



September

Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year. A very warm welcome to our new pupils and parents. I hope you find our newsletter helpful and informative.

Milk

Milk is available in Term 1 from 11th September - 19th December. If you wish your child to have milk at break-time it will cost £14.07 per child for the term. Please have milk orders and payment in by **Wednesday 6th September**.

School Fund

Parents are asked to contribute to the school fund at the beginning of each year. The amount is £6.00 per pupil with a limit of £12.00 for families with two or more children attending the school.

Activity Clubs 1 and 2

Afterschool activities and homework supervision take place each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Each Friday Activity Club has a theme. Themes for September are:

Friday 8th September - Art and Craft

Friday 15th September - Art and craft

Friday 22nd September - Jewellery making

Friday 29th September - Board games

Clubs should be booked each Monday for the week ahead. Each session costs £2.50.

Swimming Lessons

P6/7 will be having swimming lessons at Banbridge Leisure Centre beginning on Thursday 14th September. Lessons will run for six weeks - permission letter to follow.

Bee Active

Bee Active Club will take place each Thursday afternoon offering multisport. This first block will take place on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th September. The first session will be for P2-3 from 1:45-2:45pm and the second session from 2:45-3:45pm for P4-7.



Music Lessons

Music tuition will take place on the following days:

Violin tuition will start on Tuesday 12th September.

Woodwind tuition will start on Friday 8th September. Piano tuition will start on Friday 15th September.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th September in the school Assembly Hall from 10-11:30am. We would value your support with this venture as we seek to support this charity. Further details to follow.



Flu Vaccinations

School has been informed that flu vaccinations are scheduled for Wednesday 4th October.

Half Term

Advanced notice that school will close on Thursday 26th October for half term. P1-3 pupils and siblings should be collected at 11:50am and P4-7 at 12 noon. School dinners will not be served. School will reopen on Monday 6th November.

Our full holiday list for the 2023-24 school year is available on the school website.

Contact Details

Please ensure that all contacts details held by school are correct. If you have changed your home address or phone number let school know immediately.



Consultations about a school motto began last year. At our Board of Governors meeting in June our new motto was ratified: **"Respect, Inspire, Achieve"**.

This motto captures both the pastoral and academic ethos of Milltown!

Please contact school if you have any questions or concerns.

Together, as a school staff, we strive to ensure every pupil is safe, happy and learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wright

Homework

Your child's homework routine will be indicated by each class teacher. Parents/carers should ensure:

- All homework is handed in on time.
- Homework is completed neatly and accurately.
- Homework is signed by a parent.

It is important that all homework (including homework completed during after school clubs) is checked and signed by a parent.

Written homework will begin on Monday 11th September.

Medical Needs

A reminder that if your child needs medication, a form should be completed prior to school administering any medication. Forms are available from the school office. Please ensure that inhalers are supplied for pupils already registered as having asthma.

****Nut Allergy please be advised that NO NUTS (or items containing nuts) SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL.**

Your co-operation in this is important and much appreciated.

Pupil Absences

All absences need to be coded accurately on our computer system. School should be kept informed of all pupil absences so accurate details are kept and appropriate procedures followed.

Contact the school office on the first morning of any pupil absence.

Please note that any absences which fall below 85% (other than for medical reasons) are automatically referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Playground Equipment

Please note that playground equipment, including the agility trail and castle tower, should only be used under school staff supervision. Children should not use this equipment at drop off or collection times.

School Motto