



MILTON COURT NEWS

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

Monday 8th May 2017

HEALTHY SNACKS FOR BREAK TIME @ MILTON COURT

Please ensure your child is bringing in a suitable healthy snack for break time such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Crisps, chocolates, chocolate biscuits or sweets are not allowed. If in doubt, please check with your class adults.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 8th May

Ks2 SATS Week

Wednesday 10th May

Nursery Tapestry event

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

Wednesday 7th June

Kingswood residential parent information event

Thursday 8th June

Polling Day—School closed

NURSERY NEWS

Stay and Read sessions will now be at 11.15 and 15.00 on **Mondays**.

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!

Tapestry Information Event

Wednesday 10th May at 10:45 and 14:45 for all Nursery parents to come along and find out more about the system.

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	Brogan H: By showing a positive attitude to learning this week. Megan D: By completing 5 extra pieces of homework linked to our topic.
5	Archie L-D: For using lovely vocabulary in his shape poem. Vibeka F: For working really well using the column method for addition.
4	Kyra N: Beautifully presented work of the highest standard at all times. Casey A: Fantastic contributions during Literacy and Maths this week.
3	Charlie H: Working hard in his Maths lessons and learning with Mrs Sharp. Kane C: Working hard in Maths and Literacy.
2	Summer E: Very good writing in Literacy, using conjunctions. Kostas G: Very good writing in Literacy using expanded noun phrases.
1	Louis-James H: For showing outstanding enthusiasm in all areas of his learning. Layla-Mae C: For positive learning behaviour and recently trying very hard in her Literacy lessons.
R	Bella C: For doing some amazing writing during Literacy. Great Job! Conan L: Working really hard this week and trying hard to stay on task.



BE A HERO READ!

GUIDED READING AT
MILTON COURT

Oral retelling and performance

How do you express the punctuation in the text?

Do you use intonation in your voice?

Well done to Year 6 with the highest attendance at 97% this week... A much better turnout.

A big hooray to Year 2 with 0 (Zero!) lates this week!

Remember...

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!

News from around the school...

We packed a lot into the three days of last week! Our book was 'Say hello to the jungle animals' and we found out some more things about wild animals. There was also some confusion over pandas and panthers but we used Google to help us work out the (many) differences!

This week we are looking at animals and their young using the book 'Monkey Puzzle' as our starting point. Monkey gets lost and a butterfly tries to help him find his mum.

Don't forget the Tapestry information event on Wednesday, everyone is welcome to come along and we are happy to answer any questions you have! Our Express Event invites have also gone out, we hope that you can join us on Wednesday 24th May at 11am.

Finally, keep sharing what you are up to either in your love to learn books or on Tapestry, it's a great thing to be able to talk about at Nursery.

With a short week this week the children have worked extra hard! We have been watching weather reports, finding key words that are used, finding out the meaning of these words and then using them to write our own weather report. We have been keeping our very own weather diary and predicting what we think the weather may be like the next day. We have been learning about the weather cycle and used sponges to experiment to see how when they get too full with water they begin to drip from the bottom just like the clouds when it rains. In maths we have been using place value to add two-digit numbers together using objects, pictures and partitioning.

Welcome back to another very busy week in year 3. This week we will be continuing in maths to explore fractions and keep on learning the importance of the denominator and numerator. Maybe the children could practise by helping you to cut their dinner into halves and quarters as we did on Friday with our pizza in class. Another challenge for the children would be to see how many whole objects they can find. In literacy we will be writing a persuasive text focusing on a spell that you must come and buy for the safety of the children. How many persuasive words can you think of? During topic next week we will be investigating love potions by famous artists and thinking about what the paintings communicate to us. Please can you save any jars you may have ready for the end of term. Thankyou.

The children produced some amazing shape poems last week, full of magnificent vocabulary and a great deal of care! They also showed how excellently they could use the column method for addition, Well done. This week we will be looking at subtraction, they will be completing their own non-chronological report about the heart and in science, planning an investigation. Please remember to practice those tables and spellings as we will be having a weekly test every Friday! Keep up the hard work!

Despite the short week, Acorns have managed to pack a lot in, especially in Literacy!

We have been reading the book 'How the Zebra got its stripes?' which has been a fun way of finding out some more about African wild life. We have also been thinking about everything we need to remember when writing instructions. We started off with creating instructions for 'loo roll binoculars' and ended the week, much more appealingly, with writing instructions for how to make a jam sandwich. The best bit of this activity was when we got to use the instructions to make the sandwiches! Yet again, I have been so impressed with the writing that has been going on in choosing time. Some of the children have decided to write letters, complete with an addressed envelope and stamp. Watch out for these as they could be in the post on their way to you right now!

In Year 2 this week, all pupils enjoyed learning about the formation of clouds! Pupils performed their own research and wrote a detailed non chronological report about the topic. In Science, the class about opaque, translucent and transparent materials. They enjoyed performing an experiment outside to test various materials. In Maths, pupils developed their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes!

Even though it's only been a short week due to the bank holiday and polling day, we've still managed to cram in a lot of learning in the remaining three days. During our maths lessons we revisited the formal methods for multiplication and division and then used them to solve various problems like making the biggest or smallest number using a given set of digits. During literacy we looked at rhyming words and then wrote a descriptive rhyming poem about things that we might put into a magic potion. We are also learning new skills every week during our squash coaching sessions. This week we played games with nets that work like walls. Next week, we will be trying to have rallies with both partners using a racket. Finally, we're still learning to play the ukulele. We're practising songs every week as well as learning a new song every couple of weeks. Why not ask one of the children what songs they can play!

I hope you all had a great weekend, and managed to chill out a bit ready for our week of SATs that have come upon us incredibly quickly! This week, as you are aware, we will doing our SATs tests from Monday to Thursday. In the afternoons and when the tests have been completed, we shall be learning about who William Harvey was and why he was so important to the medical world. Alongside that, we shall be enjoying some fun activities outside and in the hall, so make sure your child has their PE kit in school. Swimming lessons will be back to normal as of next week (15th May). Have a great week! Mrs Hall.