

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 13th June 2022



Madainn mhath/Good morning.

Fairburn

Our P7s had a great time at Fairburn last week. They were really lucky with the weather and enjoyed a great range of activities. Fairburn staff looked after them very well. It is a huge responsibility, taking pupils on a residential trip and I am very grateful to P7 teachers Mrs Amos, Mrs MacKenzie and Miss Walker for leading the trip and supporting pupils so well. We are also indebted to Mr Riley, former PSA and faithful friend of Millbank who attended all week to provide additional adult support. Finally, a big thank you to Depute Head teacher Mrs Bilsland for the huge amount of work she did in planning the trip and co-ordinating all the arrangements.

There is a collection of trainers, clothing and equipment at the main office. If your child has come back from Fairburn missing any items, please come in and claim them.

Sports

We held our Junior sports last Wednesday afternoon and it remained mostly dry for us. I know families were disappointed not to attend, all four Nairnshire primaries had decided back in March to have Sports days without families attending. Covid restrictions were beginning to ease off then but things were still uncertain. Happily, restrictions have continued to ease and so we are very hopeful of inviting you next year.

Disco

The disco on Wednesday evening was a great success. Children were so excited all week and really enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all Parent Council members, parent volunteers and staff who attended, your support is very much appreciated.

Netball

Two Millbank netball teams travelled to Inverness on Friday to participate in a friendly competition against three Inverness schools. The red team won all their matches and the blue team won one out of three. At Millbank we are always keen to promote and facilitate involvement in all types of sport and it's great that opportunities for competition are opening up again. Many thanks to Mrs Pilkington, netball coach and to all parent volunteers who assisted with transport.

Free School Meals

Please note this information, received last week, about provision of Free School Meals for older pupils - *The provision of Universal Free School Meals to Primary 6 and 7 pupils originally to be rolled out in August 2022 has been put on hold by the Scottish Government. The decision was made mainly due to the significant amount of Capital funding and works required across a number of Scottish Authorities to enable this final phase to be implemented. You will be informed as further updates are received from the Scottish Government.*

Rotary Quiz

Our P7 Quiz team were at the Beach Ballroom in Aberdeen on Saturday; they won the Nairnshire round of the Rotary Quiz in March and therefore progressed to the regional competition. There were 23 teams and Millbank gave a very good account of themselves and thoroughly enjoyed their day. Very well done to Tom French, Lucy Hilton, Michael Maddox and Ewan Thompson; they did so well, especially considering they had just had a very busy and active week in Fairburn. Thanks very much to Yvonne Cotter, Nairn Rotary Club for her support and to all the parents of team members who arranged the transport to Aberdeen.

Highland Coo/Highland Hospice

On 27th May we had a 'Dress in yellow' day for Highland Hospice and pupils entered a competition to design a Highland 'coo'. Designs were judged by clerical assistant, Janice Gibson. Janice chose one winner from each class and then an overall winner. The overall winner is Lennon Tosh in P6. Lennon's design will now be painted on to a coo and sent to Inverness to be displayed with coos from other schools.

Here is a list of all the winners -
Nursery - Paige MacDonald, P1 - Isla Petrie,
P1/2 - Finlay Collins, P2/3 - Georgina Herbert,
P3/4 - Euan Laurie, P4/5 - Esme Cameron,
P5 - Sofina Dawson, P6 - Lennon Tosh,
P6/7 - Beth Wilkinson, P7 - Sienna Clark,
GM 1-3 - Tobias Keir, GM 4-7 - Ewan Thompson,
Rainbow/Sparkle Classes - Adam Clark.
Well done everyone!

Rocket fund

Just a reminder about Rocketfund, an online fundraising initiative. If you would like to make a donation we would be very grateful.

Here is the link to the fundraising page -

<https://www.rocketfund.org/p/millbank-primary-smartboard-campaign>

Dates for your diary

Thursday 30 th June	School closes at 12 pm for the summer holidays.
Tuesday 16 th August	School opens for the new session.

Best wishes,

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