**ARCHIVE NEWS 6/6/22 - 5/5/23**

**Wonderful Milton Manners! (added 5/5/23 by Mrs James)**
We have thoroughly enjoyed our Coronation Fun Day at the Glebe and McKirdy Park this morning. The Milton Manners displayed from all the boys and girls was fantastic - well done to all! A special thank you to Tesco who supplied ice lollies for our fun day. We are now looking forward to this afternoons silent disco. Keep an eye on our twitter feed for some disco dance moves!

**Pre-Entrant - Rising 5s Invite (added 4/5/23 by Mrs James)**
Invites to our Rising 5s events for our pre-entrant pupils have now been sent via pupil post or snail mail. We are really looking forward to welcoming new and existing families to Milton and working with our new intake pupils and their buddies on the following days:- Tues 30th May 1.30-2.30, Tues 6th June 1.20 - 2.30 and our lunch/information session on Tues 13th June 11.30.

**August 2023 Primary 1 intake website (added 19/4/23 by Mrs Prentice)**
We have a Primary 1 Intake website has lots of information for new Primary 1 pupils who will be starting at our school in August. If you know of any families starting at the schoolin August please share this with them. Thank you!

**World Book Day Reminder (added 27/2/23 by Mrs James)**
Pupils have been voting for their top three choices of book to hear on Thursday with a staff member for the final hour of the day. There is no cost for this event and no dressing up on the day - just time to sit back and enjoy some Literacy activities.

**Lockerbie - Watch Out! Our Primary 7s are coming!! (added 22/2/23 by Mrs James)**
Our Primary 7 boys and girls are excitedly waiting for the bus to take them on their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor today. We will keep families updated via our twitter feed - please again follow the joining instructions below if you are not already a follower, we will not be able to verify direct follower requests. We can't wait to see what the activities the boys and girls will be enjoying. Have fun!!

Twitter   @miltonslc
In line with Council policy, the Twitter account will be private and friend requests will need to be approved by myself, Mrs Prentice or Mrs Bunten. Following advice from South Lanarkshire Council, we need to seek permission from parents/carers to share photographs of pupils. These will mainly be group or class photographs showing activities, excursions or sporting events.  Please be assured that only family and friends of Milton Primary School will be able to see our ‘Tweets’. Please note we will be unable to reply to anything posted on twitter.
In order to verify the authenticity of your account due to an unknown twitter name we ask that you please email your twitter handle and full name to -  theict@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk account which will allow us to approve your account. For example -  @miltonslc Lorna James

**Proposed Industrial Action Tues 28th Feb - 1st March (added 21/2/23 by Mrs James)**
Please click HERE to see letter regarding proposed industrial action on Tues 28th Feb - 1st March.

**Parent Council Race Night - Saturday 18th March at Hollandbush (added 16/2/23 by Mrs James)**
Please check bags for a pupil post letter from the Parent Council for information on how to book tickets for the ever popular Race night. A box for any raffle donations has also been placed in our school entrance bubble.

**Parent Council Meeting 6.2.23**
All welcome at our Parent Council meeting tonight, 7pm in our school cafe.

**ICT Refresh - No ICT access (added 30/1/23 by Mrs James)**
Please note that our ICT refresh is now underway which means we have very limited access to ICT this week and may not pick up emails that are sent to our office. If you require anything please continue to call our office on 01555 894282. All computers and ICT should be back up and running for next week.

**Lunch/After School Club Volunteers (added 20/1/23 by Mrs James)**
We are delighted to have a few volunteers and senior pupils from Lesmahagow High School helping with some lunch and after school clubs. If you are willing to help with a club - even for a short 4-6 week block, please contact our school office. We would be delighted to widen the extra-curricular opportunities for all our pupils.**Proposed Industrial Action Friday 3rd February (added 20/1/23 by Mrs James)**
Please click HERE to see letter regarding proposed industrial action on Friday 3rd February.

