



**DIGITAL SCHOOLS**  
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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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The Clydesdale Beat the Street game is up and running and Milton have been holding strong in 6<sup>th</sup> place so far - well done to all who have braved the weather to get those gems and points. Remember there are spot prizes and individual prizes to be won as well as vouchers for the top scoring schools in the area.

We are delighted to note the number of families joining the new ParentsPortal app which will eventually share all communication from school, permission slips, view attendance and view final reports and book parent evening appointments. As always if you need support in accessing this, please just pop in and Mrs Smith or Mrs Prentice will be able to give you a helping hand. Mrs Smith has emailed families with the exact data we hold so if you are not managing to get on, please check the email sent.

Well done to our Primary 5 and 6 pupils for their recent bikeability success. We changed the format this year and it seemed to run much more smoothly and the weather was kind to us too! The children enjoyed some intense full day training led by Mrs Fox and Ms McGrath. Mrs MacPhail from SLC was very impressed with our Primary 6 class as they took part in their on road training. Well done to all who took part.

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

### Visiting Olympian

We are very excited to be welcoming Hamilton (Hammy) McMillan, Olympic Curling Silver medallist and current world champion to our school on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Hammy will be visiting classes and pupils will have an opportunity to ask him some questions. He will then visit our Primary 7 class where they will be giving a presentation about their role as sports ambassadors last session before taking part in a curling lesson in our hall.

### New Playground Games Coming Soon

Our recent biscuit sale raised a fantastic £200 which will be used to purchase new playground games for all to enjoy. Mrs James spoke to all classes and made a list of all the toys and games the children asked for. We hope to have a delivery soon and enjoy these toys and games during the dry days.

### Our Fabulous New House and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our newly appointed House and Vice Captains. The team have already decided on a really rewarding Legacy plan this year - to link closely with Glebe Sheltered Housing and Bankhouse Care home to share artwork, poetry and cards with residents following a different theme each month. Our pupil leadership team this year are as follows:

Nethan - Ruby (C), Ava (VC)

Dillars - Leonie (C), Lewis (VC)

Boreland - Jack (C), Harvey (VC)

Greenburn - Alexis (C), Eileen (VC)

### School Diaries

We use our school diaries for noting homework, targets and also to give feedback from the class teacher or to record anything that has happened during the day. Please check school diaries regularly and also sign these as there may be notes that have been left by adults for you to see.

### Jackets and Indoor Shoes

The weather is starting to turn once more and there are times when the downpours take us all by surprise. Please ensure your child has an appropriate jacket they take to school each day - even if this is just in your child's bag. There are also a number of children who do not have indoor shoes. This is impacting on PE and also children may be wet due to puddles etc in the playground. If you need support in sourcing indoor shoes please drop us a note or email and we will do our best to help.

### Reporting Absences

Support Staff in the morning are still spending a very long time to phone families if their child is not in school. This took over 45 minutes one day last week. We have a legal obligation to check on anyone not in school but the time spent on the phone is taking away valuable learning support time in other classes. Please leave an answer machine message at any point to alert us of an absence or send an email to the school office address; [office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

### Halloween Disco Reminder

It's nearly time for our Parent Council spooktacular Halloween disco. Tickets can be bought at the door costing £3 and include a drink and snack. Timings for each disco are as follows; 6.30 - 7.30 (P1-3) and 7.45-8.45 (P4-7). Please remember all P1-3 children must be picked up by an adult at the end of the first disco and will not be able to leave without a parent/carer coming to collect them from our café. Please ensure that costumes are appropriate and not too scary or gory for our younger pupils (and staff!).

### Advance Notice - Christmas Cards

We will once again be arranging pupil-designed Christmas cards in the coming weeks. These are normally due for submission mid/late October. Please keep a look out on twitter, website and pupil post for updates.

### Tesco Bag Pack Success

A huge well done to all who were able to help at the recent parent Council organised bag pack at Tesco - the shoppers were hugely generous and a whopping £750 was raised. Thank you to the generosity of everyone on the day (many of whom were Milton families!). The children showed wonderful Milton manners on the day and their smiles and enthusiasm definitely helped add some donations to those buckets!

### Dates for your Diary

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - P1 & P2 Judo taster session (please bring PE Kit)

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> - Drama Club 3-4 (letter re auditions will be out this week, please check pupil bags for audition dates)

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> - Interim reports home

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Disco

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Tempest photographer

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> - Netball Club 3-4

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> - Drama 3-4

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - October Week holiday

**Advance notice Nov** - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Council 7pm

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Inset Day

