



# MILTON COURT NEWS

We are Caring. We are Loved. We are Learning. We are Proud.

Monday 5th December 2016

**PTFA Christmas Fair \* Friday 9th December \* 2.30—5pm**  
**Raffle \* Tombola \* Cake stall \* Santa's Grotto \* Games**  
**The Milton Court Primary Academy Choir**  
**Face painting \* Santa's envelopes \* Refreshments**

## **DIARY DATES:**

### **Monday 5th December**

School Book Fair begins!  
 3.15pm—4pm in the library

### **Thursday 8th December**

10.15 am  
 Christmas Church service  
 (Re-arranged date)

### **Friday 9th December**

2.30pm—5pm  
 PTFA Christmas Fair including  
 the Milton Court Choir

### **Tuesday 13th December**

EYFS and Ks1 Nativity Musical  
 performances AM and PM  
 (See letter for details)

### **Wednesday 14th December**

Children's Christmas lunch

### **Friday 16th December**

Ks2 Swallows Panto trip

### **Tuesday 20th December**

EYFS/Ks1 Kemsley Panto trip

### **Wednesday 21st December**

End of term 2pm finish

## **Stars of the week!**

Year 6	Lili – Mai G – For showing superb learning behaviour and making great progress in writing. Ainaras J – For showing superb of resilience and positivity.
Year 5	Lili – Mai G – For showing superb learning behaviour and making great progress in writing. Ainaras J – For showing superb of resilience and positivity.
Year 4	Amber P – A fantastic opening to her fantasy narrative Hayden D – A fantastic opening for his fantasy narrative.
Year 3	Alannah F – Following instructions and showing resilience in learning in all areas. Danny B – For showing resilience in maths.
Year 2	Dante L – Very good writing in Literacy all of this week. Crystal S – Trying very hard in Literacy all week.
Year 1	Irisa W – For great work with Year 2 during Geography fun week. Mason F – For having a fab lesson in Year 2 and a great attitude to learning!
Year R	Kaycee S – Showing great positivity during phonics lessons. Angel J – Always ready to learn and setting a great example for others.



# **BE A HERO READ!**

**GUIDED READING AT  
MILTON COURT**

### **Retrieving**

*Do you understand what you are  
reading?*

*How can you find information from what  
you are reading?*

## **SQUADS @ MILTON COURT**

**NORWODE 1641**

**PERIWINKLE 2040**

**HORSA 2031**

**HENGIST 1835**

## **Attendance**

**Our whole school target is 96%**  
**You must ensure your child is in school everyday**  
**to ensure they have the best opportunities and**  
**life chances.**

**Well done to Year for 6 achieving 95.2%**  
**attendance this week.**

**A great achievement—Well done!**

# News from around the school...

It was super cold last week but we wrapped up warm and had lots of fun outside in the frost. We had some new things to explore in the texture kitchen, lots of mixing and cooking talk going on! We also explored the story of 'Guess how much I love you' and got a bit confused over the difference between rabbits and hares!

This week we are getting into the Christmas spirit, making Christmas cards and continuing to decorate our classroom. We are exploring the book, 'The Stickman' which has a special visitor who helps out right at the end of the story. We have a new member of the class: an Elf appeared last week to check up on us for this special visitor!

Thanks to all the parents who came to share our learning last week, it was great to talk to you all and share some of what we do in Nursery. Of course, if you do have any questions we are always available at the beginning and end of sessions to speak to.

# N

A huge thank you to all the parents who came in to visit us in year R this week. We were slightly off timetable but it was great to talk to you all about what with parents and show you some of what we do at school!

We are really getting into the Christmas spirit now with our tree and decorations up. The decorations are looking beautiful and were all lovingly made by year R children! Slips have been going in for our express event of the 14th of December so be sure to let us know if you would like to attend, so we know how many arts and crafts materials to prepare. Thanks!

# R

This week Year 1 have received an email from the Mayor of London asking us to help him make a fun online children's guide to London. We explored where children would most like to go in London and why, we downloaded pictures of our chosen places and found out facts about them. We then added this onto the computer along with our pictures, we then saved this ready to put all together to show the Mayor!

In maths this week we have been learning our two times table and learning about multiplication. We out about pairs, twos, the pattern this makes and repeated addition. We are getting very good at saying our two times table and even tried making up our own two times table rap.

# Y1

Year 2 have had a busy week once again. In literacy we imagined we were a snowman from the countryside travelling to the city. We wrote diary entries from the point of view of the snowman. We used really amazing adjectives in our writing!

In Maths we have been focusing on developing our methods to subtract. We have also been busy practising our Christmas carols in preparation for our nativity show.

# Y2

Last week has been very busy with the children writing diaries and finishing their papier mache digestion systems.

This week in Literacy we will be focusing on writing instructions. We will be using science about our topic, 'Burps, bottoms and bile', to conduct experiments which we will then base our instruction writing on.

In maths we will begin to look at telling the time. We will consider the different times of day and days of the week. We will also be learning how to order and sequence time.

# Y3

During our numeracy lessons this week, we have revisited using formal methods for addition and subtraction. We used column methods to help us solve different problems throughout the week, ending up with a person solving word problems.

During literacy, we watched a video 'The Dream Giver'. We then planned and wrote our own version of the story, making simple but subtle changes. We were particularly successful at using paragraphs in our writing.

# Y4

Year 5 have had an awesome week. They have taken some wonderful photographs of ice! Check out our blog!

In Literacy the children have been developing rescue plans and scripting the rescue of 24 passengers who have been deserted in Antarctica! We have been researching what happens to the human body when it grows cold and presenting our work in Powerpoints and posters.

In Maths the children have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes. The work in their books is excellent! They can discuss angles, perimeter, vertical and horizontal lines, reflection, symmetry, sides, faces and vertices. They are on to form!

This week we are putting up our Christmas tree in class and making decorations! We are all excited for Christmas. The children have worked so hard this term. I am so proud of how far they all have come in such a short space of time.

Keep up the excellent reading at home. Each child should be taking home 1 or 2 school reading books and ploughing through them, ready to take their accelerated Reader tests.

# Y5

Another week gone and I can't quite believe it! Now we are into December and the run up to Christmas will begin! With that in mind, may I remind you that Year 6 will be leading the Christmas church service on Thursday.

This week we shall be looking at fractions in our numeracy lessons, along with adding fractions within arithmetic. In our numeracy lessons we shall be focusing on letter writing. Looking at questions we could ask the captain of the ship from the SOE mission we looked at last week. We shall then use this to write complaint letters. One letter will be from an angry passenger that was left stranded and the other a funny complaint letter from the point of view of an angry animal who lives where the ship was stranded. We will then be reading out our letters to the rest of the class and judging them.

# Y6

I hope you have a great week!