

# Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019



## Disco

The Parent Council discos last Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May were a great success and pupils really enjoyed their evening. Thanks very much to all Parent Council members and parent volunteers for organising and supervising the event.

## Dogs

As you know dogs are not allowed in the school playground; children can be frightened of dogs and may also have allergies so this rule is in place to protect children. I have been made aware that some adults are tying up their dogs at the top of the back path when picking up their children at 3pm. This is not safe, some children don't like walking past dogs and at such a busy time dogs may become distressed. May I ask you please to make alternative arrangements if you are taking your dog to school. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Profiling and Reporting

As you know continuous profiling and reporting has been one of our school improvement priorities over the last 2 sessions. We have been working towards moving away from the lengthy end of session report by giving families more opportunities to share learning throughout the school year - snapshot folders, open afternoons, information sessions, key assessment tasks, parents' evenings, learning logs, learning conversations, drop-in sessions etc. Our Quality Improvement officer, Mrs Taylor, will be spending the day in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, speaking to pupils and staff about these arrangements. We are confident that she will be happy with our procedures and we will then begin using a shorter end of session report. These reports will be sent home on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## School improvement

I talked to parents about our improvement priorities at the Parent Council meeting last week. For those of you who were unable to attend please see below the priorities from this current session and the priorities we have identified for next session. As always, we very much welcome your comments and feedback – if you can spare some time to complete and return the attached comment sheet it would be very much appreciated. We are happy to receive comments by email or as a paper copy returned to school. Many thanks.

## SIP priorities this session were –

Continuous profiling and reporting – please see explanation above.

Nurture for all – all staff have completed this training to further develop our understanding of Nurture principles.

Raising attainment - we used our Pupil Equity Funding to continue running the Hive (Breakfast club, Resilient Kids, focused groups working on emotional literacy and social skills, family engagement/support) and also to purchase resources and fund staff to work intensively on literacy and numeracy.

## School improvement priorities for next session –

We will review our Promoting Positive Behaviour policy to ensure that it reflects current Highland Council guidance.

We will review our IDL (inter-disciplinary learning) planners – having used them over the last 2 sessions we will review and develop these planners to ensure pupils cover all experiences and outcomes and that the planning of IDL topics is manageable.

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## Dates for your diary

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P7s leave for their week's residential trip to Fairburn.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closed to pupils due to European Parliamentary Elections
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	P7s return from Fairburn
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Infant Sports from 1.30 – 3.00 in the school field
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School closed to pupils: in-service training day for staff
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Singalong – 11 am – 12 pm and 2 - 3 pm.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupil reports sent home today
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior Sports from 1.30 – 3.00 in the school field
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 pupils on visit to Nairn Academy
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 pupils on visit to Nairn Academy
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes at 12 pm for the summer holidays
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	In-service training day for staff
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	School re-opens at 9 am for the new session.

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