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## Weekly Updates – Week 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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### Welcome to our Weekly Update

February	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	No Guitar Today – back to normal next week.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Our amazing PE Teacher Linda Clark is leaving us to spend more time with her family and relax! This is her last day today. We will all miss Linda a lot as she has been part of the Holm family for years. She has taught PE to the upper classes and the children have LOVED having her. We wish you all the best Mrs Clark, come back and visit us soon – enjoy some Hill Walking!</p> <p>Our PE CCR will now be taught by Mrs Nicola Mackenzie who is also our P1/2 teacher. Mrs Mackenzie also used to be an Active School's Coordinator so she has lots of sports expertise! <b>The P1/2 class will now have Mrs Lenora Meier on a Wednesday beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> March whilst Mrs Mackenzie is teaching PE.</b> I used to work with Lenora at Teanassie and she is a fantastic teacher. She is very excited to begin with us and we look forward to welcoming her to our school.</p>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pupil Council Move Night</b> – 6.30. £3 PER FAMILY (not per child) Pupil Council leading and organising this. The Brownies will lead a film in the Hall – Frozen 2! <b>Let me know if you can help out.</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Management Team Breakfast with parents – 9:15 – 10:15. Led by our amazing children! 😊 We will be showcasing our Chromebooks, robots, coding, numeracy and many other things! Our Pupil Council, Newspaper Team, Lego Team, Digital Leaders, Rights Respecting Groups, Nursery and House Captains will also have a stall.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lego Team are going to the National LEGO FINALS in Perth today. <b>GOOD LUCK HOLMIERS!</b>
March	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Choir at Inverness Music Festival</b> at 10.30. <b>Parents who want to watch need to buy tickets from Eden Court.</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>PARENTS EVENING NIGHT 1</b> - profiles/targets and next steps shared with all families. PLEASE return your parents eve appointment slips asap.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>STEM Challenge Event</b> at Eden Court for Lego Club and Digital Leaders – all day – notes in bags.</li> <li>• <b>PARENTS EVENING NIGHT 2</b> – profiles/targets and next steps shared with all families</li> </ul>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Science Week</b> all week. Classes will be focusing on some Science this week.
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-sports event for all P7s at the IRA at 10am</li> <li>• My WOW Live for P5/6pupils @ SDS on Church Street 10.30 – 2.30.</li> </ul>

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	P5 trip to Culloden Battlefield – please return permission slips and contribution asap please.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Relief Day – some fun activities planned and also to help raise money for our sports champs!
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	My WOW Live for P7 pupils @ SDS on church Street 10.30 – 2.30.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	McRobert Cup (Cross Country) @ Bught Park
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	My WOW Live for P5/6 pupils @ SDS on church Street 10.30 – 2.30.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Council Movie Night @ 6.30 to raise money for our P7 Leavers' Hoodies.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Term Assembly with Rev Fiona @ 11. All parents welcome</li> <li>• Dress Down Day</li> </ul>

**Date for your diaries!!!!!!**

**Bingo Night – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 in our Hall – More info to follow. 😊 (to raise money for school funds)**



### **SNSAs**

Over the next couple of weeks, the P4 and the P7 children will be completing SNSAs (Scottish National Standardised Assessments). These assessments are completed on a computer and children complete assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. By the end of P4 the average child should achieve first level and by P7 they should achieve Second Level. That is why they are only undertaken at these stages. We then use the assessments diagnostically to: identify gaps in learning; create interventions to support them; ensure we provide children with the best opportunities to achieve the levels expected or challenge they require if levels are exceeded.

P1 children will complete their assessments at the end of May to ensure they have been exposed to a broad range of learning before completing them. These too will be used diagnostically for our P1 children. SNSA results will be shared with parents at parents evening and you will be able to discuss these with your child's teacher then.

If you want to know more then click below:

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/questions-and-answers/>



### **WHY??**

Children, parents, carers, teachers and Headteachers need to know how individual children are progressing, where they are doing well and where they need further support. Assessment information can be used by teachers to make decisions about the next steps in learning and to help parents better understand how they can support their children at home. It can be used by Headteachers to understand how to improve learning opportunities for all children in the school.

## Recent Survey Results about Parental Engagement

We have recently put out a survey on “how to engage parents” and so far we have had 40 responses. We would like to get some more to help us inform how we move forward. So far parents have commented that they would like information on:

- How we can best support learning/teaching principles at home
- Transitioning to P1, tips to encourage confidence
- How we can support from home
- Homework - in particular P7 to S1 - how out of school learning prepares for secondary school. How school values are implemented across the curriculum. Opportunities for parents to get involved, extra-curricular activities etc.

Please complete if you can: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J8R8LH5>

## *Achievements at Holm*

Both Rebecca and Logan were both successful at competing in the Highland Open Tae Kwon Do competition in Nairn at the weekend. Logan won Silver for Sparring, Bronze for his Pattern and a Bronze for his Special Technique. Rebecca won Bronze for her Special Technique. I'll ask them to take their medals in later in the week! Really proud of them both, Rebecca had a really tough category and was the smallest (height wise) in her special technique event! (Dad)

Well done to you both – what super stars!!!!

Cole was at a local Tae Kwon Do competition. He got a silver medal for patterns, a bronze for sparring and a bronze for special technique. (from Mum)

Well done Cole!!



**WORLD THINKING  
DAY AT HOLM  
TODAY.**

**WELL DONE TO  
OUR RAINBOWS,  
BROWNIES, CUBS  
AND SCOUTS WHO  
ALL PROUDLY  
WORE THEIR  
UNIFORMS**



# Pupil Council Meeting Minutes to share with you all:

21/2/20 Pupil Council Minutes – Typed by Rhys P7

Present – Evie, Bethany, Molly, Lois, Mason, Rosa, Iris, Rorisang, Zoe, Rhys

## Movie Night – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30

- Pupil council to arrive at 6pm and they get in for free
- Children pay at front door and get a stamp on their hand instead of a ticket this time
- Food: Popcorn, Haribos and Juice for sale by Pupil Council. Candyfloss on sale from Guides members for 50p. Food will be on sale in each block. Candy Floss in the Hall.
- Children will be signed in and out at each block this time – not at the front door

Movie showings and who's on the doors:

- Hall - Brownies - **FROZEN 2**
- A block - Bethany and Lois – **Film to be confirmed**
- B Block – Iris, Rosa and Grace - **Film to be confirmed**
- C block- Zara and Mason – The Lion King 2019 (PG) \* **please let Mrs Mackay know if you DO NOT want your child to watch this one as it is a PG (parental guidance)\*** and **1 other film to be confirmed**

## School survey – we discussed some questions together:

How does our school make you feel like you belong here?

- We accept others no matter what their race is or their skin colour
- We feel safe
- We like to play with our friends

How we have made the behaviour change in our school?

- Behaviour is much better now
- We like the Red/amber cards and the silver and gold cards
- We feel safe in the playground now

Is there anything that makes you feel unsafe?

- People don't get picked on as much now and the teachers/Mrs Mackay have helped us with that
- Our PSAs keep us safe in the playground.

How do our teachers help us get along with other children?

- Friendship Fridays are good and you get to meet new people
- We like being in the Pupil council
- We have leadership groups in the school now
- We would like to be able to play more 😊

## Vision

P4-7 discussed our vision and aims and they like 2 of them and want to make up a school dance to go with our vision.