch times. Quite a few of our children have expressed interest in joining the club and if numbers remain high, it may be we have to work a rotational system to be fair to all. The first session will take place after the February break.

School Playground Matters

We have become increasingly aware of congestion in our play area which has been exacerbated by the recent weather, rendering the field out of bounds. As a consequence of these pressures, the senior management team has decided to trial a split break at morning interval to relieve the congestion. This will also enable support staff to interact more effectively with pupils and to ensure playground incidents remain at a minimum. The classes will go out to play at the following times: P1, P2, P6 and P7 at 10.30 a.m. and P3, P4 and P5 at 10.15a.m. We will review the effectiveness of this approach at the Easter break.

Asymmetric Week -August 2018

A letter seeking parental views on the school moving to the four and a half day week has been sent out both in the school mail bag and by email, earlier this week. I would urge you to return this letter as requested as it is in the interests of all concerned that the level of return is high and all views are taken into account. Those who have received the letter by email do not need to print it off, simply indicate your preferred option and return it to the school electronically.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings this term will take place on Tuesday 6th March and Thursday 8th March. Individual appointment request letters will be issued after the half term break. Please note parents with children who attend our nursery will have alternative arrangement for meeting with staff to discuss their children's progress.

Latecomers

It is understood that there are exceptional circumstances where parents may be late in bringing their children to school. However, we continue to have a small number of children who are repeatedly arriving late to school in the morning which is unacceptable. Cumulatively, learning time is lost for both the child who is late and others in the class. I would be grateful if you could ensure your child is on time from now on as a prompt start to the morning is important for all.

Mid Term Break

School closes on Friday 16th February at the usual time and reopens on Thursday 22nd February. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Easy Fundraising

If you are buying items online please remember the school has an easy fundraising account. Every item you buy could earn the school some money. Please follow the link below www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holmschoolpc