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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.

June Newsletter

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It always feels quite surreal typing the last newsletter of the session. There have been so many highlights throughout this session including gaining our Gold School Sport Award, a full school Panto visit (funded by Parent Council), two successful come and see events - reading and writing and our first ever drama club production of Aladdin.

Throughout the session, all classes have shared assemblies with families and I am always delighted to see the confidence and enjoyment of our young pupils when they perform in front of their peers and an audience. These are the proud Head Teacher moments that make Milton such a fabulous place to work and learn.

As we look towards the looming Summer break, we are reminded that our current Primary 7 pupils are nearly at the end of their Milton journey. From speaking with them, I know there are some butterflies but as the saying goes, "It's okay to get butterflies in your stomach; the key is to learn how to make them fly in formation". (George St-Pierre). Class of 2024 you will be **amazing** as you start your new journey, just remember to please come back and visit us soon!

As always, my thanks goes to the incredible hard work and dedication of all our staff members who give their very best to ensure we maintain the high standards within Milton Primary and provide the nurture, support and guidance for all our pupils.

A final thank you to our Milton families and the many parent helpers this session - I hope you all have a wonderful Summer holiday and I look forward to working in partnership with you once again in the new session.

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

Uniform

We have lots of new and pre-loved uniform items available. If you have anything to add to our rail before the end of term we would be delighted to accept these. If you require any items for the session ahead, please call in, send a note via pupil post/email and we can pop any items into bags. There are also lots of items in the Second Chance Shop in Kirkmuirhill. We still have LOTS of clothing, in our lost property rail. If you think you may have any items here, please check and a member of our office staff will try and help match these back to their owner. If unclaimed by August, these will be donated to the Second Chance Shop.

Sports Day

We are hoping for some sunshine for our upcoming Sports Day on Friday 14th June. This will be a full day of sport and activity and children can wear their gym kit for the full day. We will start our activities at the Glebe Park at 9.30am and welcome parents and carers to attend and cheer our pupils on in their events. After all classes have competed, we will return to school and will have our own potted sports afternoon in school. Please note there will be no parents/carers in the afternoon due to reduced capacity. We will monitor the weather closely and will feedback regarding any changes via our usual channels. We recognise that it is difficult to rearrange at short notice and that families may have taken time off their work so we will endeavour to go ahead unless the weather is really against us on the day. We're keeping our fingers and toes crossed!

Crazy Hair Day - Friday 7th June

On Friday 7th June, we will be hosting our Crazy Hair day for £1 per pupil. This will help us raise funds to purchase a nice icy treat for the afternoon of our Potted Sports. We are already looking forward to seeing the great ideas for the day! Keep a look out on X (Twitter) on the day.

Staffing - August 2023/Move up Morning

We are waiting for our final staffing confirmation and aim to be able to share classes in the coming weeks. We will be hosting a 'move up' morning on Tuesday 25th June for children to meet their new class teacher before the new session. Please note that there is always movement within the school roll and this can affect the configuration in August, however, we will endeavour to share your child's class and teacher via pupil post as soon as we have our final staffing complement from South Lanarkshire Council.

Lesmahagow Transition Days Reminder

Our Primary 7 pupils will have their two-day transition visit to Lesmahagow High School on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of June.

Parent Council - Highland Games Float Reminder

This year our theme is WILLY WONKA (and the chocolate factory). A winning pupil from p4 has designed the float and it will look fantastic thanks to our creative team of helpers and pupils. The parade is on Saturday 15th June and it would be great to have lots of Milton boys, girls and parents/carers involved! Assemble at Eastwood Drive for 10:45 on the day. We'd love to see some characters from Wonka or Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - some Oompa Loompas or even dressing up as a sweet treat would be great too - lots of options and anything will be fine! Please let the Parent Council know if you plan to come along on the day so we can register numbers with the Highland Games committee. You can email the address below to let them know you will be attending;

miltonfloat@yahoo.com

On the day, children **MUST** be supervised by an adult at all times! For anyone who could help with resources we are still looking for:

Milk cartons
Pipe insulation
Spare fabrics
Leftover paints

There is a blue drop of box in the school bubble for any materials you may have. Thank you.

