



## Important dates at a glance....



**MONDAY 5 -  
FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY**  
FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY  
NON -UNIFORM DAY



**TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY**



**THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY**  
P6 & P7 PTA DISCO  
6.00 P.M. – 8.00 P.M.

### HALF TERM

**FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY**  
SCHOOL CLOSSES  
AT 1.45 P.M.  
FOR HALF TERM  
HOLIDAYS



**MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY**  
SCHOOL RE OPENS



**WEDNESDAY 21  
FEBRUARY**

### WORLD BOOK DAY

**THURSDAY 7 MARCH**  
WORLD BOOK DAY



Consultations

**MONDAY 11 -  
FRIDAY 15 MARCH**  
P1—P6  
**CONSULTATIONS**  
**ALL P1 -P7 PUPILS**  
FINISH AT 1.10 P.M.

### St. Patrick's Day

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**MONDAY 18 MARCH**



**WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH**  
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR  
EASTER HOLIDAYS AT  
LUNCHTIME  
12 NOON  
NO MEALS AVAILABLE  
Non-uniform Day

## Principal's Message

Term 2 is well under way. We hope you enjoy viewing items on the school website and reading our Curriculum Information Sheets. These give a great insight into what's going on in HPS each week! *Mrs Crookshanks*



We continue to prioritise the Health and Well Being of our children and staff. This year **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week** is 5 - 9 February. During the week classes will be taking part in activities that promote and encourage positive mental health. This year's theme is **'My Voice Matters'** aiming to empower children, highlighting skills and actions they may need to use to express themselves. We will have daily activities for the whole school which will include a rainbow quest! We want all children in HPS to be able to say and believe 'My Voice Matters'. We will conclude the week by having a **Non - Uniform Day**. Pupils and staff are asked to come to school wearing **BRIGHT** clothes on Friday 9 February. Any donations would be welcome and will be given to **Place2Be**, a Children's Mental Health Charity. **THANK YOU!**



**Post Primary Transfer 2024**  
We offer support to all P7 parents in the coming days as they make choices regarding the most suitable school for their child to transfer to in September 2024. **THE ONLINE POST PRIMARY APPLICATION PORTAL OPENS ON TUESDAY 30 JANUARY AND CLOSSES ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY.**  
**HPS Holiday List 24-25**  
School holiday dates for 2024-25 have been emailed to parents and carers and is also available on the school website.

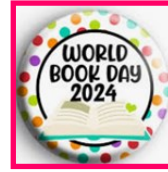


**Staff NEWS**  
We welcome Mrs Kajugu after Half Term. She will be teaching in P1 Room 17 as Mrs McGonigle is beginning her Maternity Leave. We look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of baby McGonigle into the family!



**WELCOME**

## WORLD BOOK DAY



To celebrate **World Book Day** on Thursday 7 March, we will be doing a variety of activities throughout the day to pro-

mote the enjoyment of reading. Pupils and staff will be dressing up as their favourite character from a book or comic. As in previous years this is optional for P5 – P7. School uniform must be worn if not dressing up. More details to follow.



Thankyou and very well done to a number of P7 pupils who helped escort prospective families around the school during our Open Day events. Thanks also to a group of very enthusiastic P6 pupils who helped in the P1 & P2 classrooms during the afternoon. Both P5 classes really enjoyed being part of the music programme. They gave a great display of the breadth of class music that all children experience during their time at HPS. **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**



## Consultations

**P1—P6 CONSULTATIONS**  
**Monday 11–Friday 15 March**  
**1.10 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.**

We want to continue the strong links between home and school by offering consultations during Term 2. They will take place on the above dates. Teachers look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and areas for development for the remainder of the school year. More details will follow for parents and carers regarding the booking process.

**DURING CONSULTATION WEEK**  
**ALL PUPILS FINISH EACH DAY**  
**AT 1.10 P.M.**

### SCHOOL FUND 23-24



to those parents who have already made contributions to our **School Fund** via the Eduspot system. With the ever increasing demands on the school budget our School Fund has become vital in supplementing finances.





