



Hollybrook Academy Newsletter December 2022

I would like to wish all of our families and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2023. It has been such a busy term and I have been so proud of all the achievements of our young people from this term. The pupils have been working hard in classes, aiming high and achieving success. They have also been making new links in the community as well as spreading their knowledge at events. Our S1 pupils are settling in and being helped by our older students who are supporting and encouraging them to promote the Hollybrook STRONG values. We are a small but very dynamic school community with so much happening every week. Time to switch off now and recharge our batteries for the new year. Have a lovely holiday everyone. From Mrs Macleod

Key Dates,



- Return to School: Wed. 4th January
- New Health and Well being rotation: 27th January
- S4/5/6 Tracking reports: week of 6th Feb
- Mid term break: Mon 13th + Tue 14th Feb
- Inservice day: Wednesday 15th Feb.
- 1/2/3 Tracking reports: week of 27th Feb.
- Health and wellbeing day 30th March
- Easter break: school closes 2.30 31st March.
- Reopens 17th April.

New Staff: I am pleased to say that we now have our 6 new support for Learning workers in post: Miss Hanlon, Mr Gibson, Miss Ross, Ms Gallagher, Miss Angerjout, Mrs Gautam. They have been a great addition to the school and are helping the children in all areas across the school

We also have a new Social Subject teacher: Mr Hendry who started with us on the 12th December. He will be teaching pupils from S1—S6.



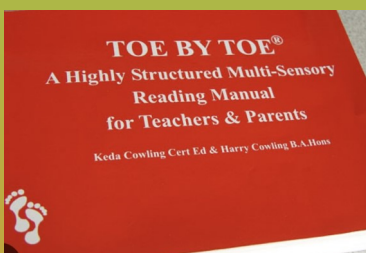
The Foodbank Selection Box appeal has been a great success once again this year thanks to everyone getting involved and doing their bit to help some of the people in our local community who are needing a bit of help.

So many pupils brought in selection boxes, others were donating money to the appeal and drawing and colouring in Mr Cavanagh's Advent Calendar Christmas Jumper. All of this was based on the idea of being a 'Good Samaritan' following the S2A class learning about Christianity in RE.

Thanks once again if you were helping out – at this time of year things can be incredibly tough but by showing kindness as a school community we can have fun as well as sharing the joy of Christmas!



Toe by Toe. 21 pupils are on this Reading Scheme this year led by Mrs Dunbar and Mrs Ellis and we're delighted to see improvements at various levels. We continue to help pupils to use their enhanced reading skills in other subjects and several parents and teachers have noticed the difference in pupils' reading skills.



DofE: All our pupils are working hard and have been accumulating hours towards the different sections of the Duke of Edinburgh course. Through the volunteering aspect of our course we have been working in the garden to trim the trees and provide a safe environment for pupils to play. The S3 pupils have been to visit the Allotment and plan to clear the area and prepare it for winter. Throughout September and October each pupil participating in the Bronze DofE Award will have a chance to paddle in our new Canoes.





St Andrews Day:

Pupils, staff and Community partners from the Church and Asda Superstore celebrated St Andrew's day with a delicious menu of scotch broth and cranachan from Home Economics. As well as national cuisine, entertainment was provided by the Life Skills class with performances of Scots poetry, a modern Scottish song and Maths Teacher Mr Barbour played traditional Scottish music on Highland pipes accompanied on fiddle by S5 pupil Caleb Cameron. The event finished on a high with an impromptu 'Gay Gordons'!

Hollybrook continued their partnership

working with the Asda Superstore at Torryglen last week, with carol singing and bag- This successful event was enjoyed by staff, pupils and shoppers alike with the school raising a grand total of £424.20 for our school funds.



The Hollybrook for Mary's Meals group made an astounding £135 at the Christmas Fayre at our Hamper Tombola stall. We hope everyone who supported us are enjoying the prizes they all won?. We would like to say a big thank you and wish you all a very Happy Christmas!



Cross Country Running:

Well done to all of our pupils who have been taking part in the West of Scotland Cross Country Series. The second event of the series took place in Renfrewshire on Thursday the 1st of December. All of our athletes gave great effort to complete their race!

The next event in the series takes place on Thursday 23rd of February.



Panto fun and parties:

Our S5/6 Pupils enjoyed a Christmas meal and trip to the panto at Rutherglen town hall. Our Tri club and our Living room group also joined forces to enjoy and after school meal and trip to the Tramway Panto. Our S1-S4 pupils all enjoyed a Christmas



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