



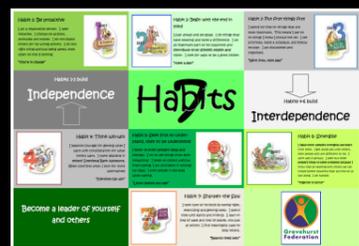
MILTON COURT NEWS

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

Monday 16th January 2017

The 7 habits of Effective Leadership

We are working with every child in school to build their leadership qualities and it starts with Self-Awareness. Please ask your child about their Mr Men characteristics! We will be sending out more information weekly about this vital aspect of our school curriculum—starting with this week's overview on our website.



DIARY DATES:

Monday 16th January

O2 Young Voices Concert

Wednesday 18th January

Year 3 and 4 Squash Match @ Rodmersham

Thursday 19th January

Family Trust assemblies

Thursday 26th January

PTFA Coffee afternoon and used uniform sale

Monday 6th February

Year 1 and 2 Bounce trip

Tuesday 7th February

Year R 'The foods I like' workshop

NURSERY PARENTS STAY AND READ EVERY MONDAY

Mrs Quenault is running stay read sessions for parents and children in nursery until 9.30am every Monday.

Come along and listen to the story of the week and then choose another to read with your child.

All nursery children and parents welcome—even if Monday morning is not your normal session!

Stars of the week!

6	Oraibi G-G- For great work in Numeracy, answering lots of questions and probing when stuck. Charlie B- For turning his behaviour and attitude around this week, as well as great work in Maths.
5	Cam'ron N-I- Superb presentation handwriting and going above and beyond in Literacy lessons all week. Alberts A- Superb presentation handwriting and going above and beyond in Literacy lessons all week.
4	Kyrah N- Fantastic descriptive language in her list poem. Holly H- Fantastic progress in her Terror Tables this week.
3	Charlie H- Excellent work in Maths. Bobby C- Excellent work in Maths.
2	Olivia-Mae N- For brilliant reading this week. Nazim L- Working hard in all lessons this week.
1	Oliver G- For being positive in any task he undertakes. Logan S- For having a positive attitude in phonics.
R	Liliana I- Using a picture fan to communicate with adults in the classroom. Bella C- Using a picture fan to communicate with adults in the classroom.

Have you changed phone numbers or moved address recently?

Please make sure the school office has your new contact details on record in case of emergencies.



BE A HERO READ!

GUIDED READING AT MILTON COURT

Context

Where does this story come from? How do you know? What are the clues?

When was this story or poem written?

Did that have an impact on how it was written?

SQUADS @ MILTON COURT

Periwinkle 3437 Hengist 2911

Norwode 2735 Horsa 3304

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 6 for achieving 96% attendance this week!

News from around the school...

