

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 20th December 2021



Good morning, I do hope this finds you all well. It's certainly been a challenging end to the term and I can only hope that things improve in the New Year.

Staffing

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Barbara Fraser who has worked in our ASN Classes since April 1987 and is retiring at the end of term. Barbara is an incredibly kind, patient and supportive PSA who has touched the lives of many pupils, families and staff members. We have all benefitted from her calm, caring nature and her total dedication to the pupils.

Thank you so much Barbara for all your hard work and support of ASN at Millbank – we are going to really miss you. We sincerely wish you all the very best for a happy and healthy retirement.

We also say cheerio to Mrs Debbie Barclay who is leaving her job as clerical assistant. Debbie carried out the additional clerical duties required when Nursery hours were expanded and we were very grateful for her support with that. Debbie's cheerful and efficient manner was much appreciated in the office; thank you Debbie, we wish you all the best for the future.

Fairburn raffle

I did email you with details of the raffle which was drawn last Thursday. The marvellous sum of £353 was raised and we are so grateful to you all for your support.

Parties

Six Classes had their parties last week and the remaining Classes will celebrate this week. Pupils will remain in their class groups for their Christmas party. Party food will be eaten in the classrooms and each Class will have a slot in the gym hall for dancing and games. The school will provide the food as usual and we will have individual items for each child. You are asked, please, for a contribution of £1.50 towards the food & drink.

Food/drink items are as follows: Fresh orange or apple juice/Plain crisps/Individually wrapped biscuit or cake/Orange/Choc ice or fruit ice lolly.

Please let us know if your child will require alternative items due to dietary needs.

Pupils may wear their party clothes to school or bring clothes to change in to at lunchtime. School staff will supervise the changing of clothes to ensure appropriate hygiene measures are taken.

Class performances

Most classes have now posted a festive performance on their Google Classroom and I'm sure you will enjoy watching them. Pupils have worked really hard to learn some tricky songs and to develop their knowledge of the Nativity and of other languages and cultures. Gaelic Medium pupils and staff supported their English medium peers in P7 to learn Gaelic for their performance, other classes learned Spanish and French and many classes also used Makaton.

Very well done everyone, it's been so good hearing children sing in school again.

Thank you

Despite the chaos in the world around us our school has been a joyful and positive place this Christmas season and we should all be very proud of that. Millbank staff, pupils and families have all worked incredibly hard and supported each other very well in these worrying times – thank you all so much.

Dates for your diary

Monday 20 th December	Rainbow/Sparkle, P2/3 and P3/4 Christmas parties, in the afternoon.
Tuesday 21 st December	Nursery party in the morning. P1, P1/2 and GM 1-3 Christmas parties, in the afternoon.
WEDNESDAY 22 nd December	School closes at 3pm for the Christmas holidays.
THURSDAY 6 th January	School re-opens for the new term.

I sincerely wish you all the very best for the Christmas season, I hope you and your families all keep well and enjoy the celebrations.

Love from,

Mrs McPherson



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