



MILTON COURT NEWS

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

Monday 3rd October 2016



MARVELLOUS ME IS HERE!
Download the free app, enter your code and start receiving fab news about your child's day at school!

See the leaflet or ask at the office for more details.

DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 5th October
Individual and Sibling

Photos

Thursday 6th October

Macmillan Coffee

morning

Wednesday 12th October

Year 5 and 6 Express
Event

Wednesday 19th October

Year 1 and 2 Express
event

Thursday 13th October

School Easter Assembly

Friday 14th October

British Heart Foundation
Bad hair day

Thursday 20th October

Year 3 and 4 Express
event

Friday 21st October

End of Term 1

Stars of the week!

Year 6	Chelsea G- For working really hard in all areas showing a great interest in our 'Pharaohs' Topic. Jimmy G- For putting a lot of effort into his work showing resilience even when he finds some work tricky.
Year 5	Nojus E- For showing superb learning behaviour across the week. Ashley B- For greatly improving his learning behaviour this week.
Year 4	William C- For providing well thought out reasons for where he would build a castle. Jade C- For a brilliant first week in her new school.
Year 3	Freya S- For finding out lots of facts in topic and working hard in all her lessons. Tyler B- For showing resilience in all his lessons and pride in his work.
Year 2	Dolcie-Lea T- Dolcie-Lea planned a fantastic narrative in literacy, she did so much writing in one lesson. Amy B- Amy has produced some fantastic writing in literacy this week, she has given 100% effort in every lesson.
Year 1	Vanessa P- For always trying hard during all of her lessons and gaining confidence. Theo S- For always listening, helping others and trying his best in all lessons.
Year R	Jack W- For always showing kind behaviour towards his friends. Ianis B- For setting a great example in the class, trying to do the right thing.

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**

Oral retelling and performance

*How do you remember the main points
of a text?*

*How can you engage your listener with
expression, volume and intonation?*

SQUADS @ MILTON COURT

NORWODE 334

PERIWINKLE 557

HORSA 541

HENGIST 557

Apologies to all the Squads from Mr Minton for posting the wrong totals last week!

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 4 for achieving 97% class attendance this week.

News from around the school...

We've been so busy learning that we filled up the rewards jar last week and earned ourselves a treat. We iced biscuits and took them home to eat. We have started refilling the jar and are wondering what the next treat will be...

We are reading the book 'Supertato' this week and will be thinking about superheroes and people who help us. We have thought carefully about how to be Sharedactyls, sharing toys, ideas and stories with each other. Can you be Sharedactyls at home too?

Don't forget to return your Tapestry forms so that we can share our learning with you. We have also enjoyed seeing the love to learn books, don't forget to bring them back so we can share our ideas and learning.

This week Acorn class have worked particularly hard learning their letters and the sounds they make. We have been concentrating on a new letter every day and playing lots of fun games along the way to get used to speaking, writing and reading them. It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic the class have been about their learning.

We have loved using 'Marvellous Me' as a fun new way to interact with you all and tell you about the great things your children get up to everyday—keep up the Hi5s!

If all parents could remember to bring their child's PE kit in this week, that would be great as we will be starting to get changed for PE from Tuesday.

The children had a letter from NASA this week inviting us to space! We made our own rockets, described them and read non-fiction books to find rocket and space facts.

We have been lucky enough to have a sports coach in to teach the children PE, which will now be Wednesday and Thursdays. The children really enjoyed his lesson; they were really engaged and showed great ball skills.

In maths we have been working on number bonds, matching coloured objects, pictures, numbers and finding the number pattern.

Year 2 have had a very busy week at school! In literacy we have been writing our own narratives about travelling to the moon. In Geography this week, all children have carefully studied photos from space taken by NASA. In PE, a professional football coach from the FA came to coach the children. This is such a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their ball skills. Everyone gave 100% effort and the coach was extremely impressed with their determination in PE. We are looking forward to next week's session already!

Everybody did really well sewing their sketches from the Bayeux Tapestry. They concentrated on stitching and came up with fantastic designs—well done!

This week we will be looking at characters and learning how to use similes. We are going to use description to improve the content of our writing about characters in the Norman Conquest. In maths we will be using multiples of 3, 4 and 8 to work on multiplication and division.

This week in Topic we will be investigating the Domesday book and why it was used. We will then be moving forward to create our own Domesday book.

Please remember PE kits for Tuesday and Friday. Also reading books so we can keep working on our AR reading.

This week we have been learning about castles and why they were built where they are. We looked at different geographical features that may have influenced their positions. We then imagined that we were a King or Queen that had just invaded the Isle of Sheppey and we had to decide where we would build our castle, giving geographical reasons to justify this decision.

In literacy we have been focusing on diary writing and have been thinking about the daily life of a soldier training for the army. We then thought about how they would have felt and the reasons for their feelings.

Finally, during our maths lessons, we have been learning how to convert between different units of time including minutes to seconds and years to weeks. Some of the children have even been able to work out harder conversions including fractions of years!

Last week year 5 created a Powerpoint presentation. It discussed the issues surrounding Ancient Egyptian social hierarchy and how this could be compared to the social structures in England today. They worked well to ask questions and research. They then planned and worked well in groups. After that they developed the outline, wording and delivery of their presentation work to the whole class.

In Guided reading the children learnt how to pause for dramatic effect. They read 'Melvin the Mummy', learnt it off by heart and practised performing it. They were fab!

In Maths the class have been challenged to use their knowledge of number facts and number bonds to help solve addition and subtraction problems quickly. They are really improving their work stamina and producing more and more every day.

I hope you had another great week last week and have managed to wash the mud from EVERY where! Firstly, I would like to say how proud I was of the year 6 gang for their resilience at the mini mudder last week! They really were great and had fun doing it too! This week we shall be continuing to learn lots more about our exciting Pharaohs topic. In literacy we shall be writing a recount about mummifying our hands and feet in bandages, as well as looking at and designing our own hieroglyphics, learning all about how organs were preserved in Ancient Egyptian times, by writing an information text and describing some of my own versions of these and writing a set of instructions to write our own sarcophagus.

In numeracy we will be looking at different measures including length and mass, where we shall measure and estimate and solve different types of problems around these too. Division is our focus in arithmetic.

Our spelling focus for this week is words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency. Can I remind you that it is really important that PE kits are ALWAYS in school, especially on a Wednesday and Friday. Have a good week.