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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.

November Newsletter

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Well done to all our Milton families who took part in the Clydesdale Beat the Street game. The competition was fierce and at the time of writing this we are in the fantastic position of 6<sup>th</sup> place which is absolutely fantastic - well done to everyone for this wonderful achievement.

Once again we will be supporting the Scottish Poppy Appeal and will be sending poppies around classrooms over the next two weeks with a suggested donation of 50p for a poppy. These will be on sale from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

A reminder that Tempest photography will be in the school on Tuesday 7th November and will take individual, sibling and class photographs on this day.

At the time of writing this, the proposed industrial action from Unison is going ahead on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We appreciate that online learning may not be possible for all our families due to working commitments or issues with devices. All pupils will have a paper copy of Literacy, Numeracy and other Curricular area tasks which will be posted on Google Classroom on Tuesday evening.

We were delighted to welcome Barbara Harding from NHS Lanarkshire who visited Milton Primary and helped us sign up the ASH Charter. We are looking forward to working with Barbara in the terms ahead to build on our smoke-free journey in Milton and the wider Lesmahagow Community.

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

### Head Lice - Once A Week, Take A Peek!

Can I remind all families to regularly check their child's hair for head lice. It is a continuous problem amongst nurseries and schools, however, local pharmacies are always ready to help with regards to the most suitable treatment and prevention advice. Information can also be found from the following website

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits)

### Captains and Vice Captains Legacy Plan Update

Our House and Vice Captains are looking forward to working with our Primary 3 pupils to make a variety of poppy themed art that they will share with Glebe Sheltered Housing. This is part of the House and Vice Captain's Legacy plan and they are excited to be sharing their art work with the residents. In addition the House and Vice Captains will be selling iced biscuits next week at a cost of 50p. This will raise money for the art supplies needed for their upcoming projects with each class.

### Hopscotch Theatre Visit - Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

We are delighted that our Parent Council have generously funded a visit from Hopscotch Theatre Company who will be entertaining all our boys and girls with a performance of Cinderella. Our thanks for the fundraising efforts that our Parent Council take forward which benefit all pupils throughout the year. If you would like to hear more about how our Parent Council work and what they do to support the learning and fun activities throughout the year, please pop along to our next meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November where we will be discussing our upcoming Christmas Fayre. A warm welcome awaits those who can attend.

### Scottish Book Week/Come and Read Session (17<sup>th</sup> Nov)

We will be celebrating Scottish Book Week with several activities designed to promote a love of reading within our learners. Each class will participate in age/stage appropriate activities encouraging reading for pleasure. As a school there are two key activities that we hope will involve our whole school community.

There will be a book swap that week with children encouraged to bring a book from home to swap with another book. There will also be an opportunity for an adult book swap. More details to follow next week for both of these events.

The week of activities will culminate in a Come and Read session on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 2pm, where we are encouraging parents/carers and extended family members to come into school and share a story with their young people. There will be a letter issued next week with more specific details, but it would be lovely to have as many people as possible in school sharing a love of reading.

### Absence and Attendance

Good attendance at school is essential to a child's progression in learning, their wellbeing and preparing them for their future life in the workplace. At Milton, we strive for an attendance rate in excess of 95% to ensure all our pupils have the best opportunity to meet their full potential. Overall, the attendance of the pupils at Milton is good however we have just over 20% of our young people who fall below the figure of 95%.

As part of Mrs Bunten's Equity remit, she continues to track and monitor weekly and monthly attendance figures which is then discussed and may result in letters home, phone calls or meetings in order to address and support families in raising attendance. We are aware that there may be extenuating circumstances for absences and we would always seek to work in partnership with families to overcome any barriers to getting children to school.

Moving forward, a pupil post envelope will be coming home this month to let you see your child's attendance percentage. We would also ask that if there are any circumstances that prevent your child getting to school everyday or on time, that you contact the school to arrange to discuss these matters and we can continue to work in partnership moving forward.

A copy of our Absence and Attendance Position Statement can be found on our website.

### Christmas Fayre - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Advance notice that our ever popular Christmas Fayre hosted by our Parent Council will be held in school on the afternoon of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in our School hall and café. There are a number of small business stalls and some old favourites including tombola, tea room, raffle, class crafts, children's games and Santa's grotto. Our next Parent Council Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November (all welcome) where we will discuss entry fee and organisation. A letter will be sent afterwards with more information. The Parent Council will be in need of some helpers for the day - if you are able to help (even just for set up in the morning) can you please let our office staff know who will pass this on to our Parent Council Chair. A reminder that our Parent Council have a donation box in our school entrance bubble to drop any items for our tombola - thank you.

### Dates for your Diary

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> - Drama Club 3-4

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> - Biscuits on sale 50p

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> - P5 Library Visit

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - Proposed Industrial Action

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Come and Read Family event - details to follow

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> - Hopscotch Theatre Company Visit

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Parent Council 7pm

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> - Tempest Photographer

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> - Netball 3-4

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

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Football/Netball tournament

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> - P4 Assembly 9.30 (doors open 9.20)

