



# Milton Mail!

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*With J Rock preparations well under way I would like to say a huge thank you to the amazing volunteers who have really thrown themselves into the challenge. The secondary pupils from Invergordon Academy are working closely with Miss Robinson and Miss Crew along with the Newmore Team to ensure this will be a performance like no other! Transport will be provided to Eden Court on Monday 18th February for all performers (please note this is the February holiday weekend). We hope that parents will join us in Eden Court for the show.*

*With just 5 weeks to go until Christmas The Early Level Class and P2/3 are busy preparing for their performance too! P4-7 have also started rehearsing some festive songs to keep you entertained on Wednesday 12th December.*

*As you are aware raising attainment in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing continue to be the main focus on our school improvement agenda. In addition to this, this year the Highland Council Chromebook Rollout is happening in our area. This means that as a school we will be much better equipped to use technology to transform learning and teaching for our children. Please check out the back page for more information on our Parent Workshops. Together in partnership with you we can make a difference and do so much to ensure our children can continue to "Be The Best They Can Be".*

## Food For Thought—Project Update

Last year we found out that Scotland was one of the unhealthiest countries in Europe so that is why we decided to try and encourage the people of Milton to get better with their eating habits and their health.

In term one the P6/7s were busy with our 'Food for Thought' project. We were lucky to get £3,000 from the Scottish Government to help us with our growing vegetables and fruit group. We came up with a name that was unique after brainstorming ideas and then voted as a class. 'Grow Veg Grow.' was the winning name for the project.

As part of our project we have also been discussing the skills we need to have an enjoyable job when we leave school or college. We learned how to fill in job application forms and to give us a head start for our futures. We applied for certain jobs on the committee and some of us had to have a job interview with Ms Brewer.

We are so happy that our project is going in a good direction and we have made so much progress in one month as we have already had the polytunnel built in the school grounds.

**WE NEED ANY WILLING ADULTS FROM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO HELP US MOVE FORWARD.**

If you are willing to help with digging out the polytunnel, or being on our committee please could you get in touch with Sophie Zuber (Grow Veg Grow Chairperson) on 01862 842537.

Liam Mitchell

Secretary

## Early Level Class News

You may have already read about our success on our blog or heard about it at our Harvest Assembly but this news is too good not to share. The Early Level Class walked almost 3km on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October to raise money for new indoor play resources. After some extensive searching through a big bundle of catalogues the children decided they'd like to use the money to purchase some more small world play equipment. £368.50 was raised and we have already purchased our new Police and Fire Station

All of the Early Years Staff would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents, carers, and extended members of the family/community who supported our fundraising efforts – we really appreciate it. **Follow our blog: <https://miltonearlylevelclass201819.wordpress.com/>**

## Primary 2/3 News

**Follow our class blog: <https://miltonprimary23201819.wordpress.com/>**

There has been lots of discussions in P2/3 recently about staying safe whilst in the woods. Miss Robinson has been very impressed with all their imaginative play. The children have been 'toasting marshmallows', building squirrel dens and making 'fires'. Check out the fabulous pictures on their class blog!

## Primary 4/5 News

**Follow our blog: <https://miltonprimary45201819.wordpress.com/>**

What a first term for Primary 4/5, we have all been working very hard in our literacy and numeracy but our term has been filled with Expressive Arts, especially with the majority of the class taking part in J-Rock! Please check out our class tweets. We have recently been tweeting about our learning in class—check out the recent blog post!

We have been very lucky this term to have John from Eden Court coming to take the class for a few sessions working on our emotions in Drama and giving us the chance to work with Trestle Masks which is hugely exciting. We have also been fortunate enough to start some sessions of Feis with Lillian which have been really enjoyable as they have given us the opportunity to learn some Traditional Scottish songs. We get to continue these sessions for 3 weeks in Term 2 as well. Lillian has commented on how fantastic the class are in all the sessions which is amazing to hear. The class were even brave enough to stand up in the End of Term Assembly and sing 'Scot's Wae Hae'

## Primary 6/7 News

[Follow our class blog:https://miltonprimary67201819.wordpress.com/](https://miltonprimary67201819.wordpress.com/)

Miss Cross is extremely excited to share that Milton Primary has officially been linked with Ecole Les Larris School in France, This Scottish French Partnership will open up new and exciting opportunities for joint projects for P6/7. We look forward to hearing all about how their initial contact goes and finding out more about their first joint project.



