



# MILTON COURT NEWS

We are Safe. We are Loved. We are Learning. We are Proud.

Friday 3rd November 2017

## Leadership changes at Milton Court Academy

Please ensure you take a moment to read and understand the letter coming home for you today about exciting and important developments at Milton Court.



## Parent Governor Elections

The role of Parent Governor is a very important and effective way of ensuring our school is performing at its best for the children.

If you are interested in standing for the post, look out for the election letter next week and start work on finding another parent to nominate you.

## TERM 2 DIARY DATES:

### 2018 Reception Open days

Tuesday 7th November

Thursday 9th November

### Reports published

Thursday 23rd November

### Individual photos

Tuesday 28th November

### Parents meetings

Tuesday 28th November

Thursday 30th November

### INSET DAY

Friday 1st December

### Christmas lunch

Wednesday 6th December

### Full Price Book Fair

Monday 11th December

### EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performances

Tuesday 12th December

Wednesday 13th December

### PTFA Christmas Fair

Friday 15th December

## Stars of the week!

6	<b>Mija S</b> —Fantastic effort in all lessons, a great role-model for those around her. <b>Emily G</b> —Fantastic work identifying where children were evacuated to during WW2.
5	<b>Ray D</b> —Ray has made an outstanding improvement in his presentation. His attitude to learning has been positive. Keep it up! <b>Alfie L-D</b> —Alfie has had a fantastic week in Maths, Literacy and in the afternoons his manners and learning have been outstanding.
4	<b>Charlie W</b> — For writing a detailed description about Theseus using some creative similes. <b>Tomas-Jay L</b> —For writing a detailed character description about Theseus using alliteration and similes.
3	<b>Kenzie O</b> —For using arrays beautifully when multiplying. <b>Summer E</b> —For using the grid method so well for the first time multiplying 1 & 2 digit numbers.
2	<b>Mason E</b> —For trying really hard in his Maths! Keep it up. <b>Mason F</b> —For trying really hard in his Literacy using imperative verbs (Bossy words).
I	<b>Bella C</b> —Working independently and using resources well. <b>Tommy F</b> —Working independently in Maths, using his resources to find out missing number.
R	<b>Charlie A</b> —For his enthusiastic approach to learning especially in phonics. <b>Franky J</b> —For perseverance and resilience in sensory circuits.
N	<b>Sofia N</b> —For always being chatty and enthusiastic whilst in Nursery. Sofia has hugely grown in confidence and loves to share her ideas with us. <b>Leah F</b> —For always being a friendly and caring member of nursery. Leah always tries to cheer up her friends.

## SQUAD POINTS!

HORSA- 5755

HENGIST- 5730

NORWODE- 4931

PERIWINKLE- 5633

## ATTENDANCE

Whole school for the week is 96.7%  
Well done to Year 3 and 6 with  
98.7% this week!

PUNCTUALITY PUPPY IS REALLY PLEASED WITH YEAR 1 & 6 FOR BEING ONLY 0 MINUTES LATE THIS WEEK.

# News from around the school...

Welcome back! We've heard lots of fun tales from the holidays and the children have excitedly been telling us about their Halloween costumes!

We started off our new topic of 'Did dragons exist?' with the book 'Room on the Broom'. It's become a firm favourite of the class with many of the children choosing to read it aloud during choosing time! We were very pleased to see that the witch was saved from the dragon by her friends.

Next week we will be looking at the book 'There is no dragon in this story' where a dragon goes in search of a new story to be part of. He's bored of being the villain and tries to find a tale where he'll be the hero for a change...

Lots of important letters have gone home this week about wow moments, key person, the new Nursery library and the nativity. If you think you have mislaid any of these then please come and speak to us! Any questions then just ask!

Welcome back ! It has been great to hear what everyone got up to during our Key Person time. Key Person time is where we get together in two groups and spend time sharing and listening to ideas. Letters with your child's Key Person went home this week. If you have any questions please ask Acorn Class adults.

With Halloween and bonfire night occurring this week we have been exploring these two events in both adult and child-initiated sessions. In literacy, our focus book this week was Pumpkin Soup. After listening to the story, we made our own pumpkin 'soup' in the outdoor area. We all had a lot of fun exploring different 'ingredients' and getting our hands messy! Later in the week we watched a video of fireworks before creating our own firework artwork. We learnt about how to stay safe at a bonfire night and about the gunpowder plot.

We would like to thank you for your comments on your child's reading at home. If you haven't done so, please return your child's reading folder on their reading day so that we can give you a new book to read.

From Monday, drop off and pick up at the end of the day will be from the top playground. We look forward to joining the rest of the school.

Welcome back to school for the next term. Our topic is Beat, Band, Boogie and we are looking forward to sharing many different aspects of music with the class over the next 7 weeks.

This week we have listened to different kinds of popular music being played by the different sections of a traditional orchestra. We were surprised at how much the children enjoyed the brass section and moved along to the music, describing what they heard and how it made them feel.

In literacy we have used imperative words to create instructions to make a balloon drum. Here the children could select imperative words and use them correctly to instruct me to make the drum. In numeracy we have worked with numbers to 20. We have used tens frames, number lines and sequences to write numbers in the correct order to 20. In number sequences we have found missing numbers counting forwards and backwards. We have also learnt a song to help us remember our numbers, in order, to 20.

This week we have started an art project to create musical instruments making a small drum and look forward to finishing this next week.

Hello and welcome back to a new term. We have started our journey with our new topic of 'Beat, Band, Boogie' all about music and different themes linked to this. This week in literacy we have been looking at writing instructions and added in words so that they make sense. In our maths we have started to look at subtraction by using items to help us take away.

Next week we have another busy week ahead of us as we shall be learning about the story of The Grand Old Duke of York. We shall re-tell his story so that by the end of the week we can write newspaper report about his life and what he did.

In our maths lessons we shall be continuing to subtract but this week we shall use number lines to help us to do this.

We have some great music lessons planned too where we shall be learning about different instruments and the sorts of sounds they make.

Have a great week!

Mrs Hall.

We trust you had an enjoyable break over half term and that you all managed to relax! The children have all started so positively on our new topic of Gods and Mortals and have read the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. We created a fact file about this amazing hero and used some brilliant descriptive vocabulary.

Next week we will be writing our own diaries as though we were Theseus. Maths has seen us work hard on multiplication and division and how to solve problems involving these operations. We will be looking at Ancient Greek art work on pottery and trying it ourselves; finding out how the art helps us understand more about the events, people and activities during that time.

We will continue to check reading weekly (at home at least 4x), completing our bonds and tables tests and working hard to complete our Accelerated Reader quizzes.

Year 4 have made a great start to the term!

We have been looking at the Greek Legend of Theseus and the Minotaur in Literacy. The children have been using their creative skills to write a character profile about Theseus and the Minotaur using similes, metaphors and alliteration.

In math the children have been looking at multiplication and we are beginning to practice using the column method for multiplication.

We have started our exciting World War Two topic a 'Child's War'. We have been creating a timeline for the war first in our book and then collaboratively as a class for Display. We have been focused on letter writing and the differences between formal and informal language. We have read lots of different letters from the war focusing on evacuation. In Geography we have been locating all the different counties that children might have been sent to from a town like Sittingbourne.

This week Year 6 have been learning about World War 2.

We have been writing letters pretending that we were children in World War 2. We had to pretend we were being evacuated.

In maths we are currently adding fractions.

In topic we were locating an evacuating point on the map of England.

By Ashley