Welcome Back! (added 9/1/23 by Mrs James)
Happy new year to all our Milton families. I am looking forward to hearing all the news at break and lunchtime today!

**Adverse Weather Updates/Winter Ready (added 14/12/22 by Mrs James)**
A reminder in the coming months ahead that should we encounter any spells of adverse weather please regularly check our website and twitter feed as these are our two main ways of communicating with families. We cannot send text messages straight away as this is done via a school system in our office and cannot be accessed remotely. Any delayed starts will be posted on twitter and our website and will also be updated on South Lanarkshire’s Twitter and Facebook pages. Phone lines are always very busy on snowy mornings so an email can be sent to our office if your child/children are not able to attend or a message can be left on our answering machine. We have a number of Winter jackets, hats, scarves and gloves -  if anyone requires any items please just pop a note to the office and these can be placed in your child's bag.**Reminder - Twitter Joining Instructions @miltonslc (added 14/12/22 by Mrs James)**
We use our Twitter account to share information of what is going on in classes, reminders of assemblies, trips, special school lunches etc. as well as showing photographs of events that are ongoing throughout our school session. We will also use it to keep in touch with families of days of inclement weather or possible closures etc.  Only family and friends of Milton Primary School will be able to see our ‘Tweets’. Please note we will be unable to reply to anything posted on twitter.  Please remember in order for us to verify the authenticity of your account due to an unknown twitter name or photographs, we ask that you please email your twitter handle and full name to -  theict@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk
account which will allow us to approve your account. For example -  @miltonslc Lorna James.   We will not accept direct requests, thank you.

**Merry Christmas (added 23/12/22 by Mrs James)**
Merry Christmas to all our Milton families - we hope you have a peaceful and safe time over the holidays and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.

Udated Information for Proposed Industrial Action Tuesday 10th January (added 21/12/22 by Mrs James)
Please click HERE to see letter regarding proposed industrial action on Tuesday 10th January.
Proposed Industrial Action Tuesday 10th January (added 16/11/22 by Mrs James)
Please click HERE to see letter regarding proposed industrial action on Tuesday 10th January.

**Carol Concert (added 14/12/22 by Mrs James)**
We are very excited to welcome all our visitors and guests to our first Carol Concert in a number of years! Doors will be open at 12.45 - please be mindful that the carpark remains very slippy at this time.

**School Open Tomorrow (added 12/12/22 by Mrs James)**
Plumbing issues have now been fixed and we will be open as normal tomorrow. Thank you to everyoine for your patience and understanding today.

**\*\*\*\*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSURE \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* (added 12/12/22 by Mrs James)**
We have no water in school and have been advised we now need to close. We are currently trying to contact families to pick up children. We only have two phone lines so in order to keep these clear, please email our school office if you need to contact us - office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Please keep an eye on our twitter feed and website for updates. We are contacting school transport and will be advised if their drivers are available, however, if your child is normally on the bus and you are able to pick them up please email the school office to let us know - thank you

**Parent Council Christmas Fayre Success (added 6/12/22 by Mrs James)**
A huge well done and thank you to our wonderful Parent Council who ran a fantastic Christmas Fayre on Friday afternoon - the first since COVID restrictions. The fayre was very well attended and a great success - thank you to all who were able to come along and support or help on the day.

**Homework Survey (added 30/11/22 by Mrs James)**
Thank you to all who were able to take part in our recent homework survey and a big thank you to Mrs Fox and Mrs Cherry who were able to capture a large audience at Parents' evening to take part in the survey - I'm not sure they let anyone escape! :0) Below outlines our approach moving forward and also dates for each particular focus week. This will be reviewed again by our Pupil Council in the new year and feedback will be sought from families at our May Parents' evening. Please click on each link to view - Milton Homework       Homework Dates

**Proposed Industrial Action Thursday 24th November (added 22/11/22 by Mrs James)**
Please click HERE to see letter regarding proposed industrial action on Thursday 24th November.