## Pedestrian safety



Anyone using the front entrance please use the designated pedestrian paths and stand at either side of the main gate, not across the gate at any time. Thanks!

## 📶 Safer Internet Day 📶

The children and teachers regularly discuss the importance of Internet Safety. Age relevant activities will be completed by all classes on **Tuesday 6 February** which is known worldwide as **SID (Safer Internet Day)**. The theme this year is *'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.'* Every class will spend time discussing the importance of staying safe online as well as completing some engaging activities to reinforce this message. Please continue to emphasise regularly at home with your child/children about the importance of internet safety and what they can do to stay safe when online.

Below are some website links which will help you to:-

- stay up-to-date with technology children are using;
- understand steps to keep your children safe online;
- know where to get further support if things do go wrong.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

**Safer Schools NI App**

about the DE Safer Schools App. It is available to all school staff, parents, carers and pupils across Northern Ireland. More details can also be found on <https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/>



**DON'T FORGET**



## PDMU ASSEMBLIES

Our PDMU assemblies continue to promote our PDMU curriculum as well as the values of our school. We also focus on these themes through class teaching, circle time and role play scenarios. Each P1-P7 class helps to lead the PDMU Assemblies. Some of the areas covered include:- **kindness, friendship, respect, honesty, my emotions, healthy eating and recycling.** The children have enjoyed leading their chosen theme in various ways including music, story telling and artwork.



We are looking forward to Wednesday 21 February at HPS. The Number Day will be when the whole school will focus on practical, indoor and outdoor maths activities and having lots of fun!



## PERSONAL DETAILS

Please ensure that changes in contact details are given to your child's teacher or School Office. i.e. change of address, phone numbers, emergency contact names or new medical needs. It is very important that the school has current information for all pupils, as emailing and texting are the main ways in which we communicate information to the HPS community. We don't want parents to miss any information we share. **THANKS!**

## CURRICULUM NEWS



P1 boys and girls are having great fun as they learn about a new topic 'Brrr, It's Cold!'

**'OUR TOWN'** P2 pupils have had busy mornings in Holywood in recent days. As part of their topic 'Our Town', the children looked at various shops and amenities along High Street. They even had time to play in Johnny the Jig.



**P3 Food Topic** As part of their food topic, P3 are looking forward to making and tasting different foods in the coming weeks.

The boys and girls are also enjoying staying until 2.45 p.m. each Tuesday & Thursday afternoon!



**WW2 DAY P4** pupils and staff had a very enjoyable day when they re-enacted VE Day. Everyone joined in singing, playing games and eating food just like the children would have done during World War 2.



**P4** are looking forward to working with an engineering student from the University of Ulster. They will then use their skills to begin planning, designing and presenting their ideas for a STEM competition called 'If I could be an engineer'.



**P5** welcomed members of the NI Fire Service. The informative workshops highlighted to the P5 Year Group about the importance of keeping themselves and their families safe from fires in the home.



Well done to all **P6** pupils on their successful completion of The Young Enterprise Our World project. Pupils worked together to design, advertise and present a product for a target market.

As part of the various transition activities our **P7** classes complete before finishing at HPS, they are currently participating in the 'Honour Roll Schools Programme'.

The intervention project incorporates enjoyable multi-sports team building activities plus topics which include sessions focusing on Hopes & Fears, Bullying, Staying Safe Online, Healthy Lifestyles, Goal Setting, What is Victory?', Peer Pressure and Health & Well-Being.



The P7 Year Group are looking forward to a workshop with INTO Film next month which will enhance their ICT skills in story writing and animation.



**WELL DONE** to pupils who recently did very well in music exams. Thanks to Miss Riddell for accompanying and preparing the children for their exam. Also to the music tutors for their support.

**CONGRATULATIONS to....**

**P6 ALEX ASHER CALEB JACK L JOE**

**P7 JOSHUA F**





## Eco News



### \*RECYCLING/ SPRING CLEAN \*

Don't forget to put old 'CLOBBER' into the textile bank next to the Dining Hall at the front of the school.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

We also recycle batteries and old, used pens. Collection boxes are beside the School Office. With the help of Mrs McKeown, the Eco Committee will arrange for them to be collected and sent to recycling points instead of them going straight to landfill.



**WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY** In discussion with our ECO Committee, we are reinstating *Waste Free Wednesdays* to minimise the use of single plastics which ultimately will help to protect marine life. The ECO Committee will be presenting details of this to each class. More details will also be sent to families in the coming days.



## PTA NEWS



The P6 & P7 children are counting down the days to the HPS Disco on Thursday 8 February **6.00pm to 8.00pm**



The £ 3.00 entrance fee can be paid either via the Eduspot system by Wednesday 7 February or at HPS on the night! There will also be a tuck shop available. Thanks to all the parents who have offered to help at the evening. Parent helpers are asked to join us just before 6.00 p.m. THANK YOU!

### P7 Hoodies

Thanks to P7 mum Mrs Boyd (Peter's mum) who is helping the School Office to organise the fabulous hoodies for the P7 pupils. The PTA will subsidise the cost of the hoodies. More details to follow!



We are hoping to arrange a few more PTA fundraising events in the coming months. We will need parents from each year group to volunteer to attend meetings and help organise the events. If there is significant parent support and volunteers we are hoping to see the return of the infamous HPS Summer Fair in Term 3! Further details in the coming weeks.



HPS are working in partnership with Concern Bookshop, Hollywood, to promote the enjoyment of reading and raise concern for others and the environment.



P1 and P2 pupils had a colouring competition last term. Well done to Evelyn (P1) and Xavier (P2) for their winning entries. It's now the turn of P3 & P4. You will be able to see some of their lovely pictures in the shop window in Hollywood.

Huge thanks to Shelia Bones for her work with us. We'll let you know our P3 & P4 prize winners next month!



**ALL FOOD ITEMS SENT TO SCHOOL MUST BE NUT FREE.**



## SPORTS SECTION



### ASHFIELD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



HPS fielded two teams at the Ashfield Tournament competing alongside over 20 schools. Hollywood A finished their group stage in first place with 4 wins and a draw. Hollywood B found themselves in a very tough group. They performed so well but were unfortunately unable to qualify for the knockout stages after some hard fought matches and great teamwork.



In the knockout stage Hollywood A faced Braniel in what was an end to end semi final. They edged the game winning 1-0. The final was against Strandtown A. The tightly contested match went to a sudden death penalty shootout. After Cade pulled off a wonderful save from Strandtown's opening penalty, Tate stepped up to calmly place his spot kick into the bottom corner to clinch victory and the title! An amazing achievement from HPS to finish as overall winners! Congratulations to Luke who was also awarded the player of the tournament! Both teams had a great morning with the bonus of a huge trophy! A big thank you to the parent helpers who provided lifts and came along to support.



A Team: Cade, Fraser, James C, Harry, Luke, James R, Peter, Rudy and Tate(C)  
B Team: Carter, Oliver, Liam, Calvin, Joshua, Mark, Carl, Ethan, Arthur and Cooper



**Netball Blitz** Our P6 netball team had a great day competing at the Ards & North Down Netball Blitz along with twelve other primary schools. The girls showed great team work and determination during the competitive games. There was some super defence, keen attackers and committed play in mid court. Well done to everyone involved. A number of the pupils had the opportunity to represent the school for the first time. Thanks to Mrs Thornton for accompanying the team and to parents who were able to help with lifts to and from the event.

Team: Abigail, Beth, Ella, Emily, Grace, Hannah, Indie, Isla, Lydia, Nico & Selena.

### CROSS\_COUNTRYWELL DONE

to 26 P5 - P7 pupils who took part in the final round of the Flavahan's Primary School Cross Country Competition in the Down area. There were lots of smiles as everyone enjoyed keeping fit and connecting with friends on what was another great morning.



**HOLYWOOD CRICKET CLUB** Thanks to coaches from Hollywood Cricket Club who are leading cricket sessions for P6 & P7 classes this term.



Our P5 & P6 are enthusiastically participating in HANDBALL coaching sessions which Eugene McKenna from the Irish Olympic Handball Association is leading.