



MILTON COURT NEWS

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Wednesday 3rd 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:

Thursday 4th May

Polling Day—School closed

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	Ashton O'H - For making a rapid improvement in his test results by sheer determination. Savannah J- For consistent hard work and resilience in practice testing and for always asking of ways to improve.
5	Anton L- For showing how well he can focus on his class work and learning. Simon W- By applying himself excellently towards his numeracy this week.
4	Scarlett F- being a caring and supportive member of the class during the ukulele lesson. Casey A- being a caring and supportive member of the class during the ukulele lesson.
3	Angel E- Showing resilience in writing. Jayden B- Showing resilience in writing and maths even when they are tricky.
2	Nazim L- Working very hard in Literacy and Numeracy all this week. Cassandra M- Working hard in all lessons this week.
1	Alicia H- For trying really hard in all areas of her learning. Tristan R- For much improved behaviour and attitude towards his learning.
R	Mia W- For producing such beautiful writing in her choosing time all week. Lily B- For being persistent and working hard to solve all her maths problems.



BE A HERO READ!

GUIDED READING AT
MILTON COURT
INTERPRETATION

Can you use inference and prediction to discuss what you are reading?

Two weeks in a row for Year 2!

Well done to Year 2 with the highest attendance at 94% this week... However this is far too low for a winning class Everybody!

Remember...

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!

News from around the school...

Last week we looked at the book 'Rumble in the jungle' and learnt a few facts about some jungle animals. We also became interested in patterns and spent some time making patterns, identifying patterns and talking about patterns we found. We are continuing the animal theme this week looking at the book 'Say Hello to the Jungle Animals'. We will be continuing to find out a few things about these different animals and moving onto where they live and what they eat.

The Stay and Read sessions are continuing this term at a slightly altered time - Monday 10am and 15:00. You are welcome to attend either session even if your child does not normally attend on a Monday. I have also advertised an information event about Tapestry on Wednesday 10th May at 10:45 and 14:45. If you have any questions about how to use Tapestry or how we use Tapestry at school you are welcome to come along to this informal session.

Please continue sending your child to Nursery with a coat, we have access to the outdoors for the majority of the day, regardless of the weather! If you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door at the beginning or end of your session.

In Year 1 we have been cloud hunting!

We looked at different clouds and what shapes and sizes they could be. We read the story 'The Cloud' by Eric Carle and watched a short clip by Dreamworks called Partly Cloudy. We used this short story to write character descriptions, write what the character might say in a speech bubble and then recount the story.

We have been using our voice and instruments to make weather sounds thinking about what instrument would be best to make which sound from sunshine to thunderstorms. We have also been lucky enough to have Mrs Goetz-Austin help us learn weather names in German which the children were very good at!

In maths we have been continuing to focus on place value using a Tens and Ones Abacus, drawing the tens and ones for numbers and partitioning numbers and writing their value.

This week in Year 3 we will be continuing our adventure focusing on potions.

In literacy we will be writing a narrative based on the action of a young wizard. The aim will be to include verbs and adverbs in our writing by the end of the week.

In maths we will keep working with fractions as we learn to divide, share and group objects creating unit fractions and non-unit fractions. During topic this week I hope to create some interesting labels for our amazing potions that are in the Year 3 classroom. With the view of taking some great pictures to show everyone on our blog.

Please could you continue to send in plastic bottles and any jars you might have as these will be useful towards the end of term and for further use in topic. Also a reminder that PE is Tuesday, Friday with an extra session on Thursday morning so please could all PE kits be in school.

Year 5 worked really hard last week; covering rounding, negative numbers and multiplication in maths and producing a few fine pieces of narrative writing!

This week we will be looking at the function of the lungs and the children will be planning and conducting their own science investigation. We will be looking at shape poetry using descriptive language and working on addition and subtraction in numeracy.

In PSHE the children will continue to look at our next 'Habit' which is Putting first Things First and how they need to prioritise what they need to complete (at home or school).

PE will be Friday, well done to everyone who had their kits in last week! Remember we have spelling and tables tests every Friday.

Acorn's have been doing some fantastic learning! We have been consolidating what we know about telling the time from an analogue clock, getting to grips with reading 'tricky words' with our tricky word of the day and going from strength to strength with writing for specific purposes ie. letters and lists. We have been having a big think about letter formation too and how it is important we only use capital letters at certain times, please keep up the good work at home!

We started to have a little 'free-flow', with Nursery a few afternoons last week. This has meant that during choosing time, the children have been able to move freely between the two classrooms. This has been lovely to watch, as all the children are very excited to play in each others classrooms and brand new little friendships are starting to form!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have made 'drop-offs' and 'pick-ups' so smooth last week by getting the children lined up in the mornings and asking the children to wait to be called before collecting them. I have been so impressed by how well the children have adapted to this very grown-up new routine!

Year 2 had a really busy week!

In literacy, all pupils enjoyed writing a narrative about making clouds.

In Maths, we continued to focus on our addition skills.

All pupils have been doing multi skills in PE this week.

They have enjoyed jumping, running, throwing and catching.

Next week, we are going to do some exciting science experiments to investigate light.

We've had a busy, but fun week in Year 4 this week. During our literacy lessons we wrote letters to Professor Slughorn at Hogwarts, trying to persuade him to use a new potion that we created. We focussed on using expanded noun phrases and using language that have our opinions.

During maths we reminded ourselves of how to find the area and perimeter of squares and rectangles and then solved different problems using these skills.

Finally, during our topic sessions, we continued to look at different solids, liquids and gases. We had the opportunity to be hands on with some different materials to help us decide what they were. Sand was a particularly tricky one with some people thinking it was a solid and others a liquid. What do you think?

Hello, I can't quite believe we are already into week 3 of term 5. It is going so quickly and the SATs are nearly upon us.

Last week we learnt even more about the heart as well as blood and wrote some great shape poems which were performed beautifully in Friday.

This week we shall be making comparisons between those who smoke and don't, finding ways of helping people to stop and writing our own slogan. As well as this we will be writing a play script around the idea of radio presenters who are advertising their new slogans. These will then be performed and filmed onto iPads at the end of the week.

In our numeracy, we continue to practice different targeted SATS type questioning, focusing on angles.

Can I remind you of the free breakfast we will be offering from 8am Monday to Thursday next week.

There is no swimming lesson next week due to our testing, but this will be up and running again the following week.

Also, please ensure your child's PE kit is in school everyday of the week.

Have a great week.

Mrs Hall.