

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 11th February 2019

Technology team

Our technology team – Alex Ashcroft, Ally Clark, Ayla Dewar, Casey Graham, Archie Herbert, Rose Laurie, Drew MacBean, Ella Phillips and Gemma Tennant - with support from our Digital leader Mr MacDonald and Principal teacher Mrs Laws delivered assemblies to pupils last Tuesday on Internet safety day. They showed confidence and good organisational skills and they will be involved in many other activities as we prepare to increase our capacity for digital learning as part of Highland Council's rollout of Chrome books.

Global School Play day

Thanks very much to Miss Young, P6 teacher, who organised this event on Wednesday 6th February. Pupils had a great day engaging in different types of unstructured play across different areas of the school over the course of the day.

Message from Active schools

Spaces available for the following Active Schools sessions based at Rosebank: Street Dance NOW P1-P7, Mondays 4.15-5pm FREE
Gymnastics P6-P7: 3.15-4.15pm £6 for remainder of block (new block starts after mid-term)

Ross County Football Club Soccer Centre, Wednesdays P4-P5: 4-5pm, P6-P7: 5-6pm FREE

Junior Athletics P1-P3, Thursdays 3-4pm £12 for remainder of block

To register your child, please email

andrea.mackenzie@highlifehighland.com

Menu change

Please note that the menu choices for Thursday 21st February will be those from Wednesday 20th February, ie soup/chicken curry/ham or cream cheese sandwich/quorn tikka masala & rice.

Badminton news

Our badminton team - Alexander Dudley, James Fleming, Rachael Gillespie and Isabela Kari - travelled to Inverness for a badminton competition on 25th January. Mrs Dudley who transports and supervises the team at all badminton events received the following message from Jane Grant, Badminton development officer –

I am extremely grateful for all the help from yourselves, scoring, putting on games and generally keeping the competition moving. Kids were brilliant – so well behaved. Please pass on my thanks to the schools and the pupils for their positive attitude, manners and work ethos- it was a pleasure to see so many happy faces.

Results (11 teams took part) 1st -Culbokie2, 2nd Millbank, 3rd - Culbokie 1
Very well done to our team and our grateful thanks to Mrs Dudley. We very much promote participation in sport here at Millbank and the support of parents with this is much appreciated.

Homework

You may remember we asked for your views on homework at the parents' evenings in October. The results showed differences in opinion between infants and seniors so we would like to find out more.

We are having two drop-in sessions in the Hive as follows -

Friday 15th February for parents of P1-3 and

Friday 22nd February for parents of P4-7.

If you have children in both infants and seniors you are welcome to come along to either or both sessions.

Football festival

Millbank's football teams regularly play in tournaments in the local area so we are delighted to be able to return the hospitality by holding our own football festival on Saturday 16th March. Many thanks to Jason Robertson for organising this event. There will be a few stalls and activities to raise funds for the school and we would be grateful for donations – more details will be issued nearer the time.

A message from Parent Council

Big Lottery Fund Award for the outdoor project - liaison is underway with two companies to improve both our school grounds and the tarmac artwork. Work will be done in stages, commencing after half term and continuing into the Summer holidays. A weekend date in the near future will be announced on both the Millbank Parent Council Facebook page and the Millbank Primary School Facebook page requesting parent volunteers to assist with some ground clearance work and pruning under the direction of the landscaping firm, Sleigh Landscapes. Please come along if you can.

A fundraising cinema night is planned for Fri 22 March at 1900 - 'Bohemian Rhapsody' at the Little Theatre, King Street, Nairn. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle on the night. Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Tickets (£10) will be available the week commencing 25 February from Julie Read, Michelle Allgood, Kirsten MacLeod and Sandra Shillabeer. Profits from the evening will be split 50/50 between Parent Council Funds and the P7 Trip. More details to follow. - Parent Council are planning to organise a fundraising school disco evening for the kids before Easter. Date and more details to follow. Parent volunteers will be required to supervise. The event will be split into two age groups - P1-P3 and P4-P7.

Dates for your diary



Friday 15 th February 2-3 pm	Drop in session at the Hive to give us your views on homework – for families of P1-3 pupils
Monday 18 th February	Holiday – school closed to pupils and staff.
Tuesday 19 th February	Holiday – school closed to pupils and staff.
Wednesday 20 th February	In-service day – school closed to pupils.
Friday 22 nd February 2-3 pm	Drop in session at the Hive to give us your views on homework – for families of P4-7 pupils
Saturday 16 th March	Football festival at Millbank's playing field, for P4/5 teams in the local area.
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents' evening from 4.30 – 7.00 pm
Thursday 28 th March	Parents' evening from 4.30 – 7.00 pm
Friday 5 th April	School closes at 3pm for the Easter holidays.
<u>Tuesday</u> 23 rd April	School re-opens at 9 am for the new term.

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Parents and carers of pupils from P5 to S6 are invited to come along and learn more:

- ⇒ **How Chromebooks can support learning a home and in the classroom**
- ⇒ **How to help your child stay safe online**
- ⇒ **How the rollout will work**

Pupils across Highland Council are being given Chromebooks to use in school and at home to enhance their learning and improve access to education. Nairn ASG is due for this rollout Easter 2019. To learn more about this groundbreaking initiative and how this resource will benefit your child, come along to our Information Evening.

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