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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 weather has certainly been 'interesting' lately!! We lost our garden shed in the recent storms but are grateful as the damage could have been worse but all is well with the building and surrounding play equipment. As I get older, I certainly seem to feel the cold more but our young people never seem to mind and my war cry in the playground is usually, "jackets on!" I would ask for your continued support in ensuring your child has a suitable outdoor jacket and outdoor shoes for the playground. Please remember we have a wide range of jackets and uniform items - new and with tags in our pre-loved rail. This can be accessed at any time or email our school office and we can pop items into bags.

We enjoyed having parents, carers and grandparents in school for our recent 'Come and See' event for writing. Developing a whole school approach to teach writing has been high on our School Improvement Priorities over the last couple of years with the staff engaging in a joint writing initiative with Blackwood and Bent Primaries. It has been a rewarding process for the staff to watch the children benefit from this new approach and to hear the children feeding back that they are enjoying extended writing. We hope that you will continue to hear your children discussing writing positively as we continue our writing journey and enjoy reading some of their work during our Parents' Night in May.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to Miss Gardiner who was successful at a recent interview at HMRC. We wish Miss Gardiner all the best and look forward to hearing how she gets on when she starts later this month. Mrs Tweedie has joined our Support Assistant team as our replacement for Mrs Roarty (Equity funded) Wed - Fri.

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

Absences - Notifying School Office

Support Staff are having to remain in our school office in the morning to call families who have not left a message or email to alert that their child will be absent. This means our Support Staff are losing valuable time in classes supporting pupils. Please ensure that if your child is absent, an email is sent to our school office, or a message left on the school answering machine. Your support is appreciated and needed in this matter.

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Primary 7 Lockerbie Residential Trip

Not long now until our Primary 7 are ready for their Lockerbie adventure. Lots of updates will be posted on our X (Twitter) feed for families to see our daredevils in action. Our X/Twitter joining instructions can be found on our School website homepage, bottom right under 'Popular Links'. No direct requests will be accepted to our account as we cannot verify authenticity.

Parent/Grandparent Helpers

We recently sent a letter out asking for any interested parents, carers or grandparents to help with activities in school. Activities may include:

- Accompanying school trips, swimming lessons
- Small group support/paired reading
- Helping in our library or structure play

If this is something you would like to help with please do not hesitate to get in touch 01555 894282.

School Uniform/Gym Kit

It is disappointing to note that in recent months, there are an increasing number of pupils who are not wearing school uniform or appropriate/safe gym kit. Our uniform helps to promote the identity of our school in the local community and helps create an ethos of sharing and pride in Milton. In addition, the wearing of a uniform helps towards increasing the protection of all pupils. The wearing of a uniform helps staff and the pupils to distinguish between who belong to the school and those who may be visitors. This enables staff to approach and identify visitors more readily and helps in trying to offer a safer environment for pupils and teachers alike. It is important that children are also suitably dressed for PE. Trainers worn outside should not be worn for PE as this could prove to be a danger. Please note that jewellery should also be removed before PE sessions. Our uniform can be found in our handbook and school website, there are also many items (brand new) which can be found in our pre-loved rail too.

Transport Consultation

The consultation on the proposal to alter the distance that a mainstream secondary school pupil must live from their catchment school in order to qualify for free school transport from more than 2 miles to more than 3 miles is now open and runs until 1st March 2024. The link provides further information, including a response form, and advice on enrolling to attend a public meeting for those wishing to know more. Any proposed change would not take effect until August 2025. Paper copies are available in schools and libraries.

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education-and-learning/2196/secondary-school-transport-consultation>

Health and Wellbeing - RSHP (Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood)

As part of our ongoing Health and Wellbeing lessons, a reminder that staff will use the national resource lessons from <http://rshp.scot> as part of their lesson content. Should you wish to discuss any aspect further, please do not hesitate to contact class teachers via the office email - office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

NSPCC

All classes recently took part in age and stage appropriate NSPCC lessons. Children were enthusiastic about the lessons - especially the videos with Ant and Dec. Primary 6 and 7 will have an additional workshop from NSPCC this month.

Parent Council Reminder

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place in school on Monday 5th February at 7 o'clock - all welcome. Advance notice that there will be an upcoming Family Quiz Night on Friday 1st March at the Fountain. More information to follow.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 5th - Parent Council 7pm

Wed 7th - Drama 3-4.30

Wed 14th - Inset Day for staff

Tues 20th - Drama 3-4.30 (moved day due to Lockerbie)

Wed 28th - Drama 3-4.30

Fri 1st March - Parent Council Family Quiz at the Fountain 7.30-10.30 (details to follow)

Wed 7th /21st /28th - P6 Swimming

Mon 12th - Tues 13th - Feb holiday

Tues 20th - NSPCC Workshops P6 & P7

Wed 21st - Fri 23rd - P7 Lockerbie

Fri 1st March - P3 Assembly 9.30 (doors open 9.20)

Advance Notice March - Thursday March 7th (World Book Day) - plans will be shared soon.

