



Milton Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

4th March 2019

Headteacher's Comments

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all enjoyed the sunshine over the holidays? It's hard to believe that it was this time last year that we had all the snow!

We have a busy six week term ahead and the curriculum focus for this term's learning is going to be '**Pam mae Cymru yn arbennig?**' (Why is Wales special?) The children will begin the term by sharing their interests and wonderings with their teachers, and from there the teachers will plan out the tasks and experiences which will seek to celebrate our cultural identity in Wales.

As you may be aware, there are big changes planned for the curriculum in Wales, and I would encourage you to attend our parent's meeting about Curriculum Reform on the 9th April to get a better understanding of how we are adapting and refining what we do at Milton in line with these changes. Mrs Hodge and Miss Thomas would love to see you there and would really value input from as many parents as possible.

Last term, we adopted an Inquiry Based Learning approach to our whole school theme of "How and Why is the World Changing?" The aim of this was to make learning as authentic and relevant as possible for our children. During the last week of term, headteachers from local schools came to visit and were so impressed with the approach and the work the children had produced. It was also lovely to see families attending school to share the outcomes of these inquiries. There is more sharing planned for this term. Dates will be added to the diary as soon as events are arranged. There are some other additional dates added to the school diary on the reverse of this sheet which are marked in bold.

Finally, can I urge our whole community to please make every effort to ensure good attendance. We are now being monitored every half term to ensure attendance improves, and poor attendance will certainly result in fixed penalty notices moving forwards. We have had an unfortunate few weeks in February with lots of cases of Chicken Pox, but hopefully we are over the worst of it now. Let's make March the month that we beat our whole school target of 93.3%!

Have a lovely week everyone! Details of the parent questionnaire will be issued with the next newsletter.

Thankyou,

Mrs Burke

Attendance **04.02.19 - 15.02.19**

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
85% Red	78% Red	91% Red	88% Red	94% Amber	90% Red	91% Red	93% Amber	93% Amber	94% 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
97% Amber	91% Red	91% Red	90% Red	94% Amber	89% Red	90% 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 7FP, & Class 3KS2, 4KS2, 5KS2, 6KS2, 9KS2, Well done!

Important Dates (New dates are in bold)

- Tuesday 5th March 2019: Y4 (Mrs Hodge/ Mrs Wells' Literacy Group) Family Learning session @9am
- Thursday 7th March 2019: Y4 (Mrs Hodge/ Mrs Wells) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Friday 8th March 2019: St David's Eisteddfod celebrations (more details to follow)
- Thursday 14th March 2019: Y4 (Mrs Birchmore) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Tuesday 19th March 2019: Y6 (Miss Cahill) Family Learning session @9am
- **Wednesday 20th March 2019: PFA Meeting @ 3.30pm**
- Thursday 21st March 2019: Y3 (Miss McClymont) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Tuesday 26th March 2019: Y4 (Mr Oram) Family Learning session @9am
- Wednesday 27th March 2019: Maths Strategies Parent Workshop @9:00am
- **Friday 29th March 2019: PFA Mother's Day Cuppa and Cake**
- Tuesday 2nd April 2019: Y6 (Mrs Ryan) Family Learning session @9am
- Thursday 4th April 2019: Y3 (Miss Wolfe-Murray) Class Assembly @2:45pm
- Friday 5th April: After School Clubs FINISH
- Tuesday 9th April 2019: Curriculum Reform Parent Workshop @2:30pm
- Thursday 11th April 2019: RECEPTION Easter Bonnet Parade @ 2:45pm
- **Monday 20th May- Class Photos**
- **Wednesday 17th July: PFA Summer Fayre**
- Monday 22nd July 2019: INSET day- school closed