



Millbank Primary School



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Millbank:- "If you believe you can achieve."

Dear Parent/Carer,

#### Open Afternoon

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to our Open Afternoon last Wednesday. It was great to see so many families in school and the pupils really enjoyed sharing their learning with you.

#### Parent Council AGM

We held our Parent Council AGM after the Open Afternoon on Wednesday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parent Council committee for all their hard work and support last session. Andrew Forrest (Chairperson), Ali Wiseman (Secretary) and Drew Davidson (Treasurer) have done a great job in running the Parent Council, co-ordinating fundraising events and supporting school improvements.

A particular thank you must be given to Ali Wiseman who has been instrumental in driving forward the Outdoor learning and play project. We are looking forward to developing this project even further following a training event with 'Smartplay' on 18<sup>th</sup> September. This training will support staff and parents to develop 'loose parts' play which will encourage the development of team work and problem-solving skills.

At the AGM Andrew Forrest was re-elected as Chairperson and Michelle Allgood was elected as Vice-Chairperson. Ali Wiseman and Drew Davidson would like to step down from their positions. Both Ali and Drew have given many years of loyal service to the Parent Council and are willing to support new office-bearers who come forward to take on these roles. Please do let us know if you would consider becoming our secretary or treasurer. We are having a **Parent Council meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, you are all welcome to attend this meeting. We will be planning a Hallowe'en disco and discussing other fundraising ideas.

#### School website

Due to administrative issues our school website address has been changed to [www.millbankprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.millbankprimaryschool.co.uk) The website looks slightly different but the content is the same.

#### Easy fundraising

If you shop online you may wish to sign up to easyfundraising via this link -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/millbankpsnairn/>

Signing up is really easy and then Millbank will receive a donation each time you shop with Amazon, ebay and many other online retailers.

#### Knitting club

Knitting club will start again this Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September from 3-4 pm in the Open Area. This club is for pupils in P4-P7.

#### Survey on Early learning and childcare

As you'll be aware the Scottish Government is planning to nearly double the hours of free early learning and childcare by 2020. Because the views of parents and carers are crucial for the success of this expansion, the Government has commissioned independent researchers to undertake a survey of parents. All Early Learning and childcare centres have been asked to share this survey link - [www.bit.ly/elc-survey](http://www.bit.ly/elc-survey) with parents of 0-5 year old children. All parents taking part will have the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw and have the chance to win one of 10 x GBP100 cash prizes.

#### Parents' Evenings

We will issue letters to all families today asking you which day you would like your parents' evening appointment (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> or Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sep). For those receiving the newsletter by email, facebook or website the appointment letter is attached so that you can reply electronically if you prefer.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Maria B McPherson)



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Dear Parent,

Parent interviews will be held on the following dates -

**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER from 4.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER from 6.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.**

Please complete and return the attached slip by **FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** so that we can organise appointment times.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Maria McPherson)

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CLASS(ES)

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I would like my appointment(s) on **Monday** **Wednesday** **Either** (Please circle preferred day)

I would like to see Mrs Laws

I would like to see Mrs MacLaren (Wednesday only)