

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Tuesday 4th June 2019



Infant Sports

We were certainly very lucky with the weather for our Infant Sports last Wednesday. Many thanks to all our families who came along to support the children and to all the staff involved in organising the event.

Please remember to respect the privacy of pupils by not sharing photos on social media if they contain images of other children.

As we look ahead to senior sports on Wednesday 12th June may I ask you please to return any sports' trophies. Many thanks.

Summer Singalong

Rehearsals are well underway for our Summer Singalong which will be performed on Wednesday 5th June at the following times –

11 am – 12pm and 1.45 pm – 2.45 pm.

There are still some tickets available at the school office, £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for concessions.

Pay it forward

Our 'Pay it forward' Day last Friday was a great success. Five large boxes of food items were donated to the food bank and pupils benefited from discussion around this worthwhile charity.

After school clubs

Boys' football training (Mondays) has now finished for the session.

The last session for girls' football training will be this Wednesday, 5th June.

The last session for senior athletics will be this Thursday, 6th June.

School canteen

Please note the following message from Canteen staff –

Please ensure that cheques for school meals are made out to Highland Council and are clearly signed and dated.

Also please note that Highland Council is now applying a £15 admin fee when contacting parents about outstanding debts for school meals.

Pupil reports

These will be sent home on Friday 7th June. Along with many other Highland schools we are now reporting to parents regularly throughout the session with Snapshot folders, key assessment tasks, parents evenings etc and this means we no longer give a detailed report at the end of the session. For those of you who have received reports before, you will notice that they are shorter but key information regarding your child's progress and performance is given along with a teacher's comment giving a summary of your child's strengths and their next steps.

There is not space for me to write a comment as I have traditionally done but I do read every report carefully before signing. The reports clearly demonstrate the progress pupils have made, the good relationships between staff and pupils, pupils' enjoyment of a huge range of activities and pupils' ability to reflect on their learning.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 5 th June	Summer Singalong – 11 am – 12 pm and 1.45 – 2.45 pm.
Friday 7 th June	Pupil reports sent home today
Wednesday 12 th June	Senior Sports from 1.30 – 3.00 in the school field
Monday 17 th June	P7 pupils on visit to Nairn Academy
Tuesday 18 th June	P7 pupils on visit to Nairn Academy
Wednesday 3 rd July	End of term service and prize-giving at 10 am in St Ninian's church
Thursday 4 th July	P7 Leavers' assembly at 10 am
Thursday 4 th July	School closes at 12 pm for the summer holidays
Monday 19 th August	In-service training day for staff
Tuesday 20 th August	School re-opens at 9 am for the new session.

Parent Survey

Please see the next page of the newsletter for an invitation to participate in a survey to express your views on your involvement with your child's school and their learning.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

All parents of school pupils in Scotland are being asked to take part in a census to let us know how you feel about your involvement with your child's school and their learning.

This is a national survey that all local authorities in Scotland have been asked to undertake during May/June. It can be completed on a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or PC and will take around 10 minutes to complete. Here is the link to the survey for parents with children in primary schools in Highland **and the survey will close on Friday 28 June** - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PRPIE19/> .

Parents and Carers are the most important influence on children's lives and research shows that when parents are involved in their child's learning, children do better and achieve more at school. Although you can choose not to take part we would encourage all parents to complete the survey to make us aware of your views and let us know where we can improve parental involvement across Highland.

We will share the census data with Scottish Government during the course of the summer although the information will be anonymised and it will not be possible to identify individual parent responses. The census will drive improvements locally and also inform the progress of policies at a national level. You can view the Highland Council's Parental Involvement and Engagement Census Privacy Notice here: https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/12

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Thank you for your help and if you have any questions in relation to the survey please contact Ros Bell on Ros.Bell@highland.gov.uk or telephone 01463 702502.

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