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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.

January Newsletter

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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

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.

A huge congratulations to our newly wed Miss Naismith, now Mrs Skalley. Mrs Skalley was an absolutely stunning bride and Mr Skalley didn't disappoint either! Congratulations again to the happy couple.

Thank you to our families and friends who supported our Christmas fundraising events throughout December, we have raised the fantastic total of £1172.73 which will be used to buy much needed ICT equipment for our ICT suite.

We also had a wonderful time at Tesco with our choir on the final day of term. The children were phenomenal and kept their enthusiasm and super singing up for a whole hour! The generosity of customers, friends and family was amazing and we raised £346.60 which will be used to purchase a new chrome book for all classes to use.

A reminder that we need to verify all twitter user requests and we cannot accept direct requests. -A letter (with link) will be sent via ParentsPortal for you to use if you have not already done so. There are also joining instructions on our Website.

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

Christmas Fayre Success

Thank you to our wonderful Parent Council who again ran a very successful Christmas Fayre enjoyed by all. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped on the day or on the run up to the event and to the many helpers behind the scenes. A wonderful total of over £1800 was raised on the day with some expenses still to be paid. A special mention to Caitlin in Primary 6 who donated £72.90 from her jewellery stall towards new netball uniforms for the team. Well done, Caitlin!

Well done!

Enrolment Week 8th - 19th January

If you know of anyone ready to register his or her child for Primary one in August 2024 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 2024 and speaking with families soon.

Come and See Writing Event

We are looking forward to welcoming families in to view a writing lesson in classes on Tues 30th January 9.30-10.30. This will showcase the PM writing pedagogy that the school have been involved in alongside Bent and Blackwood Primary Schools. We are looking forward to sharing this innovative approach but would ask families to be mindful that this will be a working lesson and space will be limited for families to observe this in action.

Lockerbie Parents' Evening

A reminder that there will be a parent/carer information meeting in our school hall on Monday 15th 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.

Phones/ Smart Watches

As you are aware our position statement on mobile phones is very clear and pupils will be reminded of this at our upcoming assembly as well as ongoing internet safety and digital footprint lessons. Pupils may bring their phones to school but these must remain switched off and in bags until leaving school premises. Should a pupil need to contact their parent/carer during the school day this will be done via the school office. Similarly if a parent requires to relay a message to their child they can do so by calling the school office on 01555 894282. In addition apple watches or similar devices which have internet capability including call functions and messaging capability also fall under this category and form part of our mobile device policy. Apple watches/similar devices can be brought to school but should not be used for calling or texting as per our mobile device position statement. [Mobile Device Position Statement](#)

Primary 6 Swimming Block

Our Primary 6 families will have received their letter regarding the upcoming swimming block which will start on Wednesday 17th January at Coalburn Leisure Centre. This can be paid via ParentPay and is due by Friday 12th January.

Chicken Pox

Please be aware there are a number of chicken pox cases in school and in the local area. Children should be kept off school until all spots have crusted over. Further information can be found from NHS Inform.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Kooth

Before the holidays, we welcomed Chevonne from Kooth to speak to our Primary 6 and 7 pupils about using the personalised, online mental health support service for children and young people. Kooth The pupils then looked at this during their ICT time. www.kooth.com

Dates for your Diary

Mon 8th - Enrolment (online)
Wed 17th - P6 swimming 1/9
Wed 24th - Drama club 3-4.30, P6 Swimming 2/9
Wed 31st - P6 Swimming 3/9

Advance Notice - February

Mon 5th - Parent Council 7pm
Mon 12th - Tues 13th - Feb holiday

Mon 15th - Lockerbie Parents' Evening 4.45-5.45
Wed 17th - Drama Club 3-4.30
Tues 30th - Come & See Event (writing) 9.30 - 10.30
Wed 31st - Drama 3-4.30

Wed 7th - Drama 3-4.30
Wed 14th - Staff Inset Day