Rising 5s Pre-entrant

It has been lovely to chat with our new Pre-entrant families and we look forward to welcoming our new Primary 1 pupils in August. Our Rising 5 pre-entrant activities are already underway and our current Primary 6 pupils are looking forwards to having lunch with their buddy on Wednesday 12th June at 11.40.



Primary 7 Leaver's Assembly Arrangements

We are delighted to be welcome our Primary 7 families to our senior Prize Giving event in our school hall on Thursday 20th June at 9.30 (doors open from 9.20). The formal prize giving will take place in our school hall, followed by an intermission where families are invited to have some refreshments in our canteen whilst the scene is set for the Primary 7 Oscars. We envisage that this will last around an hour and should be finished by 12:00. As numbers will be limited for the event, we have sent a letter via pupil post to ascertain final numbers. We look forward to welcoming our Primary 7 families on this day.



Den Building Opportunity

We are absolutely thrilled to be joined by Mrs Simpson over the next few weeks who will be taking all classes for den—building workshops in our playground. It has been a number of years since we have had the opportunity to take part in this and we are very excited to be able to do this again. Please keep a check on ParentsPortal for more information on clothing and dates coming soon.

School Improvement Plan - 2024/25

We are now finalising our areas for priority next session and invite you to add any thoughts of ideas to the attached sheet. Pupils are also consulted on our development priorities through pupil matter discussion and through Pupil Council meetings.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 31st May - Primary 5 Assembly 9.30 (doors open 9.20)
Wed 5th June - Rising 5s (2/3) 1.30 - 2.30
Thurs 6th - P7 leavers photograph
Fri 7th - Crazy Hair day £1
Tues 11th - P3,4,5 Water Safety Talks Workshop
Tues 11th and Wed 12th - P7 transition days to LHS
Tues 11th - P1, P2, P6 den building workshop
Wed 12th - Rising 5s (3/3) Lunch with buddy + parent input 11.40-12.10.
Thurs 13th - P1,2,6,7 Water Safety Talks Workshop
Fri 14th Sports Day 9.30 Glebe Park
Sat 15th - Highland Games
Tues 18th P3 and P7 den building workshop
Thurs 20th - Primary 7 Prize Giving and Oscars
Fri 21st - P4 and P5 den building workshop.
Thurs 20th Award Ceremony 9.30 (doors open 9.20)
Mon 24th - Primary 7 event 3.00 - 5.30 in school
Tues 25th - Move up Morning
Wed 26th - Schools Close 1pm

Final Day/First Day

Our final school day will be Wednesday 27th June at 1pm. Children are able to dress down on this day but please remember as per South Lanarkshire Council policy - no football strips. Our first day back is 9.00-3.00 Wednesday 14th August. Our new Primary 1 pupils will be 9.15-2.30 on the first day only and then 9.00 - 3.00 thereafter. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in August.



Milton School Improvement Priorities 2023/24

As part of our Pupil Natter sessions across classes, pupils are able to share their views on our school priorities. Classes help us evaluate our progress on this year's priorities, listen to proposed plans for the coming session and give their views on what they feel are community priorities.

Our current priority of writing will continue as part of the three year plan and we will continue to develop and adapt the spelling curriculum across all stages. We are committed to developing the rights of the child and are looking towards the Inclusive Classroom, nurture and attachment as well as further learning community development of skills progression for life, learning and work. It is important that all members of our school community also have a say in aspects of our improvement plan, therefore, I have attached a slip below asking for your opinions on anything you feel as a school and community you would like to see being developed in Milton Primary.

Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN BY 13/6/24

School Improvement Priorities 2024/25

Name of Child _____

Pupil suggestions about priorities for School Improvement 2024/25

Name of Parent/Carer _____

In addition to Spelling pedagogy, attainment and assessment and Children's Rights, nurture and attachment do you have any further suggestions regarding School Improvement priorities 2024/25?
