

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

If you believe you can achieve



Monday 30th August 2021



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

The Hive

The Scottish government gives schools additional funding, called 'Pupil Equity Funding' and at Millbank we use this funding to release Mrs Thomson from some of her teaching commitments to offer support to pupils in our Nurture room, the Hive.

Pupils attend the Hive in small groups for sessions of 30-50 minutes. Activities in the Hive include talking about feelings, building confidence, developing resilience, developing friendships etc. Mrs Thomson has been running the Hive very successfully for several years now; pupils really enjoy their time there and benefit greatly from it.

Hive sessions began again last week and will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week.

Nut allergy

Nut allergies can be very serious and so we do not allow nuts to be taken to school for snack or lunch. That includes cereal bars containing nuts and peanut butter or chocolate/nut spread.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations are to be administered to Millbank pupils on Wednesday 29th September. Letters and consent forms for flu vaccinations were issued last week and will be collected by the school nursing team tomorrow, 31st August.

NHS recommends your child receives their flu vaccine this year for three reasons –

- Flu can be serious, even for healthy children.
- To reduce the risk of your child spreading flu to friends and family.
- To help prevent the flu virus putting extra strain on NHS services this winter.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club will resume this Thursday, 3rd September, from 3 – 4 pm for pupils in P3 – P7. We are very grateful to Mrs McLean and Mrs McPhail for all their hard work in our school garden, please let me know if your child would like to attend Gardening Club.

Responsible roles

We very much encourage our pupils to develop leadership skills and one way of doing that is to support P7 pupils in applying for roles of responsibility such as Prefects, House Captains, Official helpers and Junior Road Safety Officers. Badges were presented to successful pupils last week and their names are listed in the next column. Junior Road Safety Officers were presented with a diary and pen.

Many congratulations to -

Prefects

Abbie Mackintosh, Abi MacPherson, Amelia Healey, Amy Paterson, Andrew Ochojna, Connor Thompson, Emma Laurie, Emma Whitelaw, Evie Dingwall, Ewan Thompson, Freya Hamilton, Georga Irwin, Harrison Mackenzie, Hope Alston, Jaime-Lee Stewart, Jasmin Mackay, Jennifer McMenamin, Katie Barron, Lewis Vaughan, Lily Forbes, Linda Zabolothuka, Lucy Hilton, Meida Zvirblyte, Miley Crichton, Naomi Hutcheon, Poppy Barron, Roan Davidson, Sienna Clark, Sophie Shillabeer, Tom French, William Nicoll.

House Captains

Dunbar: Keira Fraser and Roan Davidson

Lochloy: Emma Laurie and Tom French

Lovat: Poppy Barron and Rubeinn Macrae

St Ninian: Jennifer McMenamin and Rhea Fraser

Junior Road Safety Officers

Keira Fraser

Rubeinn Macrae

Official Helpers

Ewan Thompson

Harrison MacKenzie

Buddies

Our P6 Buddies are also doing a great job, supporting our new P1s at break times. I will announce their names in a future newsletter.

Dates for your diary

Monday 13 th September	In-service day, school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 14 th September	In-service day, school closed to pupils.
Friday 8 th October	School closes at 3 pm for the October holidays
Monday 25 th October	School re-opens for the new term.

Best wishes,
Mrs McPherson

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