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Shining Bright, Aiming High

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Miers Court Matters 2

Attendance – Well done Bumblebee Class (Year R) for achieving 100%, Puffin Class (Year 3) for achieving 98.1% and Skylark Class (Year 1) for achieving 98.0%. These classes are this week's top attenders!

This year's attendance to date **95.1%**



Assistant Director of Education The Howard Trust Barry Symons - Firstly I would like to introduce myself. My name is Barry Symons and I am the Assistant Director of Education at the Howard Trust. I am brand new to the Howard Academy Trust having previously been a headteacher in several Kent and Medway schools. I am now in the very lucky position of working with the Primary Heads to ensure their schools are the best possible schools they can be for your children.

This week was my first opportunity to visit the classes at Miers Court. I visited the classes with the leaders to help quality assure their judgements of teaching and learning and was delighted that our high expectations matched!

The children in Year 6 were fully engrossed in a fascinating lesson around the Malorie Blackman book 'Pig Heart Boy'. The Year 5s were equally as impressive as they explored



'The Chocolate Tree' as part of their topic on Mayan culture. In both classes the children's behaviour and attitudes were impeccable.

It was a lovely morning and fantastic to see such talented teachers and hardworking children and I look forward to my next visit.

Visit by Mr McColgan - Mr McColgan (our Trust CEO) came for a visit today. He went to all of the classes and enjoyed seeing all of the different learning that was going on. He was very impressed with how settled and focused all of the classes were. Year 3 were very excited to share their plans for their writing with him and he enjoyed seeing how helpful our new Year R pupils are. We are all very proud of the children and how well they have settled. Well done everyone!



Jeans for Genes day Friday 22nd September - We will be recognising Jeans for Genes Week this year on **22nd September**. This will be a non-uniform day and we would ask for a small donation to support this very important charity. On this occasion, it is going to be possible to send in a **cash** donation to school. We will be sharing with the children how the charity helps children with genetic conditions and they will also complete some fun activities, which are available on the official website. Thank you for your support.



ECO Update

At the start of a new school year, we want to remind you of all the recycling projects we support.



We are part of the Duracell 'Big Battery Hunt', contributing to the running total that can be viewed on their website:

https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/?utm_source=NSP&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=DUR4&utm_content=DUR4-029

Please send your used batteries into school – ask your family and friends and bring theirs in too!

We also collect empty, clean bread wrappers and used ink cartridges (domestic only, please), which we give to **Gillingham Street Angels**, who receive a small amount of money for them. This money is used to help fund the projects that they run, for example, the soup kitchen and food bank.

Our Crisp Packet Project is now in its fifth year and still attracts huge support across the school and our wider community. Please continue to send in your clean, empty crisp packets, which we will take to the main Crisp Packet Project hub in Hastings.

Year 1 - Year 1 have been learning all about the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We have really enjoyed looking at the sculptures he makes out of natural materials. We went outside and collected some natural materials and created our own Andy Goldsworthy inspired sculptures.



Meal Balance reminder – Please can we remind you to keep an eye on your child's meal account, and top up when needed. Thank you
Also, if your child has school dinners and there is still money owing on your child's account please can this be paid as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

18.09.23 – Welcome meeting Year 3/Year 4

19.09.23 - Welcome meeting Year 5/Year 6 - including information about Y6 PGL Residential in July 2024

20.09.23 – Welcome meeting Year 1/Year 2

22.09.23 – Jeans for Genes Day

20.10.23 - Last day of Term

06.11.23 - Back to school

20.12.23 – Last day of term

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