

# Millbank Primary School Newsletter

## If you believe you can achieve

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November



### Hallowe'en disco

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the Hallowe'en disco last Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October. It is a big responsibility to run such an event and I am very grateful to school staff (Mrs Laws, Mrs MacInnes, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Stewart) and to parent volunteers who worked so hard to make it a success.

### Lockdown

Highland Council recommend that schools implement a Lockdown policy in addition to the established Evacuation and Fire drill procedures. This is to practise what to do in the event of a situation in the school grounds where it would be safer for children to remain indoors; for example a road accident or a gas leak. We already practise Fire drills each term - the fire alarm sounds and pupils make their way to the school field and assemble in classes. I then check everyone is there and we return to classes. For 'Lockdown' we have decided that a signal of 5 bells will indicate that pupils and teachers remain in class until the all-clear is given by the senior management team. We will discuss this at assembly on Wednesday and then implement practices every term.

### Christmas Cards

You will have received the order form for your child's Christmas card design. These orders must be in by this Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November so that we can post them off and receive the orders in plenty of time for Christmas.

### General Election/School Christmas lunch

I'm sure you will have heard about the General Election on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Our school will be used as a polling station and will be closed to pupils on that date. We have rescheduled the school Christmas dinner for the following Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas service

The date of our school Christmas service at St. Ninian's church has been confirmed for 10 am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Thank you

A Hallowe'en disco was organised in the school holidays by parents/carers of pupils in Rainbow and Sparkle class. £196.62 was raised which will be put towards an outing for the pupils. We are grateful to Greg Thompson at Mack's who made no charge for the use of the room and to Brian Fountain who gave DJ services free of charge.

### Review of pupil support

All families received a letter last Friday inviting them to an engagement session at Nairn Academy on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. As you will know the Council is currently reviewing how support for pupils with Additional Needs is organised in schools. It is important to realise that this review affects the majority of pupils; from those pupils who require significant levels of one to one support to those who require some additional support with aspects of their class work or with emotional/behavioural issues. At Millbank our teachers, PSAs and CSW work very hard to ensure pupils receive the support they need; whether that is for literacy, numeracy or emotional and behavioural support. Support is also essential in the school playground and to administer first aid. There is a wide range of needs and abilities in every class and a reduction in ASN teaching and PSA staff does impact on our capacity to support and challenge pupils. I would urge you to attend and give your views. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary



Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	New school term begins
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fayre, 6 - 8 pm.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	In-service days, school closed to pupils
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Show 6.30 pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Show 1.30 pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School being used as polling station - closed to pupils
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P7 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P6 party from 11.00 - 12.30
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P3 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P5 party from 11.00 - 12.30
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P2 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery party from 9.30 -11.00
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P4 party from 11.00 - 12.30
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P1 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Church service at 10 am.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas lunch
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes at 3 pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School re-opens for the new term.

### Online shopping - a message from Parent Council

A very easy way to boost school funds - at no additional cost to yourself - is to do your online shopping via the following website [www.easyfundraising.co.uk/causes/millbankpsnairn](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk/causes/millbankpsnairn)

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