

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

If you believe you can achieve



Monday 25th February 2019

School gardens and grounds

You will have noticed the transformation at the memorial garden and in other areas of our school grounds. This work was carried out by Sleigh landscaping over the long weekend, as organised by the Parent Council following their successful lottery funding application. We are very pleased with the results so far and look forward to seeing further improvements.

Archery

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Archery taster sessions run by Bowhunter Archery group in Millbank's field on Tuesday 19th February. The weather was great and many people enjoyed the activity. £110 was raised which will be split between Bowhunter and the P7 residential trip.

Homework

Many thanks to all parents who came to our homework discussion groups on the 15th and 22nd of February. Parents certainly seem to value homework as a way of spending time with their children and reinforcing work done at school. As a result of these sessions and the evaluation exercise carried out by parents, staff and pupils last year we do not feel there is any need to make any major changes to our homework policy at this time.

48 rule for sickness

May I please remind you of the importance of following the 48 hour rule. NHS guidance states that a child should remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. This guidance is in place to minimise the passing on of infections.

Daffodil tea party

Our Primary 7 pupils are organising a Daffodil tea party on Wednesday 3rd April from 2.30 – 4.00 pm. P7 pupils will be working on enterprise projects over the next few weeks and then selling items at the Daffodil tea party. They will also be organising a raffle. All proceeds from their enterprise stalls and the raffle will go towards the P7 disco and barbecue which will be held at the end of session.

Our P7 parents will be organising refreshments and other stalls in the gym hall at the same time and the proceeds of these activities will go towards the P7 residential trip.

World book day

This event takes place on Thursday 7th March. Pupils are invited to take in books for a book swap and teachers will be organising literacy activities in their classrooms. Books can be brought in from Monday 4th March and we will then organise for all classes to have the opportunity to swap books on the Thursday.

Chromebooks

The rollout of Chromebooks to pupils across Highland Council is due in Nairn schools by Easter. Pupils will have Chromebooks to use in school and at home to enhance their learning and improve access to education. Parents/ Carers of pupils from P5 to S6 are invited to learn more by coming along to an Information Evening at Nairn Academy on Tuesday 26th February. There are two sessions available 5–6pm OR 6.15–7.15pm. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Our Curriculum

We review our Curriculum Rationale document each session to take account of any changes to policies, programmes of study and our links with the community. The updated Curriculum Rationale is available on our web-site and can be accessed via the following link – <http://millbankprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Millbank-Curriculum-Rationale-2019.docx>

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.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 7 th March	World Book day – book swap and literacy activities in classes.
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
Wed 3 rd April	Daffodil tea party from 2.30 – 4.00.
Friday 5 th April	School closes at 3pm for the Easter holidays.
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens at 9 am for the new term.

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Nairn ASG

Chromebook Information Evening

26.02.19

Available sessions:

5-6pm or 6:15-7:15pm

@ Nairn Academy



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

- ⇒ **How Chromebooks can support learning at 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.