

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

If you believe you can achieve

Monday 28th September 2020



Good morning everyone, I hope you all had a good weekend.

Nursery

We were informed last week that a report is going to the Education Committee on the 30th September recommending that Millbank Nursery move to delivering 1140 hours in January 2021. We were all set to implement 1140 hours from August but then the government put those plans on pause. We recognise that this has been a very unsettling time for our Nursery families and staff and are hopeful that the Education Committee will approve the plans and we can then increase our Nursery provision from January next year.

Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is more than a month away but shops are full of Hallowe'en merchandise and there is a lot of talk at school so I just wanted to let you know our thinking about this festival –

We know that Hallowe'en is an exciting time for many but also that some families do not celebrate Hallowe'en and that some children can be very unsettled by the themes of Hallowe'en and people dressing up. We have therefore always ensured that any Hallowe'en activities in school are very low-key with strictly no dressing up.

Outdoor Learning Day

Our P7s are developing their leadership, communication and organisational skills by planning an Outdoor Learning day which will be delivered on Friday 2nd October to P1, P1/2, P2/3, P3/4, GM 1-3 and Rainbow/Sparkle classes. A similar day is planned for all other classes on Friday 9th October. *Pupils should be dressed appropriately for being outdoors for most of the day.* As we all know, being outdoors is very important for our health & wellbeing and the hard work of all our P7 pupils and teachers in planning these days is much appreciated. As always, I am extremely grateful to our pupils and staff who always work hard and find new ways of working in these challenging times.

Scottish Mediation

Scottish Mediation has been supported by the Scottish Government Wellbeing Fund to raise awareness of its support for schools through its COVID-19 schools' mediation programme.

The purpose of this programme is to provide mediation support within the school setting for whoever needs it, for whatever reason. It could be to do with coping with new restrictions and rules around social distancing, or just day-to-day challenges in the school day that have been exacerbated by COVID-19. To discuss your situation and find out how we can help, please contact Sarah Welsh (sarah@scottishmediation.org.uk).

You can find out more information here: <https://www.scottishmediation.org.uk/>

Term dates

Please use the following link to access Highland Council's calendar for the school session 2020/2021 –

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates

The dates for this term are in the table below.

Friday 9 th October	School closes for the October holidays
Monday 26 th October	School re-opens

Online shopping

We know that many people are using online shopping more frequently and I wanted to remind you that if you sign up and nominate our Parent Council via the following website www.easyfundraising.co.uk/causes/millbankpsnairn then Parent Council receives a donation every time you use online shopping providers. There is absolutely no cost involved.

Best wishes,

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