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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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| April/May Newsletter Session 2023/2024 Tel:- 01555 894282 web:- [www.milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) email:- office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk A white x on a black background  Description automatically generatedImage result for twitter bird@miltonslc |

I hope everyone managed to enjoy the Easter holidays – despite the rather rotten weather! My boys enjoyed a lot of snow in the first week of the holidays but I’m hoping that’s the last of it - but you just never know!!

As we start our final term of the session I am again impressed by the hard work and enthusiasm I see in each of the classes and also the friendship and teamwork in the playground and café. There is always a ‘buzz’ in the last term – especially for our Primary 7 pupils. We will have more transition opportunities for the high school and the reality of this being the very last term at Milton is beginning to dawn. We look forward to a positive end to the term for all our classes but especially for our Primary 7 who will be reflecting on their time here and passing on the mantle to our current Primary 6 pupils.

Our Rising 5s programme will be starting towards the end of May and invitations have now been posted or sent home via pupil post. We look forward to welcoming our new entrants and I know our current Primary 6 are looking forward to meeting their buddies very soon.

As the weather improves (fingers crossed), pupils will once again be able to eat packed lunches outside but I would ask for assistance in reminding pupils that all rubbish should go in the bin. We continue to tell pupils to put any uneaten food back in their lunch boxes to allow families to check on what has been eaten during the day.

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…**

**Gym Kit Reminder**

Another reminder that our gym kit uniform consists of; **black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers/gym shoes**. 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.

**H**ard Work

**E**nthusiasm

**A**chievement

**R**espect

**T**eam Work

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**Aladdin Trouble Performance**

Our scenery is nearly complete, our costumes are looking amazing and we are really looking forward to sharing our songs and acting with an audience. The drama club children have worked immensely hard over the session and are really excited that the time is nearly here for our final performances. Please support our cast and come along for some toe tapping good music and laughs aplenty. There are still tickets available for the following performances – tickets can be ordered via ParentPay. If anyone requires support for payment of tickets, please do not hesitate to email or phone Mrs James.

* Tues 30th April – 12.30 (doors open from 12.10)
* Wed 1st May – 6.30 (doors open from 6pm)

A reminder to our drama club that the following times are in our school calendar for rehearsals;

Wed 24th April – dress rehearsal then drama club 3-4.30 Thurs 25th – additional drama club 3-4.30 Mon 29th – performance for school classes

**Sports Scotland Award**

Milton Primary School are the proud recipients of a Gold School Sport Award from Sport Scotland. Our Primary 7s have led the school in achieving this through their work as Sport Ambassadors over the last 2 years. Working closely with our Active Schools co-ordinator, Clare Murphy, they have promoted sport throughout our school. They have led lunch time clubs with younger pupils and games and activities in the playground. They have actively encouraged pupils to participate in clubs in school and they have carried out surveys to find out which clubs they would like to be offered in school. Our Sports Ambassadors have also organised our Sports Day last year and will do the same for this year. We are very proud of our high levels of participation in clubs and sporting activities – which was 85% in 2022-2023. We proudly celebrate the sporting achievements in and out of school for all of our learners during our monthly Wonderwall assemblies. We are also very lucky to have great links with Lesmahagow High School as Senior pupils often lead clubs or support clubs in our school. Our Sports Ambassadors have worked hard to share our sporting achievements and to promote sport across our school and we are delighted that Sport Scotland have recognised this in giving us the Gold award! Well done to everyone at Milton!

**Primary 4 Tennis Stars**

A very well done to Imogen, Louisa, Jack and Ruaridh who represented Milton Primary at the Active Schools Tennis tournament on Sunday 21st April. The weather certainly made it a bit of a damp day but all the children played well and showed beautiful Milton manners and great sportsmanship. Well done!

**Sports Day – Advance Notice**

Weather permitting – we will have a traditional sports day on Friday 14th June 9.30am at the Glebe Park with an invitation for parents/carers to attend. The Sports Ambassadors will then lead an in-house potted sports event in the afternoon for pupils only (due to capacity). If you would be free to help on the morning of Friday 14th please let our office know – we would be grateful for parental volunteers for the morning events – thank you.

**Legacy Garden Plants**

The House and Vice Captains enjoyed a trip to Beeches Cottage Nursery to buy perennial plants for our Legacy Garden. The money raised from our biscuit sale was put to good use and our thanks to Mrs Clarke who helped our team plant these last Friday. We had a lovely time at Beeches Nursery and had some great advice on the plants we needed.

**Dates for your Diary**

Wed 24th and Thurs 25th – drama club 3-4.30 Mon 29th – drama rehearsal for full school Mon 29th – ICT refresh – limited computer use for office (please call this week rather than email any absences or messages) Mon 29th – drama rehearsal for full school Tues 30th – drama show 12.30 (12.10 doors open) Wed 1st May – drama show 6.30pm (doors open 6pm) Thurs 2nd May – Inset day for staff Fri 3rd – Football/netball festival game Mon 6th – Holiday Fri 10th – Primary 3 - Science Centre Visit Fri 10th – Primary 2 Assembly 9.30 (doors open 9.20) Mon 13th – Parent Council 7pm in school café Fri 17th – Primary 1 Assembly 9.30 (doors open 9.20) Wed 22nd – Parents’ Evening (info to follow) Fri 24th –Mon 27th - May Holiday Wed 29th – Rising 5s Session 1/3 1.30-2.30 Fri 31st – Primary 5 Assembly 9.30 (doors open 9.20) Advance Notice March – Thursday March 7th (World Book Day) – plans will be shared soon.