

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Tuesday 21st August 2018

Welcome back

We hope that you enjoyed the great weather we had in the summer holidays and that you are looking forward to the new session back at school.

Staffing news

Many congratulations to Miss MacKinnon who was married in the holidays and is now Mrs Coutts.

Mrs Forsyth, Principal teacher for Additional Support Needs (ASN), stepped down from her Principal teacher duties at the end of last session. Mrs Forsyth had been Principal teacher for 13 years and was a great support to the management team and to all ASN teachers and PSAs. Her vast experience and knowledge of ASN has been invaluable. Mrs Forsyth will continue to teach in the Haven.

Mrs Laws was appointed to the full-time Principal teacher (ASN) position having carried out this role on a part-time basis. We are very pleased that Mrs Laws will carry on with all the good work she has done within the ASN department.

At the very end of last session Mr Crammond (Sparkle class teacher) left to take up a teaching position in Ardersier Primary. Mr Crammond was at Millbank for 2 years and made a very positive impact during that time. He was a dedicated and talented ASN teacher and very supportive of all pupils and staff within the school. We wish him all the very best in his new job.

Mrs Wood is to take over as Sparkle class teacher. Mrs Wood covered in ASN during a staff absence and she has shown interest and skill in this role.

Miss Young is joining us to teach the P6 class which had previously been assigned to Mrs Wood.

Mr Cormack will be teaching the P6 class on a Monday.

Mrs Mulgrew will be teaching the P2/3 class on a Monday.

I appreciate that there have been a lot of changes, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information.

Refurbishment of pupil toilets and ASN facilities

Unfortunately there were issues with the tendering process which has resulted in a delay to this work. It is hoped that work will begin on 3rd September.

Early Learning and Childcare news

Nursery is now known as Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) and this session we are introducing the flexibility model in our ELC centre. There are no longer set morning and afternoon sessions; instead, parents/carers can choose how to use their funded ELC hours and there is also the option to purchase additional ELC hours.

This move to flexibility has resulted in us appointing new members of staff -

Miss Jones has been appointed as a Lead ELC practitioner and her role will be to work with families and further develop opportunities for family engagement and learning.

Miss Kirk has been appointed as an additional Early years practitioner.

Mrs Barclay has been appointed as a clerical assistant to carry out the additional administrative duties associated with the flexibility model.

Church service

Many thanks to all our families and friends who attended our End of session service and prize-giving at St Ninian's on Thursday 28th June. The collection was for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Our Rainbow and Sparkle class pupils attend weekly horse-riding lessons with RDA and benefit greatly from them. The collection came to £83.54 and we thank you very much for your support.

Dates for your diary



Monday 20 th August	In-service day for school staff, school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 21 st August	School re-opens at 9 am for the new session.
Monday 17 th September	In-service training day for school staff, school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 18 th September	In-service training day for school staff, school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 2 nd October	Parents' evening from 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Thursday 4 th October	Parents' evening from 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Friday 12 th October	School closes at 3 pm for the October holiday.
Monday 29 th October	School re-opens at 9 am for the new term.

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