



Milton of Leys Newsletter

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As we race towards the summer break, we're looking forward to enjoying a bit warmer weather and using our outdoor space more. Please ensure that your child continues to come to school dressed for the weather and wearing suncream when the sun makes a long-awaited return.

New Head Teacher Post

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/highland-council/jobs/head-teacher-primary-milton-leys-primary-school-inverness-hgh16184-370200> The closing date for the recent advert for Head Teacher is Monday, 29th April. The P7 leadership team created a video to highlight how awesome Milton of Leys is ~ <https://youtu.be/M5TopceByTo> It would be great if as many families as possible could share this on social media/links. I'm sure you'd agree they've done a brilliant job.

Events

P6 Summer Fayre ~ Wednesday, 15th May 4-6.30pm

Primary 6 have been working hard to prepare for the Summer Fayre on Wednesday 15th May. We are still looking for lots of donations for the Jar Tombola, Teddy Tombola, Raffle and Class Hampers. Please see below for a list of the Hamper themes.

Nursery	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
Gardening	Toys	Sweets and chocolate	Games/ Board Games	Art & Crafts	Summer Fun	Sport	Movie Night

Primary 6 look forward to celebrating the start of summer with as many families and friends from our school community as possible. They have been working very hard to make it a success. Look forward to seeing you there!"

P7 Residential ~ 27th May – 31st May

Plans are now well in place for the residential and the P7s are looking forward to this exciting week away.

Additional Support for Learning (ASfL)

Mrs Crowley (DHT) will take the lead for the ASfL remit. Parents/Carers should continue to reach out to your child's class teacher in the first instance through the communication methods detailed below if you have any concerns about your child's learning. Teaching staff, including ASN Teachers, will often then liaise with Mrs Crowley to discuss appropriate support that can be put in place to support your child.

Communication with staff

We welcome open and respectful dialogue with our parents/carers. Please see the table below to ensure your communication reaches the correct person.

Enquiry regarding	Contact	Email address	Phone
Enrolments, school lunches, school uniform or change in pick up/drop off	Office staff	miltonofleys.primary@highland.gov.uk	01463 773020
Absences	Office staff		Absence line 01463 773020 (Option 1)
Planned holidays	Office staff	Please put in writing; miltonofleys.primary@highland.gov.uk	
Curriculum, classroom matters, friendships, meeting arrangements or changes in circumstances for the child	Class teachers	miltonofleys.primary@highland.gov.uk Email subject header: - FAO Teacher Name	01463 773020
Personal matters, significant change in circumstances, child protection and any other serious/significant matters relating to the child or confidential matters	Mr Scott Callander Mrs Loren Crowley	scott.callander@highland.gov.uk Loren.crowley@highland.gov.uk	01463 773020

OOSC Update

We continue to develop our policies and procedures for Out of School Club to ensure we are providing the best service for our pupils. This week we have trialled a new location for OOSC for the first half an hour which means the pupils stay in the main school building until it is quieter and safer to go across to the ELC building. The pupils are in the Nurture Room and Music Room with access to the trim trail and playground. If you need to pick your child up before 3.30pm then please let the school know before 3pm or if you are unable to do this then please go the ELC building and they will call over to the OOSC and someone will meet you with your child. Thank you for supporting us with the new changes to OOSC.

Parent Council

Our final Parent Council meeting for this session took place last Tuesday. Minutes from these are posted online. Our next meeting will be the AGM at the start of next session.

If you wish to get in touch with Parent Council though, please contact them on

Miltonofleys.primary@HighlandPC.co.uk

School Improvement

In her last few weeks at the school, Mrs Laird has been collating evaluative information towards writing our annual Standards and Quality Report. This summarises our progress towards targets set in last year's improvement plan. From this, an improvement plan for next session will be developed and shared with parents prior to the summer break.



Achievements

Congratulations to Jack who has received a silver in his Judo competition in Livingston last weekend. He's also had athletics competitions this week. Fantastic sporting achievements!



Illness

It is important that you contact the school by 9.30 each morning to inform us if your child will not be attending – 01463 773020. We also need to record a reason for this.

Sickness or Diarrhoea

Children experiencing sickness or diarrhoea should be kept at home and remain off school until 48 hours from the last case of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Head Lice

We have had a few outbreaks of head lice recently in different classes. Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

School Closures

To check for information on school closures or other details you can contact the schools information number for a recorded message(s) from the Head Teacher. **The number is 0800 564 2272 + the school's PIN 04 1820.** Information is also posted on the website: <https://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures> and is regularly updated on local radio station MFR.

Dates for your diary

A reminder that these are regularly updated on the [Google Calendar](#) on the website:



Thursday, 1 st May	School closed to children for Inset training
Monday, 6 th May	School closed for holiday
Wednesday, 15 th May	4-6.30 P6 Summer Fayre
Monday, 27 th May – Friday, 31 st May	P7 Residential

Term Dates 2023/24 A downloadable calendar can be found here:- [Downloadable Calendar](#)

Open	Close
Monday, 15 th April – for all	Thursday, 27 th June

Inset Days – Staff training

Thursday, 2nd May

May Day Holiday – Monday, 6th May