



May Newsletter

Welcome

I would like to welcome Mrs Willis as our P3/4/5 classroom assistant and thank Miss Wilson for all her hard work during her time with P3/4/5.

Student Placement

Mr Irvine, a student teacher from Canterbury Christ Church University, will be with us this month. He is currently working with the P6/7 class.

Break the Rules Day

Our Break the Rules Day raised £136 to support the people of Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Thank You PTA!

Thank you to our PTA for financing our new outdoor stage. The pupils have had great opportunities for learning as they have enjoyed role play, drama and art activities on the stage. We look forward to many more learning opportunities using this fantastic resource in the future!



Outdoor Learning

We are also delighted that our Castle Tower has arrived. The pupils have been able to use this both for physical and imaginative play.



Please note that no pupils/younger siblings should play on the Castle Tower before/after school. It is only to be used under staff supervision.

Shared Education

Our Shared Education programme is progressing well. Pupils have completed six lessons and have worked with our partner schools using video conferencing. This month each class will meet for two sessions of face-to-face activities at Gilford Primary School. Pupils will meet on the following dates:

P1/2 - 10th and 17th May

P3/4/5 - 16th and 23rd May

P6/7 - 13th and 20th May.

All pupils will travel by bus with St Colman's, Bann to Gilford and will be back in school for lunch. Pupils will continue to focus on Outdoor Learning on these visits.

School Clubs

We have been able to secure Breakfast Club, Afternoon Activity Clubs and Homework Club with LLTCA and Artie Annie. It has been a privilege to work in partnership with these agencies to provide this for our pupils and families.

All bookings and payments should be made through the contact details given by each agency:

Breakfast and Homework Club
- run by LLTCA - email
milltown@lltca.com or phone
02840 623770



Afternoon Activity Clubs - run
by Artie Annie - email
artie.annie@hotmail.com or
phone 07557874685



Please note that school doors will open for all pupils at 8:40am. No pupil should be left unsupervised prior to that time. If you would like

your child admitted to school before 8:40am, please book a slot at Breakfast Club.

Some parents have enquired about whether these clubs will be available from September onwards. It is very much our hope that they will, however the viability of all clubs will be dependent on the number of pupils attending.

Bee Active

Bee Active Multi-Sport Club will continue each Wednesday. Remaining sessions in this block will take place on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May.

Music Lessons

Music tuition will continue on the following days:
Monday - piano
Thursday - violin
Friday - woodwind



School Closures

School will be closed on Tuesday 31st May and Wednesday 1st June for School Development Days and Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Dates for your Diary

P7 Love for Life Workshop - 6th May
Notification of post primary places for September - 21st May
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Monday 30th May at 10:30am
P6/7 Residential to Greenhill YMCA, Newcastle - 7th and 8th June
Sports' Day - 14th June at 10:30 am (weather permitting)
Presentation Assembly - 28th June at 11am

Further details of these events will follow. We look forward to being able to share our whole school events with parents this term.

School Website

Visit the school website regularly to keep up-to-date with school life. News and photographs are added regularly. The calendar feature on the home page serves as a quick reminder of school timings and events. Our website address is www.milltownprimaryschool.co.uk

Summer Uniform

As the weather is getting milder, pupils may wear their summer uniform. This is short grey trousers for boys and blue gingham dresses for girls.

Amended School Routines

As a school we have made some changes in light of updated guidance regarding Covid-19. It has been wonderful to be able to return to some pre-Covid-19 routines.

All pupils are now back seated in groups and all pupils have returned to eating together in the dining hall at lunch time. Pupils should continue to use separate entrances/exits but should hang their coats in the cloakroom area. Pupils in P3-7 may bring their own school bag to school.

There may continue to be cases of Covid-19 within the community.

If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms, please keep them at home and take a lateral flow test. If the test is positive, they will need to self-isolate until having two negative test results, 24 hours apart, from Day 6 onwards.



As a school we still require the wearing of face coverings for indoor meetings with school staff.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wright
Principal