**House and Vice Captain Legacy Plan (added 22/11/22 by Mrs James)**
The House and Vice Captains decided that their Legacy Plan this year would be to create their very own Milton Monthly newspaper. They have given one paper copy to each class but as we are an Eco school, they have opted to have this as an online version for all classes and families to read. They have worked very hard on their first edition and look forward to their next scoop soon. Well done to all the House and Vice Captains. Please click HERE for our first Milton Monthly newspaper.

**Panto Visit Friday 18th November (added 17/11/22 by Mrs Jame**s)
We are very excited for our Panto visit tomorrow. Our buses will be with us promptly after registration and will not be able to wait for any latecomers as the performance begins at 10am. Thank you again to our Parent Council who have heavily subsidised this excursion.

Proposed Industrial Action (added 17/11/22 by Mrs James)
Please click HERE to see letter regarding proposed industrial action on Thursday 24th November.

**Parent Council - Monday 7th November (added 1/11/22 by Mrs James)**
A reminder that our next Parent Council meeting will be held in our school cafe at 7pm on Monday 7th November - all welcome.Agenda can be found in the Parent Area tab.

**2022 Poppy Appeal (added 27/10/22 by Mrs James)**
We are once again supporting the Scottish Poppy Appeal and our Pupil Council will be round classes each day to sell poppies for a minimum of 30p donation. Thank you for your support.

**Reminder:- Parent Council Halloween Disco - Thursday 27th October (added 24/10/22 by Mrs James)**
A reminder that our Parent Council will be hosting the Halloween Disco this Thursday. Timings will be 6.30 - 7.30 (P1-3) and 7.45 - 8.45 (P4-7). The cost will be £2 which will be payable on the door - this includes crisps/juice/water. All P1-3 children must be picked up by an adult at the end of the first disco and will not be able to leave without a parent/carer coming to collect them from the school cafe. Please remember to ensure costumes are appropriate and not too scary or gory for our younger pupils.

**Infant Area Flood (added 24/10/22 by Mrs James)**
Unfortunately we have had a flood in our infant department over the October week. Our P1, P1/2 and P2/3 classes will be working in classes on the top floor until repairs are made.

**Cost of Living Website (added 10/10/22 by Mrs James)**
The Scottish Government has a set up a special website for the cost of living crisis. The site includes financial help but also health and wellbeing support. Please visit https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/ for more information.

School Uniform Consulatation - Scottish Government (added 10/10/22 by Mrs James)
The Scottish Government has committed to introduce statutory guidance in Scotland which aims to address equalities issues around uniform policy and reduce the cost of school uniform, as this can be a significant barrier to  participation in learning.  This consultation seeks views on:
- what should be included within the scope of the guidance
- the role that school uniform plays within the ethos, culture and day to day school life
- the considerations available to schools and education authorities in reducing school uniform costs
- the draft principles which are intended to be incorporated as part of national school uniform policy
Please click HERE to take part in the consultation.

**Parents' Evening Appointments (added 30.9.22 by Mrs Bunten)**
Our Parents' Evening booking system, School Cloud, is now live.  All parents and carers should have received an email today containing a direct link to book appointments.  If you haven't received an email or are having difficulty accessing the system, please contact our School Office.  Our Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday the 13th of October, in our school cafe.  We are looking forward to seeing as many of our families there as possible.

