



# Newsletter

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## Matilda The Musical

Our provisional dates for Matilda the Musical are the evenings of 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April. Depending upon how preparations go, the date may have to be pushed back but it is our intention to stick with the published dates.

### MOBILE FARM Visit

On 11<sup>th</sup> March Kidz Farm NI ([kidzfarm.com](http://kidzfarm.com)) will once again come to Millisle PS and set up for the full day. This was an extremely popular experience last year. Excessive transport costs mean that school trips are now much less accessible, and we have to be very selective on where we choose to go. We can bring Kids Farm NI to school at a cost of £4 per pupil. Thank you to Mrs Corrie for arranging the visit again for Nurseru to P7 pupils.

### NON-UNIFORM DAY



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### PARENT/TEACHER Interviews

These will take place between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March with school closing early at 1:00pm/ 1:15pm each day. There will be no Friday appointments due to term ending for Easter on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Parents will be allocated a time slot in due course and can choose between a face to face meeting or a phone call. P7 pupils will remain in school to the normal finishing time all week having had Transfer Interviews or their Annual Review already.

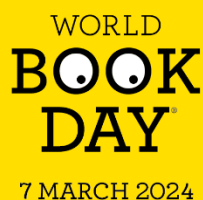
### HOMEWORK Club

Our new Homework Club on a Wednesday afternoon is proving to be a huge hit with our pupils. The club runs from 3:45 to 4:45pm each Wednesday and is hosted each week by Sixth form pupils from Strangford Integrated College along with SERC Tutor, Ms Michelle Graham. All pupils from P1 to P7 are very welcome to attend.

### FMPS Easter Raffle

Over the next number of weeks the FMPS will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle. Miss Moseley has already donated a fantastic, crocheted Easter rabbit which is now on display in the office window. In addition to this there will be several Easter hampers to be won!





We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and children may come to school, that day, dressed up as their favourite book character.

This year, to mark this event, members of staff will be reading Bedtime Stories each night starting Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March through to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. A link to the story will be posted on Dojo each night. We hope you will be able to join in and enjoy a bedtime story with your family.

WHAT'S THE PASSWORD?



When submitting online forms, please use the password sent to you on Dojo. This will indicate that the form has been completed by a member of our school community with access to the appropriate password.

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## School Calendar

*February – April 2024*

March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Zoo visit to school (kidzfarm.com)
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last swimming date for P7
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Parents SEAG meeting at 4.00 pm  No dinners
March 18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Teacher consultations. School closes at :  1.00p.m. for Nursery to P3 and  1.15 p.m. for P4 to P6 Monday to Thursday  P7 – normal finish time due to Transfer Interviews held in February 2024
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closes for Easter Holidays at 12.00 noon / 12.15 pm  Non – Uniform Day & Easter Raffle
March 25 <sup>th</sup> – April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 begins
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming commences for p5
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Matilda the Musical – School Production
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School closed – Staff Development Day
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – Bank Holiday
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Exploris Aquarium – visit to school
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	P7 pupils receive Year 8 places
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – Staff Development Day
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – Bank Holiday
June 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Residential Trip to Delamont OEC
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day at Abbey Villa  (Provisional Date)
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Service and Awards Day  (Provisional Date)



Welcome to the March 2024 issue of '**School Council**'.

**This month, Ella Waugh, P5, interviewed Mrs Gowan, our new Vice Principal, on behalf of the MPS School Council.**

***Mrs Gowan, welcome to Millisle Primary School.***

***What school did you go to and what jobs did you do before becoming a teacher?***

I went to Glenlola Collegiate in Bangor, and I did lots of jobs before becoming a teacher. The first job I had was when I was 14 and I cleaned for my Gran. One time, I was five minutes late and she wouldn't pay me! I also worked in Woolworths, LUSH (the soap shop) and in a summer scheme in Donaghadee. I loved all the jobs I did!

***Where did you teach before coming to Millisle Primary School?***

I worked in a school in North Belfast called Ballygolan PS before moving to Forge Integrated PS where I stayed for nearly 17 years.

***What made you want to come to Millisle Primary School?***

Before you go for an interview, sometimes a school will invite you for a tour to see around. It was the tour that made me want to come to work here. The people all seemed very happy to be here and I got a good vibe as soon as I walked in! I also loved the nursery!

***What's the best thing about being a Vice-Principal?***

The best thing is the children, they are lots of fun to work with – much more fun than adults of course!

😊 I love being creative and making our room and school look lovely with all the children's work. I also really enjoy finding good ways to solve problems.



***Do you have any pets?***

I have two dogs, Maggie and Hollie the sprollie. Hollie is crazy and thinks she is a human.

***What are your hobbies?***

I love paddleboarding, kayaking, going to comedy or music gigs and hanging out with our friends.

***Do you have a favourite TV show or movie?***

My all-time favourite film is ELF, I watch it all year round and my family hate it. I also love the American office.

***What is your favourite food?***

Mini eggs. I'm obsessed

***What music do you like?***

There is very little music that I don't like. I love live music. My friend Gemma and I go to lots of gigs and used to go to a big music festival every summer in Spain called Benicassim. We think we are too old for this now, but we did go to P!nk in Wembley recently and Harry Styles at Slane Castle.

***Finally, are you a swiftie?***

Yes and I'm not sorry. Taylor forever 😊