<p>It's been another week of getting back into routine and welcoming new friends into Nursery. We are really proud of how friendly and helpful the children have been to our new ones. They are proving to be excellent role models.</p> <p>Last week we read the book, 'Webster's email' which is all about a spider sending an email. Have you sent an email recently? We have been exploring 'helicopter stories' again this week, acting out some children's stories. We're beginning to think about giving our own stories and acting these out.</p> <p>This week we are exploring lots of different forms of transport and finding out what we know about them already.</p> <p>We're always available if you have question or concern.</p>	<p>This week Acorns got off to an explosive start, thinking about volcanoes and how we can use an internet search to find out all about them.</p> <p>After researching real volcanoes and what they look like around the world, we found out how we could make a model volcano. After building it, painting it and making play dough to mould in to 'lava' we used a chemical reaction to make it 'erupt'!</p> <p>Friday's 'Love to Learn' activity has gone up on Tapestry, so if you get a chance to help your child complete some of the activities in their 'Love to Learn' book, that would be great!</p>
<p>We have continued our topic of 'Bounce' by looking at different sports which use bouncing!</p> <p>We focused on racquet sports, especially Squash. We watched Miss Allman's squash match, learnt how to play the game, wrote instructions and made a poster showing why Squash is such a good sport to play. The children really enjoyed trying to play the game and Dodgeball as well. We also watched clips of different sports being played.</p> <p>In maths we have been solving addition number problems and finding the missing number. The children became maths detectives and they used different resources to help them find the answers.</p>	<p>In Year 2 this week, we enjoyed learning about the sport Squash. We researched all about the game and made a report about the sport! We then designed a racquet and came up with persuasive statements about it!</p> <p>In Maths, we developed our adding and subtracting skills. We used our inverse to solve lots of problems in maths this week!</p> <p>In topic, we have been learning about different animals and how we can classify them.</p> <p>In Art, we all enjoyed making our own animal foot prints!</p>
<p>This week Year 3 had an amazing time taking part in the exciting assembly, 'Bach to the Future' investigating the sounds of various orchestra instruments and the different types of music they make. We finished with a sing-a-long to music from popular films.</p> <p>This week we will be continuing to find out what happens to the Iron Man and Hogarth as the adventure continues.</p> <p>In literacy we will be learning what a list poem is and how we can write our own. We will be basing this on our topic, 'Mighty Metals' using the process of metals melting to find interesting words.</p> <p>During Maths we will be using and applying our knowledge about place value thinking about numbers up to 1000.</p>	<p>This week Year 4 have been looking at writing list poems. We have used lots of different types of descriptive language to describe something metal that could be found in class. I was particularly impressed with some of the examples of personification that the children included. As soon as the neat versions are completed for our display in the corridor, I will upload a photo to the blog for you all to see.</p> <p>During maths we have been focusing on decimals, including numbers with 2 decimal places. We have been identifying which is the largest of 2 numbers and explaining how we know this. We then used these skills to be able to order decimal numbers.</p> <p>During our topic lessons we have been learning about friction. First of all we went around the school and tested how slippery different surfaces were by rubbing our shoes on them. We agreed that the surfaces that were the least slippery were the ones that had the most friction. We then went on to look at how friction could be useful and were able to find at least 5 places on a bicycle where friction was important.</p>
<p>Year 5 have had a wonderful week! We have been working hard on our presentation and tried something called Austin's butterfly. It is a great way to learn how to improve your own work, after helping a friend to improve theirs.</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> In Geography we have been exploring the world, looking for Art galleries and deciding which ones we would like to visit! We have planned a route around Paris, the Art capital of the world. In PE we have been learning how to play Dodgeball, focusing on teamwork. In history we have been learning all about Impressionism. We are beginning to understand art movements and how they worked a bit like toy trends. We build our new knowledge into Powerpoint presentations.</p> <p><u>Text based literacy week:</u> Year 5 have also been reading, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We have used Impressionist images to create our own children's story books. These will go up on display in our whole school corridor, so be sure to check them out if you are visiting.</p> <p><u>Maths:</u> We have been studying percentages, fractions and decimals and relating them to one another. The children made fortune tellers to help with their study. We have also been finding a percentage of a number. The children found this quite tricky, but they will soon get the hang of it!</p> <p><u>PSHE:</u> In PSHE we have been continuing our whole school study of Diversity. This week we learnt how other children's behavioural, emotional and learning differences can be a wonderful learning opportunity and how when we are understanding of these differences and we can work together, our ideas are so much stronger.</p> <p><u>Next term's trip:</u> Look out for a letter about next term's trip, coming out this week.</p>	<p>Well, what a week we have just had, even with a bit of snow! Year 6 have worked really hard on their coordinates work as well as writing narrative stories in literacy. We have also had some great PE lessons with our PE coaches that will be in school every other week, and our new PE apprentice too.</p> <p>This week in literacy we shall be looking at the features of poetry, focusing on emotions and writing a description of our own chosen feeling. With this feeling we shall be writing our own nonet poem. A nonet is a nine line poem. The first line contains nine syllables, the next line has eight syllables, the next line has seven etc. This continues until the last line (the ninth line) which has one syllable. Once these have been finished we will perform them to the class which will continue to embed our oracy skills.</p> <p>In numeracy our focus will be line graphs and pie charts. We will look at different ways of reading these as well as drawing our own. In arithmetic we will be multiplying decimal numbers with whole numbers.</p> <p>Our guided reading will continue with looking at our book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' which will be our focus this term.</p> <p>In topic we shall be looking at different ways to edit and improve our art work through constructive peer assessment for drawing and shading. As well as this, we will be learning about Impressionism Art and producing our own artwork from this genre.</p> <p>Please can I remind you that PE kits should be in during the week at all times. Have a great week!</p>