

Millersneuk Primary School - Vision, Values & Aims

All pupils are supported to reach their full potential

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MILLERSNEUK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter - October 2023

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a nice October Week holiday. This new term is extremely busy especially as we are on the countdown to you know what..... (I daren't mention the word.... 'Christmas'). The following newsletter contains lots of information I hope you will find useful, especially as your diaries start to fill up!

Parent Council

Ruth Alexander (P7 & P4 Parent Member)
Aidan Keane (P7 Parent Member)
Alison Love (P6 Parent Member)
Julie Wilson (P6 & P2 Parent Member)
Julianne Anderson (P5 & P2 Parent Member)
Pamela Martin (P5 Parent Member)
Christina Black (P3 & P1 Parent Member)
Garry Doherty (P3 Parent Member)
Jen Griffiths (P3 Parent Member)
Laura Henderson (P3 Parent Member)
Carolyn Amando (P2 Parent Member)
Stacy Russell (P2 Parent Member)
Linda Boyce (P1 Parent Member)
Sarah Dunn (P1 Parent Member)

This table opposite shows the current members of Millersneuk's Parent Council.

Jen Griffiths has very kindly volunteered to be the Parent Council's new Chairperson.

We have representatives from each year group however if anyone else wishes to join the Parent Council or wish to discuss anything with the Parent Council Chairperson please email the address below

jengriffithsmillersneukpc@outlook.com



Parents' Association



The Parents' Association had a very successful meeting last month at The Old Gatehouse where nearly 20 members turned up. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm and eagerness of new members to take on roles of responsibility. If you want to come along to the next meeting it will be held on Wednesday 1st November at 7.00pm at The Old Gatehouse. The school received a cheque for the amazing amount of £7065.74 - this will be used to



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buy more ICT equipment, playground equipment and disco lights for the hall, amongst other things! The disco lights were a big hit at the Halloween Disco. Some P7 pupils decided to dress as members of staff - brilliant idea guys! Here is a picture of them in my office - can you spot who was who? A huge thanks to everyone for their support - this makes such a difference to the school!

Pupil Voice in Millersneuk



Pupil Voice is extremely important in Millersneuk Primary. There are many ways in which pupils have a say in the running of the School. Pupils play an integral part in our continuous self-evaluation process and are regularly asked to take part in consultations and pupil focus groups to:

- ✓ evaluate the quality of Learning & Teaching they are receiving;
- ✓ assess the impact of change;
- ✓ and highlight areas for improvement.

Below is information on the pupil committees that will be organised to start this term in Millersneuk Primary.

Pupil Council



The Pupil Council will start soon and is made up of children from all classes, P1-7. The Pupil Council will meet regularly with Mrs Cameron & Miss Aitken. Pupil Council members are responsible for representing each class and gathering ideas from Pupil Council Suggestion Boxes (each class has a box) to take forward in the school.

Eco-Committee

The Eco-Committee will also start soon and has one representative from each class. The Eco-Committee will be concentrating on areas such as:



LITTER

WASTE MINIMISATION

SCHOOL GROUNDS

BIODIVERSITY

ENERGY

TRANSPORT

HEALTH & WELLBEING

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

WATER

FOOD & THE ENVIRONMENT

The Eco-Committee, supported by Miss Neil & Miss Lynass, will concentrate on 3 the areas above, chosen after completing an 'Eco School Audit', as well as re-introducing our 'Healthy Week' initiative.

House Captains



Our P7 House Captains represent each of the 4 School Houses - Colonsay, Harris, St Kilda and Tiree. The Captains take responsibility for leading parts of assemblies, organising charity events to support our charities of choice and of course setting an excellent example to younger children in the school.



Our Sports Council will continue to work with Miss Kennedy, Mrs Greechin (formerly Miss McDonald) and our Active Schools Co-ordinator to promote sport in school. We will be trying hard to renew our SportScotland Gold Award this year having achieved the Silver Award last session.

Digital Leaders



Mr Boyle (the school's ICT Champion) will be in charge of the P5-7 **Digital Leaders**. He will work with the Digital Leaders to support digital technologies in Learning & Teaching and support younger pupils to advance their skills in this area.



