



MILTON COURT NEWS

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

Monday 12th December 2016

Don't miss your EXPRESS EVENTS this week!
Please check with your class teacher when your event is happening.

Thankyou to everyone who attended and worked at the Christmas Fair on Friday.
The PTFA raised a fabulous £600!

DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 13th December

EYFS and Ks1 Nativity Musical performances AM and PM

Wednesday 14th December

Children's Christmas lunch
Year 1 and 2 Express events
9.30—10.30 am

Thursday 15th December

Choir singing at Tannery Court
Year 3 and 4 Express event
9.00—10.15am

Friday 16th December

Ks2 Swallows Panto trip

Tuesday 20th December

EYFS/Ks1 Kemsley Panto trip

Wednesday 21st December

End of Term 2—2pm finish

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

School closed—INSET day

Wednesday 4th January

School open to Children

Stars of the week!

Year 6	Ashton O'H- For being really enthusiastic in his role in the church service. Conner-Kaine C- For working really hard in literacy all week.
Year 5	Ellie-May F- For always being ready to learn and pushing her learning forwards. Simon W- For superb effort in reading and in maths and writing to.
Year 4	Ben G- Fantastic maths work using the different operations, Kyras N- Detailed research for our class science museum.
Year 3	Bobby C- Aspiration in maths creating a great maths quiz. Jaida N-I- Resilience when working to improve how each lesson ends with great results.
Year 2	Karolis S- Outstanding learning behaviour in all lessons. Phoebe E-W- Outstanding learning behaviour in all lessons.
Year 1	Frankie G- For showing great learning behaviour in class and in our show rehearsal. Ella U- being a fantastic role model to the whole class with her singing rehearsal.
Year R	Myah E- Sharing her ideas with her friends and being willing to have a go. Joshua F- Doing his morning work and settling really well into school routines.



BE A HERO READ!

GUIDED READING AT
MILTON COURT

CHOICE

Do you know why the writer choose that word?

Why is the writing organised that way?

How does it effect the story?

SQUADS @ MILTON COURT

NORWODE 1845 PERIWINKLE 2277
HORSA 2192 HENGIST 1993

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 92% attendance this week.

Please keep healthy and in school !

News from around the school...

Another busy week but a few days closer to Christmas! We've been very busy practising our songs for the Nativity and look forward to showing you on Tuesday. Please send your children in with their black clothes already on; we have been busy making star headbands for them all to wear.

Last week we enjoyed reading the story, 'Stick Man' Poor Stick Man got lost but finally made his way home with the help of Santa. We did a lot of counting; everyone is getting much more confident counting up to 10—keep practising them at home! This week we are reading 'One Snowy Night' revisiting Percy the Park Keeper. We'll also be finishing off our Christmas cards.

Don't forget that it is our Express Event on Wednesday from 11am; it would be great if you could join us! We have lots of crafts planned and look forward to catching up with you all. Pantomime letters went out last week, please bring the completed slips back to class.

The Christmas festivities have already begun and Acorn Class have been busy writing Christmas cards to each other (to post in the tinsel covered postbox!). We have also been singing, dancing and preparing various animal ears for the Christmas concert. As we have started exploring 'patterns' in maths, we have managed to use our new knowledge of patterns to help us with our festive decorating!

We have brought our junk modelling project to an end for now so, until next term, we are no longer in need of household cardboard. Thanks so much for all your support with this, it's been great fun!

Our Express event is on Wednesday, we are looking forward to seeing you there to get creative!

To get us into the Christmas spirit this week we watched a video clip called the longest journey about a snowman who travelled to London just to buy a Christmas present. The video clip has no talking which allowed the children to create their own dialogue for the characters; they wrote about which alternative presents you could buy a snowman and then created their own story about a journey to London—what would they see, how would they feel?

We have been continuing to practise our 2 times table and we are beginning to understand what multiplication is by using arrays—the children have come up with their own actions and words to help them remember multiply (lots of). I wonder if they can remember and show you.

The children have been practising their Christmas songs for their performance and are so excited to show you all. Please ensure all costumes are in by Tuesday.

Year 2 have had a very busy week getting in the spirit of Christmas!

We have been busy practicing our nativity songs and are looking forward to the show next week.

We enjoyed our visit from Father Christmas on Friday too!

In Literacy, we wrote a non chronological report about famous buildings in London!

In Maths, we have been solving problems involving time!

We have had another busy week in Year 3 and really enjoyed some Christmas crafts and going to the church to sing carols.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you on Thursday for the Express event—it's going to be fun!

This week in Maths we will be continuing with time using clocks and working on improving our skills in telling the time.

In literacy we will be watching a short film to inspire different genres of writing from writing a prediction to creating our own comic strip.

During our literacy lessons this week we have been focusing on explanation texts. We invented a machine, planned what it would do and then explained how it worked. To start with, we were confused between instructions and explanations, but we got there in the end!

In our maths lessons, we have been further practising our written methods for multiplication and division. We also practised doubling and halving during our arithmetic sessions.

In our topic lessons we have been researching a specific part of the digestive system in order to create an exhibit for a class science museum.

Finally, please don't forget our express even this Thursday. Hope to see you there.

Year 5 have had a lovely week. We have been learning all about The Snow Queen!

We have re-enacted the first chapter. Practised re-telling the story adapting our voices to suit a younger audience, and then we went down to the reception classroom and told it to the children! We have to use intonation, tone, volume, hand gestures and facial expression to keep the little ones interested. It was great. Year 5 totally nailed it.

In Maths we have been learning all about the square route and the properties of angles, turns and movement. The children now have a real grasp on translation, rotation and reflection.

I was so proud of year 5 at the church on Wednesday. They looked after the little ones beautifully, their singing was perfect (even better without the music). Well done year 5. Another smashing week.

I hope you've all had a good week. I would like to say how very proud I am of year 6 for how hard they worked in our Christmas service on Thursday!

It's getting busier by the week and this week is no exception! We shall have two full days of lessons, reading a short story called 'The Snow Queen' in Literacy where we will then have a P4C session and write a persuasive letter. In numeracy we shall be continuing with fractions.

We have 2 days of SATs practice in the mornings which will help your children to get used to the tests even more. I must congratulate them on how well they are doing in preparing for their SATs.

We also have 2 pantomimes to look forward to as well at Borden Grammar School and at Swallows to get us in that Christmas mood! Around that we shall be continuing to fit in various topic lessons to end our topic.