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Milton of Leys Friday Update

Week ending 19.4.24

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Mr Callander

It has been a pleasure to join the team at Milton of Leys this week. It has been obvious to me from the outset that this is a committed and exceptionally hardworking team. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our children in the ELC, school, breakfast club and out of school club. I'm slowly learning names, so bear with me as I get to know your child better! It has also been great to chat to some parents/carers at the gate in the mornings.

Mrs Laird and I will work together for the next couple of weeks to facilitate a smooth handover, with Mrs Laird's anticipated last day being Friday 3rd May. Mrs Laird has been a great help to me this week and I would like to thank her for the time that she has set aside to help get me up to speed.

As a parent I understand that your child is your world. To this end, please catch me at the gate or pick up the phone if you would like to chat about your child's wellbeing or learning. Whilst I am also happy for parents/carers to email me at scott.callander@highland.gov.uk, please remember that our teaching staff are teaching during the school day and then often have planning meetings, collegiate sessions and training after school. I would therefore like to remind you that it is best that you contact our school office on 01463 773020 to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like to have a conversation about your child's learning.

I'm looking forward to meeting more parents/carers at the Parent Council Meeting next week and at the gate over the coming days and weeks, and hope that we can form a positive and productive relationship to support the great work that our team at Milton of Leys is currently doing.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mrs Manson (Mon/Tues) and Ms Leighton (Wed/Thu) who will join Mrs Laing (Fri) as teachers supporting various individuals and groups of children throughout the school.

Mrs Murray will be absent for the remainder of term and therefore we also welcome new Pupil Support Assistants to cover for various absences. Mrs Webster, Mrs Kirkpatrick, Mrs Johnston and Mr Longmuir will support in these roles.

Our positions in ELC have now all been filled and we welcome Lorna Devlin as an Early Years Practitioner following the Easter break adding to Abbie Fraser, Claire McGowan and Jade Buchanan who started with us prior to Easter.

We are delighted to expand our team and warmly welcome all to Milton of Leys.

Spring Rag Bag

A reminder that we are running our Rag Bag competition next week. Bags can be dropped off to the school library – clearly labelled with your child's class between Monday and Thursday. These will be collected on Friday.

Bike Ability

We are looking for parent helpers to support bike ability training in the school. We used to be able to run this for P5-7 on an annual basis and had a great team to support. There is free training for this from Highland Council. If you are interested please could you let the office know and we will be in touch.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 23 April · 6:30 – 7:30pm**

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/thv-ixjw-who>

This link has been added to the school calendar and we will open it to everyone prior to the meeting so you don't have to request entry. If you wish to get in touch with Parent Council though, please contact them on Miltonofleys.primary@HighlandPC.co.uk



Achievements



A reminder to send through your child's achievements to share and celebrate with our school community. We love hearing all that the children have been doing outside school.