**Participatory Budgeting - Have your Say! (added 30.9.22 by Mrs Bunten)**
Please complete our Participatory Budgeting Consultation form below.   We are looking for your ideas on how to spend 5% of our allocated PEF money to benefit learners’ experiences at Milton Primary.  Everyone in the school (pupils, staff and parents) will have a chance to vote on the selected short list.  Details of that will be provided in due course. Thank you for your continued support. [Participatory Budgeting Consultation](https://forms.office.com/r/Ekw6RNs5QV)

**Homework Survey 2022 (re-added 30/9/22 by Mrs James)**
We recognise there are various views around homework - both for and against - and are keen to seek the views of all our families around the offering provided by Milton. Please follow the homework survey link below to have your say. The survey will close on Friday the 14th of October. [Homework Survey Link](https://forms.office.com/r/xqGu2jQ33i)

Parent Council Meeting - Monday 3rd October at 7pm (added 26/9/22 by Mrs James)
We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning parents to our first Parent Council meeting of the session in school on Monday 3rd October at 7pm. A warm welcome awaits anyone able to join us. Please see the Parent area section of our website for the agenda.
Service of Commemoration 22/9/22  at Lesmahagow Parish Church 6.30pm
We are delighted to have been asked to participate in the service of celebration for the late Queen Elizabeth II. Two of our House Captains will be representing our school with a poem recital but we would lovely to have another other pupils able to join us on this evening. A letter has gone via pupil post today with all the information needed. We hope to see some of our families there if you are free on Thursday evening.

**HM Inspector Questionnaire (added 15/9/22 by Mrs James)**
Can I please ask for families to complete the HM Inspector Questionnaire which was emailed on 7/9/22. A reminder email with this link has been emailed to families today. This is an important opportunity for the views of all stakeholders to be taken into account for our upcoming inspection. An extension to the completion has been given until 5pm tomorrow - Friday 15th September.

**Visit from HM Inspectors from Education Scotland (added 7/9/22 by Mrs James)**
We are delighted to announce that HM Inspectors from Education Scotland will be visiting us to conduct an inspection during the week commencing 26th September 2022. We are extremely proud of our school and believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for us to share and celebrate the work of our pupils, parents and staff. A letter has been emailed to families today to share a link to a questionnaire which inspectors will use to gather the views of stakeholders.  We would urge as many parents as possible to complete the survey and indeed to volunteer to participate in groups. The questionnaire should be completed by Thursday 15th September. Should you require access to a computer to complete this questionnaire, access will be available on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th September in our school computer suite at 3pm - just pop in to our office at 3 o'clock and we can help set this up.

**Homework Survey 2022 (added 1/9/22 by Mrs James)**
We recognise there are various views around homework - both for and against - and are keen to seek the views of all our families around the offering provided by Milton. Please follow the homework survey link below to have your say. The survey will close on Thursday 22nd September. Homework Survey Link

**Active Schools Volunteer Workshops (added 1/9/22 by Mrs James)**
Active Schools are hosting three volunteer workshops for parents/carers in September across the Clydesdale area. This will provide some fun training and skills to build a block of extra-curricular activity in school. Please click HERE to find out more information. At Milton, we would be delighted to have more extra curricular opportunities for our pupils. Please get in touch if this is something you would be interested in or would like more information.

**Industrial Action Update (added 31/8/22 by Mrs James)**
Please click HERE to access parent/carer letter with regard to the Industrial Action which will go ahead on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September.

**Proposed Industrial Action:- Tues 6th - Thurs 8th September (added 25/8/22 by Mrs James)**
Please check your child's bag today as there is an important letter regarding proposed industrial action.

**Super First Day! (added 17/8/22. by Mrs James)**
Well done to all our boys and girls on their return to Milton today and a special welcome to all our new pupils joining our Milton family. Our new Primary 1 pupils have been enjoying lots of great activities today with Miss Naismith and Mrs Bryceland and have settled so well in their new surroundings - I think families may have some tired children tonight! Our Primary 7 pupils have been a fantastic support to their Primary 1 buddies and have shown a mature and thoughtful attitude in all the shared activities so far. Lovely to have the sun shining today to welcome everyone - I hope it stays! Keep checking our website and twitter feed for any updates as well as any pupil post that may be in school bags.

