



# Milton Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Headteacher's Comments

I am delighted to inform you that our school has officially been categorised as **YELLOW** by Welsh Government in the latest annual school bandings published on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

When I joined the Junior School (two years ago at the end of this month!) the Junior School had been categorised as red owing to staffing and leadership issues affecting the school, and the Infant School's long serving Headteacher had resigned. This was understandably a challenging and unsettling period of time for staff children and parents.

Since the amalgamation, the response from staff, governors, children has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive. It therefore gives me great pleasure to and pride to say that based on the quality of teaching, the results your children achieve and the leadership of the school, we have leapt up two categories in as many years! Milton Primary School was even noted in Wales Online as a 'success story.'

I know that many of you will share my enormous pride in our staff and our learners-your children- and be excited about what we can continue to achieve as a learning community in line with our school motto: 'Learning together, achieving forever.'

Unfortunately, my message this week has two parts. Our school's rate attendance is still unacceptable- it is by far the lowest in Newport and within the lowest five in the whole region (Newport, Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly) and following a meeting this week, we are in the position where, if our attendance doesn't improve, then the school could face sanctions such as a warning statutory notice could be issued or the school could be recategorised as Amber- all sanctions I am sure you will agree that this would be such a terrible shame after all of the hard work and achievement of the past two years and also totally unnecessary!

As in previous newsletters, my plea to all our families (especially those with RED attendance) is to communicate with school as we will do everything we can to support you with issues affecting attendance where appropriate. As you are all aware the ultimate sanction determined by Welsh Government for poor attendance is a Fixed Penalty Notice, which carries with it a fine.

While we do everything possible to avoid this eventuality, please be reminded that it is the law that states that **it is an offence 'where a parent of a child fails, without reasonable justification, to cause their child to attend.'**

Thankyou in advance for your continued support,

Mrs Burke

## Attendance **28.01.19 - 08.02.19**

Class 1 FP Miss Allen	Class 2 FP Miss Thomas/ Mrs Clarke	Class 3 FP Mrs Rowan	Class 6 FP Miss Choo	Class 7 FP Miss Mogford	Class 8 FP Miss Cornwall	Class 9 FP Mrs Roche	Class 6 KS2 Miss McClymont	Class 5 KS2 Miss Wolfe Murray	Class 4 KS2 Miss Instone
<b>87%</b> Red	<b>88%</b> Red	<b>86%</b> Red	<b>87%</b> Red	<b>94%</b> Amber	<b>98%</b> Green	<b>91%</b> Red	<b>91%</b> Red	<b>95%</b> Amber	<b>97%</b> Amber

Class 3 KS2 Mrs Wells/ Mrs Hodge	Class 2 KS2 Mrs Birchmore	Class 7 KS2 Miss Jones	Class 8 KS2 Mrs Thomas	Class 9 KS2 Miss Cahill	Class 10 KS2 Mr Oram	Class 11 KS2 Mrs Ryan
<b>97%</b> Amber	<b>93%</b> Amber	<b>90%</b> Red	<b>88%</b> Red	<b>93%</b> Amber	<b>91%</b> Red	<b>90%</b> Red

Gold standard - 100%; Green Standard - above 97%; Amber Standard – between 92% and 97%; Red Standard – below 92%

***School Target 93.3% - beaten by Class 3FP, 7FP, 9FP & Class 3KS2, 5KS2, 6KS2, Well done!***

### Important Dates (New dates are in bold)

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019: Y4 (Mrs Birchmore Literacy Group) Family Learning session @9am
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019: E-Safety Parent Workshop @2:45pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019: ICT Parent Workshop @9:00am
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019: Additional Needs and Behaviour Parent Workshop @ 9:00am
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019: World Book Day celebration (information available on website)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Y4 (Miss Instone's Literacy Group) Family Learning session @9am
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019: Y4 (Miss Instone) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Y4 (Mrs Hodge/ Mrs Wells) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019: St David's Eisteddfod celebrations (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Y4 (Mrs Hodge/ Mrs Wells' Literacy Group) Family Learning session @9am
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Y4 (Mrs Birchmore) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Y6 (Miss Cahill) Family Learning session @9am
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Y4 (Mr Oram) Family Learning session @9am
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Maths Strategies Parent Workshop @9:00am
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019: Y3 (Miss McClymont) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019: Y6 (Mrs Ryan) Family Learning session @9am
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019: Y3 (Miss Wolfe-Murray) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April: After School Clubs FINISH
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019: Curriculum Reform Parent Workshop @2:30pm
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019: RECEPTION Easter Bonnet Parade @ 2:45pm
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019: INSET day- school closed