



MILTON COURT NEWS

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

Monday 24th April 2017

OFSTED PARENT FORUMS

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2PM AND 6PM

Please do take this opportunity to come and discuss the outcomes of our recent inspection and the continuation of our school development priorities. If you cannot make the forums, please feel free to send in your questions through the school office.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 24th April

Year 6 Swimming lessons begin

Thursday 27th April

Family Trust assemblies

Monday 1st May

Bank holiday—School closed

Thursday 4th May

Polling Day—School closed

Monday 8th May

Ks2 SATS Week

Wednesday 17th May

Show Task Auditions

Friday 19th May

Baking Task entry day

Wednesday 24th May

Show Task Final

Friday 26th May

End of Term 5

Monday 5th June

School Closed—INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th June

Start of Term 6

IMPORTANT DIARY CHANGES

Please accept my apologies for a mistake in last weeks diary. Friday 26th will not be an INSET day and the school will be open as normal.

We can now also confirm the school will be closed for the General Election Polling Day on Thursday 8th June.

School Uniform

Reminder

All children should be wearing black, plain shoes or trainers in school. Trainers or pumps should be kept in PE kits.

School jumpers or cardigans should be in the correct shade of blue and feature the school logo if possible.

Sew Distinctive will be in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Stars of the week!

6	Patience C- For great work learning about the heart, and for being a good role model to others in group work. Tommy C- For working really hard learning about the heart this week and making good choices.
5	Joshua J- For showing determination and a real interest in all of his work. Angel H- For showing resilience and focus even when things were out of her normal routine.
4	Jade C- Joining in more during whole class maths activities. Shakira W- Brilliant explanation for her reasoning task in maths.
3	Freya S- Working hard in maths and topic. Sarah W- Excellent work in maths. Positive attitude in class to all of her work.
2	Laura K- Brilliant work in literacy all this week. Libby S- Good work in all lessons this week.
1	Maddison E- For some outstanding work in her English work, using some fantastic verbs in her sentences. Mason F- For some outstanding work in his English work, using some fantastic verbs in his sentences.
R	Jack W- For making fantastic progress with his blending in phonics. Zak S- Trying really hard with his letter formation in his choosing time.



**BE A HERO
READ!**

**GUIDED READING AT
MILTON COURT
CONTEXT**

When was this story written? What else was happening in the world? Would this story make sense in another country?

Supersonic Year 2!

Well done to Year 2 with 97% attendance this week...and well done to Year 5 close behind with 96%.

Remember...

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!

News from around the school...

It was a great first week back, everyone looked well-rested and ready to get started with our new topic 'Why do Zebras have stripes?' We read the story 'Handa's surprise' where a range of different fruits got stolen by lots of different animals. We had a look at some tropical fruit in the classroom and then got to add them to our mixtures in the mud kitchen. We also talked about what our favourite fruit was as one of the girls in the story liked tangerines best.

This week we are reading the story 'Rumble in the Jungle' which means we will meet lots of different safari animals. We are going to think about how to describe all of the different animals as well as finding out a bit about where they all live.

We have welcomed a new member of staff into our team, Mrs Boakes will be with us for the morning sessions each day. The children have been very welcoming as she gets used to us and our routines. If you have any questions or concerns, don't forget that we are always available on the door to speak to.

Our first week of the Summer Term has been an exploration in to the wildlife of Africa. We have been learning all about the different animals we might see on a safari and have had fun 'camping' in our new safari themed role-play area! There has been lots of fantastic writing going on too, thanks to a great interest in writing post cards home, complete with an exotic stamp!

Our book of the week has been Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson. This book has been fantastic for exploring themes of being lost and found as well as re-visiting rhyme, which Acorn's are all brilliant at!

On a separate note, next week we will be starting drop off and pick ups at the top play ground with the rest of the school. If you could remind your child to stay with us until a teacher has seen you, that would make everything run a lot more smoothly!

Thanks so much for your cooperation with this.

We have had great start to our new topic 'Splendid skies'. We listened to a poem called 'Who Has Seen the Wind?' By Christina Rossetti. We learnt the poem by using pictures and actions, we then used adjectives and verbs to help us write our own poem about the wind.

In art we used sponges and paint to create cloud pictures, we also made windsocks and we looked at the weather to predict how much we thought our windsocks would move. In geography we thought about the weather at different time of the year and said what we would wear during the different seasons.

In maths we have been learning about place value using objects and pictures to make numbers and see which number changes when the number increases or decreases in ones or tens.

Year 2 have had a very busy first week back. All pupils have really enjoyed starting their new topic 'Splendid Skies'.

In Literacy, pupils wrote a descriptive piece of writing about their nature walk in the Milton Court garden.

In Maths, pupils developed their place value knowledge further. In Geography, the class enjoyed learning about how the weather can affect different places!

Welcome back all to term 5. We really enjoyed last week, making potions and dressing up for Harry Potter day and look forward to coming up with lots of magical potions to follow our topic. Thank you to all who have bought in magical potions which we are currently displaying in our classroom. If you could please continue to collect jam jars and plastic bottles over this term I am sure we will find a magical use for them.

In Maths this week we are learning about equivalent fractions and how to apply them when problem solving. In literacy we will be finding out about anaesthetic and using our knowledge to practise our letter writing skills.

In topic we are thinking about science experiments this week, the reaction between different liquids and solids and the gases that are produced. In art the children will be continuing their focus on observational drawing using pencil.

We had a fantastic start to our new topic "Potions" with our Harry Potter themed day on Tuesday. Well done to all those that dressed up, you looked brilliant! The children had the opportunity to watch and take in a range of different experiments that involved mixing different materials.

During our literacy lessons we created our own potion and then wrote instructions to show how to create them.

In our science lessons we have been looking at solids, liquids and gases and the differences between them. We have also used our observational drawing skills to sketch and shade different potion containers.

In year 5 this week we will be looking at the heart and lungs—we will recognise the function of both and understand how our circulatory system works. Literacy will focus on narrative writing based on the book The Heart and the Glass. Maths will focus on place value, negative numbers, rounding and Roman Numerals. We will continue working hard to complete the daily mile too!

Our focus for RE will be looking at their life journey so far and what they have faced and may face as their life progresses. PE will look at balls skills, specifically catching correctly (relating to cricket).

We know that the children will work hard and are looking to ensure that they practice hard with their reading and multiplication. We will complete weekly spelling and multiplication tests (which will be given on a Friday) together with monitoring the reading the children complete.

I hope you all had a great first week back! We have already learnt so much linked to our new topic 'Blood Heart'. We have written information texts, done lots of research and also written a non-chronological report about the heart. In science we looked at the functions of the heart and lungs as well as planning a lesson to see how and when our pulse changes. This week we have our final set of SATs practice papers before the real tests which are in 2 weeks.

Our literacy lessons will consist of shape poetry, focussing on the heart or blood, depending on what the children would like to write about.

Our maths will be focussing on multiples, percentages/decimals and fractions. In these lessons, we will be looking at test-based questions within these areas to help us revise for our SATs. In topic we shall be looking at blood and its components this week.

Can I please remind you to ensure that children always have a PE kit in school during the week, and that they have their swimming kit with them every Monday.

Have a great week!

Mrs Hall.