

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday 29th June 2022



Good evening, the end of term is almost here! We held our prize-giving this morning, here is a report to acknowledge and congratulate everyone.

The traditional bible reading from Proverbs was read by Emma Laurie.

We then heard poetry recited by Gaelic Medium pupils Sophie Read, Lexie Comb and Lucy Hilton. These pupils performed at the Provincial Mod recently and did very well.

Trophies were then presented by Mrs Gibson, who is retiring after 23 years working as clerical assistant and Mrs Thomson, who is moving on after 16 years' teaching at Millbank.

Sports championship winners and runners-up – Pupils in P4-7 have competed in 5 events during this term – high jump, long jump, shot putt, 80m sprint and 80m skipping. Points were awarded to the pupils with the best 3 results in each event and totals calculated to determine the winners.

Robertson cups – P4

P4 girl champion – Amy MacKintosh

P4 girl runner-up – Eilidh Morran

P4 boy champion – Brodie Ross

P4 boy runner-up – Cameron Abenheimer

MacDonald cups – P5

P5 girl champion – Abbie Smart

P5 girl runner-up – Iona Thompson

P5 boy champion – Moray Robertson

P5 boy runner-up – Mason Barclay

Robertson cups – P6

P6 girl champion – Olivia Anderson

P6 girl runner-up – Esther MacLean

P6 boy champion – James Baxter

P6 boy runner-up – Devon Barclay

Anne Asher cups – P7

P7 girl champion – Sienna Clark

P7 girl runners-up – Sophia Sinski & Emma Whitelaw

P7 boy champion – Harrison MacKenzie

P7 boy runners-up – Robbie Aiderson & Ewan Thompson

Devon Barclay was presented again with his engraved trophy for best male athlete at the Inter school sports and Millbank's athletics team were team were congratulated again for winning the Claymore trophy.

Trophies were awarded as follows –

The Coronation Challenge trophy is presented to the House that has earned the most points over the year. Each week House Captains go round the classes and count up the counters that pupils have earned for their House by following the Millbank Way. The House Captains then announce the totals at assembly. We have added up all the weekly totals and this year the winning House is St Ninian.

Former janitor, George Souter, donated the Burma Cup to the school to be awarded to pupils who show commitment to taking care of the school grounds and garden areas.

This year the cup was awarded to P7 pupil Jennifer McMenam. Jennifer has been a loyal member of the gardening club throughout her time at Millbank. She is a great support to the younger children and had some super ideas for the pallet garden competition and we just heard yesterday that Millbank won the pallet garden competition so very well done Jennifer.

Mrs Mackay, former Head teacher, donated a trophy to the school on her retirement – The Marion Mackay award for literacy. The recipient of this award is Meida Zvirblyte. Meida is a voracious reader with a very mature vocabulary. Her spelling ability far exceeds that expected for someone her age and her presentation is excellent. Meida's writing is of an exceptionally high standard and she always pushes herself to achieve the targets set. The P7s had the opportunity to work with author John Fardell this session and Meida thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to further develop her creative talents. Many congratulations Meida.

On her retirement, Ellen McPherson donated a trophy to the school – the Ellen McPherson award for endeavour. The recipient of this award is William Nicoll. William is very highly thought of by all staff members; he is a polite, hard-working and conscientious student. He does find learning challenging at times but always tries hard in all areas of the curriculum, giving his best in class and also in sports. He too really benefited from the John Fardell workshop, producing a book that was well written and illustrated. Very well done to you, William.

The Citizenship cup is awarded to the pupil who receives the most nominations from all staff in the school. The recipient is recognised as being a conscientious and hard-working pupil who contributes fully to all aspects of school life, being kind and helpful and setting a good example to others. The 2022 winner of Millbank's Citizenship cup is Sienna Clark. Very well done to you Sienna, you have many successes to be proud of in P7, both

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in class and in sport and you are such a kind, helpful and responsible Junior Leader.

P7s were then presented with a calculator and their many successes over this session were acknowledged:-

P7s have excelled in their Junior Leader duties and led many whole school learning days (Red Nose Day, Outdoor Learning day, Robert Burns week, House Captain Activity afternoons).

P7 pupil, Aonghas Birnie won the Talent Show.

There was great sporting success at the Inter-school sports.

Our quiz team won the local round of the Rotary schools' quiz competition and then came 6th out of 23 in the Scottish final.

Our gardening club won the pallet garden competition.

Pupils had opportunities to participate in STEM and robotics workshops and the chance to work with author John Fardell to write and illustrate their own books.

Fairburn was a great success.

The Leavers' assembly yesterday was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all staff, pupils and families.

GM pupils did very well at the Provincial Mod in Inverness earlier this month and did a great job promoting the Gaelic language during Seachdain na Gàidhlig (Gaelic week).

Flowers were presented to Mrs Gibson and Mrs Thomson and the assembly ended with the traditional 'Leavers' song'.

Many congratulations to all our winners.



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