Millersneuk Improvement Officers (MIOS)



Our Millersneuk Improvement Officers are leading our campaign to gain the Rights Respecting School's 'Silver Award' this year - leading assemblies and providing information about the UNCRC to pupils and parents.

Pupil Achievements

We have many talented pupils at Millersneuk Primary School. In Millersneuk we celebrate wider achievements through our OSCAR system (**O**utside of **S**chool **C**ertificate of **A**chievement & **R**ecognition). We have had loads of OSCARS coming into school already and it is great celebrating these at assemblies. Please remember if you have any achievements you would like to highlight you can email some information to myself or Mrs Hynes (with photos if possible). Email to:

gcaldow@millersneuk.e-dunbarton.sch.uk Or rhynes@millersneuk.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Adverse Weather Conditions

As the winter weather approaches I thought I would highlight the procedures in place in the event of adverse winter weather that could result in the closure of the school. There are a number of ways where you can access information to keep you up to date on closure conditions:



- We will keep you updated with any sudden changes in arrangements through our text/email system (Groupcall).
- Information will be posted on:
 - The official EDC website - <http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/home.aspx>
 - Millersneuk Primary School website - <http://www.millersneuk.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/>

Representatives from the NHS will visit Millersneuk on the afternoon of **Monday 27th November** to carry out the flu vaccination programme. An information pack including consent forms has already been issued.

For more information, go to:

www.nhsinform.scot/childflu

Flu Vaccination



Christmas Events in Millersneuk Primary School

We are about to get into the festive swing at Millersneuk Primary and here are the activities happening in November and December.



Re-Using Christmas Jumper (More Information to Follow)		
Mon 6 th - Fri 10 th November	Christmas Jumpers Donations	
Wednesday 15 th November	Pick-Up Christmas Jumpers	
Parents' Association Christmas Fair (More Information to follow)		
Friday 17 th November	Dress Down Day 1 - Children in Need / Tombola Donations	
Friday 24 th November	Dress Down Day 2 - Home Baking Donations / Teddy Tombola	
Saturday 25 th November	Christmas Fair 11.00am - 2.00pm	
Christmas Concerts		
<u>TICKETS ON SALE FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS FROM MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER</u>		
(INFORMATION COMING SOON)		
P1 Nativity	Wednesday 6 th December	1.30pm / 7.00pm
P2-4 Christmas Concert	Monday 11 th December	1.30pm / 7.00pm
P5-7 Christmas Concert	Tuesday 12 th December	1.30pm / 7.00pm
Christmas Parties (Afternoons)		
CHILDREN CAN BRING IN PARTY CLOTHES TO CHANGE INTO AT LUNCHTIME OR CAN GO HOME AT LUNCH TO GET CHANGED - COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL OFFICE FROM 12pm ONWARDS		
Primary 1s	Tuesday 19 th December	
Primary 2s	Thursday 21 st December	
Primary 3s	Wednesday 20 th December	
Primary 4s	Monday 18 th December	
Primary 5s	Thursday 14 th December	
Primary 6s	Wednesday 13 th December	
Primary 7s	Friday 15 th December	
Other Christmas Events (More Information to Follow)		
EDC Concert (Selected P7 Pupils)	Monday 4 th December	
Leg It to Lapland (More information to follow)	Monday 4 th - Monday 11 th December	
Christmas Lunch (More information to follow)	Friday 8 th December	
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 8 th December	
Church Service (Lenzie Old Parish)	9.30am Friday 22 nd December (Parents & Families welcome to attend)	

Important Dates for your Diary



Here is a list of some up and coming events happening at Millersneuk Primary (separate from the Christmas events listed above).

November 2023	
Wednesday 1 st	7.00PM - PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING AT THE OLD GATEHOUSE
Tuesday 7 th	P1 & P7 DENTAL CHECKS
Friday 10 th	PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FRIDAY FRENZY (SEE PREVIOUS EMAIL & LETTER)
Monday 27 th	FLU VACCINATION
December 2022	
Friday 22 nd	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN (School closes at 2.30pm)
January 2023	
Monday 8 th	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

I will update this calendar of dates in the next newsletter for starting back after the holidays. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Hynes if you wish to discuss anything. You can do this by calling the school on 0141-955-2307 or by using the emails below:

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Kind regards

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