## Parent Council Update

The Milton Primary Parent Council held their first Family Bingo Night on Thursday 8th November and they raised £260. The Parent Council are aiming to raise enough funds to help make some improvements to our outdoor area. They recently wrote to the Pupil Council to ask for their ideas. Your ideas from our Parents Evening were noted and the children have been making a list of items that they would like to see in the playground. We are waiting for a few quotes back and we plan to display the playground plan in the front entrance area for all to see. We hope that with your help we will be able to tick off the items as we raise enough money. The staff walk up Ben Nevis raised £1550, some of this money has been set aside for a small fence to go around the Polytunnel and the rest will be added to the playground pot. Bolcast have donated some wood which will be delivered to The Mens Shed. They have agreed to build some raised beds for us once the wood arrives. As you will have already noticed the children are really enjoying their new mud kitchen. Our thanks goes to the Community Payback Team for these amazing creations and to Stacey for organising the project. They are proving to be a big hit. The Parent Council are on the hunt for some new recruits, the next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 28th November at 2.00pm in school staffroom**—there will be cake. If you are interested in helping others and have some free time to help out now and again we would love to see you there , there will be cake!

**School Travel Plan** A huge thank you to those of you who have been able to complete the school travel survey. Great news—we will have a new cycle shelter by Christmas and our cycle training markings will be getting re-applied in Spring. Work is under way to create our school travel plan. The Council Health and Safety Officer noted that Pupils walking from Kildary



have to cross the busy B817 close to a bend. The pavement narrows just after a side road joins the B817 on the bend. Over the years several parents have voiced their concerns about this. The Road Safety Section of Development & Infrastructure are involved with the school through the School's Travel Plan and Safer Routes to School. We can bid for up to £30,000 in a financial year to improve the routes to school to encourage children and staff to sustainable transport to and from school. Mrs Sinclair is currently working with our Junior Road Safety Officers to develop the travel plan, this will allow us to bid for money.

If anyone is interested in joining this committee please get in touch. The travel plan needs to work for everyone so we need your voice on the plan!



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### A plea for a Football Coach ...

Jake is currently running our after school football sessions but we disparately need an extra pair of hands. Can you help? Do you know someone else who is interested in football that might like to become involved.

Football runs on a Wednesday after school. Please get in touch! The first Soccer 7's game is fast approaching!

## **PARENT INVITATIONS:**

This Thursday 22nd November

P1-3 Parents 9.00 Milton Primary—Literacy hour with your child

P4-7 Parents 10.00 Milton Primary—Literacy hour with your child

## **Chromebook Community**

All parents (but especially P6 and P7 parents) are encouraged to attend Invergordon Academy at 2.00pm or 6.00pm this Thursday. Primary and Secondary Pupils (our Digital Leaders) want to tell you about the Chromebooks and show you how they work in advance of every P6-S6 pupil being issued with their device. We would all ask all P6 and P7 parents to sign the register as they enter.

Advice for Parents / Carers can be found here:

<http://www.digilearnhighland.co.uk/parents--carers.html>

## **Before and After School Care**

Our Child Care Provision is now set up and staffed ready for you to use. Miss O'Brien is available between 8.00-9.00 each morning and 3.00-6.00 Monday—Friday. Please contact Mrs Nimmons at the office if you would like to use the service. Once set up with a direct debit form you can book your child in for child care whenever you need it.

### **Pupil Absence & Lateness**

This term we are trialling our school Seemis text service. If your child fails to arrive at school for 9.00am without an explanation a text will be sent to your Priority contact number asking you to call the office. Please note that this text service is unable to accept to incoming texts. Several of our parent mobile numbers do not seem to be working. If you have recently changed your number please do pop into the office and let us know.

The J Rock Team will have several events happening over the next few weeks and months, a huge thank you to Pippa's Gran Hilda who raised over £60 at the Christmas Fayre for the event. The Family Quiz Night is happening this Friday, there will also be a raffle at the event. We hope to see you there.

\* J Rock Parents—please ensure you let us know how many tickets you would like as we hope to order then in bulk at the start of December when then become available.