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Milton Primary School

Our School Vision: To ensure every child achieves their full potential in a safe, kind, exciting and encouraging environment.

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Happy New Year to all our Milton families. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy time over the festive period and I wish all our Milton families the very best for the year ahead.

The weather is back to being rather chilly but many of the pupils are still coming to school without jackets - please let us know if your child requires any Winter items. We have a number of brand new hats, gloves and scarves that could be given and we also have a number of jackets from our pre-loved rail. Some pupils have also been telling us their 'indoor' shoes are becoming quite tight. Please keep a check on bags as some shoes may be coming home over the next few weeks for families to check sizes. Should you require assistance with indoor shoes, or wellies for any further poor weather please let us know and we will do our best to help.

I would again highlight the need for parents and carers to phone and leave a message or email our school office if your child is going to be absent. Messages can be left at any time on our answering machine. Staff are spending a very long time in the morning phoning families which is taking valuable time away from supporting learning in classes. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Lorna James
Head Teacher

Our Aims and Values

- * To ensure all pupils are nurtured, safe, active, healthy, achieving, included, respected and responsible.
- * To promote rights and responsibility and through this, aim for every member of the school community to be treated with equality, fairness and respect.
- * To provide a wide range of opportunities which give the children the capacity to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.
- * To improve the achievement and attainment by providing high quality education.

At the Heart of Milton is...



Hard Work
Enthusiasm
Achievement
Respect
Team Work

Primary 7 Lockerbie Parent Meeting

A reminder that there will be a parent/carer information meeting in our school hall on Monday 16th from 4.45-5.45. This will allow information to be shared with families and an opportunity to find out about the activities the children will be enjoying and also to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you if you are able to attend. Kit lists were given out prior to the Christmas holidays, if you require an additional copy please contact Mrs Buntin or Miss Weir.

HMIe Inspection Report

Our inspection report from September has now been published and highlights the many positives that the team observed when at Milton. The children were a credit to you all and to our school - they showed beautiful Milton Manners at all times. We look forward to continuing our school development and improvement.

Enrolment 9th - 20th January 2023

If you know of anyone ready to register his or her child for Primary one in August 2023 can you please help spread the word that enrolment will once again take place on line from the South Lanarkshire website. After completing the registration form, a follow up call from myself will be made directly to each family. I look forward to welcoming our new Milton Primary 1 intake for 2023 and speaking with families soon.

Parent Council - Thank you

Our Parent Council Christmas Fayre was a huge success and very well attended. The buzz in the hall, the tea room and Santa's grotto was lovely to see and hear after the last couple of years of being unable to run this popular event. My sincere thanks to all helpers on the day and those working behind the scenes to make this such a success. The next Parent Council meeting will take place in our school café on Monday 6th February at 7pm - all welcome.

Holocaust Memorial Day Event - Thursday 26th Jan

This year the Holocaust Memorial Day event will take place in Lesmahagow High School. We are excited to be part of a learning community choir with Coalburn and Blackwood primaries. Choir information has been given directly to those involved on the night.

Fundraising in December

Thank you to everyone who generously supporting our fundraising events throughout December. Our Christmas fayre craft, Glee choir singing and Carol concert hampers raised a total of £1384.67. An absolutely fantastic amount which will help with excursion transport costs and additional ICT resources for pupils.



Updated School Vision from Pupil Council

The Pupil Council from 2021-22 and our current Pupil Council decided to work together to create a new school vision after it became apparent that it was not child friendly. Everyone knows our school values (HEART) and everyone knows our motto but they were not aware of the vision. The two Pupil Councils worked together to identify the opening of the sentence and then they brainstormed words together. Finally, the new Pupil Council decided on the order that the words should go in. This was then discussed by school staff and the Pupil Council went to each class to get opinions on the new vision from their peers. The Pupil Council then surveyed the pupils and 89% agreed with the new school vision. Our new vision replaces our previous one at the top of the newsletter. Well done to the Pupil Council for their joint work on this project.

Primary 2/3 Assembly - Friday 10th February

Our Primary 2/3 class will be showcasing their class assembly on Friday 10th February. Doors will open to family and friends at 9.25. Please remember as per South Lanarkshire Council guidelines and children protection guidance, no photos or videos to be taken in school - thank you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 9th Jan - Enrolment Week
Thurs 26th Holocaust Memorial Event 7pm

Mon 16th - Lockerbie Info Meeting 4.45 -5.45
Fri 10th February - P2/3 Assembly 9.30