**Not Long Now! (added 13/8/22 by Mrs James)**
I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely sunshine! We are excited to see you all very soon and hear about what you have been doing over the Summer holiday. Our staff training Inset days will be on Monday and Tuesday next week. We have a number of whole staff training sessions - some of which are not in Milton Primary so please be patient if you need to reach the school for anything on those days. A message can be left on our school answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as we can. A reminder that our first day back for pupils is Wednesday 17th August 9.00 - 3.00. Our playground gate will be opened at 8.30 each morning by our janitor. On the first day only for our new Primary 1 pupils, the start time will be 9.15 where pupils will be collected at the playground gate by their class teachers - please refer to the new entrants handbook given prior to the Summer break for all arrangements. Our Primary 1 boys and girls will finish at 2.30 and will be escorted to the playground gate to meet their parents/carers. Please remember that Primary 1 pupils will follow the usual timings of 9.00 - 3.00 from Thursday 18th onwards. If your child wishes to attend our breakfast club on Wednesday 17th - they can enter via our front door from 8.15 - 8.30. After this time, the school playground gate will be open and pupils can enter from the playground into the cafe. There is no cost for this service and children do not need to pre book.  Looking forward to seeing you all very soon! :0)

**Enjoy Your Summer (added 24/6/22 by Mrs James)**
As we near the final bell, we would again like to wish all our Primary 7 leavers the best of luck on for their new adventure in August - please come back and see us soon! I hope all our Milton families have a wonderful Summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back - and our new Primary 1 pupils in August. please see below the timetable for ACE activities running over the Summer break.  ACE Activities.

**Friday Dress Down and Early Finish (added 23/6/22 by Mrs James)**
A reminder that tomorrow will be a dress down day and we will finish at 1pm for the Summer break.

**South Lanarkshire Financial Support During Holidays (added 23/6/22 by Mrs James)**
Please click the link below for information about financial support during the holidays for anyone in receipt of free school meals.
Financial support - South Lanarkshire Council

**Highland Games - Parent Council Float (added 16/6/22 by Mrs James)**
A final reminder that all are welcome to join the Parent Council Encanto themed float for the Highland Games tomorrow. If you are dressed in colour you will fit in perfectly! Please let the Parent Council know via their Facebook page if you are able to join the procession. Adults must be there to supervise their own children on the day. All families taking part in the float are asked to meet at Eastwood Drive at 10:30 before leaving to walk to the Glebe at 11.15.

**Digital Schools Award (added 13/6/22 by Mrs Prentice)**
We are thrilled to announce that we have achieved our Digital Schools Award. We have been working hard to ensure that digital technologies are at the heart of teaching and learning in Milton Primary School. This year, Primary 7s became Digital Leaders with a group of children taking on further responsibilities in looking after devices and sharing their learning with others. Miss McWee has been sharing good practice with other members of staff and has been trialling new technologies with her class. We shared our progress with an external validation team in May and they have now notified us to say we are a recognised Digital School! We are so proud of all of our staff and pupils as this has been very much a team effort! The validation team recognised this by saying the following in their report, "Pupils were able to articulate clearly the impact of their use of digital technology on their own learning, and as importantly, the enjoyment they took from the school's immersion in digital technologies. The staff were equally articulate about the impacts of digital technologies on their teaching day-to-day." Well done, Team Milton!

**P7- Lesmahagow High Transition Days (added 13/6/22 by Mrs Bunten)**
Primary 7 children should arrive at Milton Primary before 8.50am then Mrs Bunten will walk the children over to the High School for the 9am start.  The transition days will finish at 2.30pm.  The children will be collected and brought back over to Milton before being dismissed as usual at 3pm.  Children who travel on school transport should come on their usual bus and return home on this, as normal.  We can't wait to hear how P7 get on.  Time definitely does fly!

**Kidz Card Free Bus Travel (added 6/6/22 by Mrs James)**
An application form will be sent via pupil post to all families today for the under 22s free bus travel pass within Scotland. Please complete this application and return to the school office by Friday 10th June. Once processed the Kidz Card will be delivered directly to your home address.