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**Shining Bright, Aiming High**

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## Miers Court Matters 6

**Attendance** – Well done Puffin Class (Year 3) for achieving 98.4%, Macaw Class (Year 4) for achieving 97.1% and Bumblebee Class (Year R) for achieving 96.7%. These classes are this week's top attenders!

This year's attendance to date **93.0%**

**Headteachers Awards** – Congratulations to Felicity, Ariana, Karina, Ivy C, Hope, Ivy B and Rogue in Year 1, Gracie and Bailey in Year 2, Josh, Astrid, Pearly-Rose, Leila, Harry S, Amelia, Marcus, Annabella, Florence, Ffion, Robyn, Maddie, William, Tinashe, Abrianna and Luca P in Year 3, Freya, Aaliyah, Olivia C, Micah, Callum, Nikita, Sophie, Daniella, Rory, Kit, Indya and Amy in Year 4, Rajni, Alyshba, Riley, Lara, Sienna, Ellie, Josh and Jack W in Year 5, Rajni, Akshara, Casey, Ethan, Venus, Violet, Ethan and Archie in Year 6 for earning a head teachers award for achieving 10 Learning points.

### Year 3 Book Talk

In Year 3 this term we have been reading *The Wild Girl* by Chris Wormell.

*This is a wonderful story of a stone age girl and her dog who live alone in the wilderness and one evening they have a visitor, they are not sure if this is a friend or foe. What will happen to the girl and her dog?*

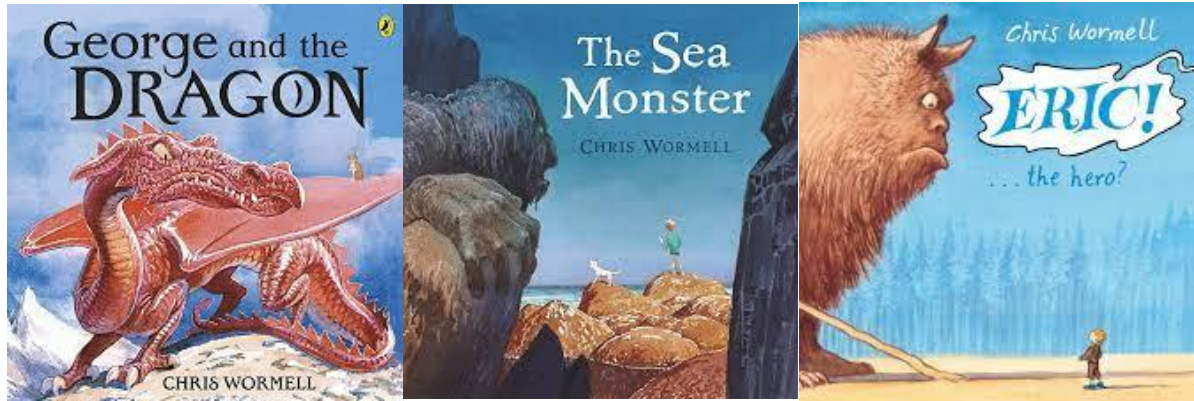
The children were very excited to find out if everyone survived.

Luca Said **"It was a good story because she returned the cub to the mum and that was kind"**

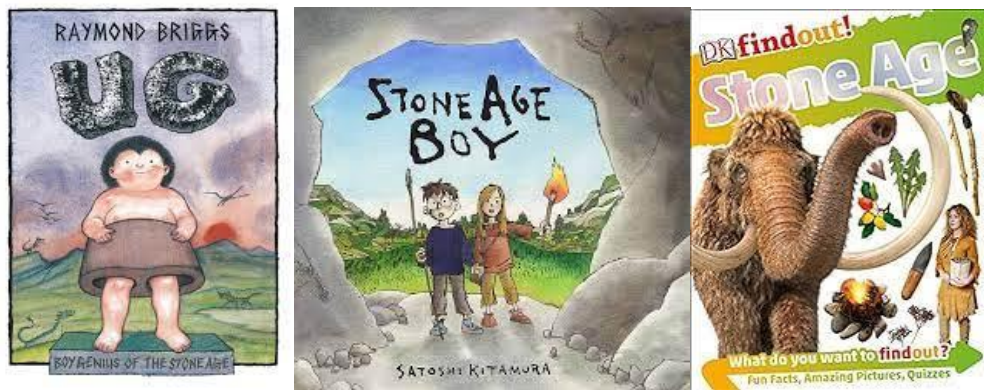
Marcus Said **"It was pretty good, the last part was good because we thought the bear wanted the cave but no!"**

If you like this book then you might also like other books by Chris Wormell





**Recommended reads for our age group at the moment include:** As we are looking at the Stone Age, some wonderful books we have read as a class and would highly recommend are:



<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/>



**Battery Recycling** - This week we have collected **126** batteries!! Fantastic total, thank you.

We submit our total to the Duracell website each week. To find the national running total go to:

[https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/?utm\\_source=NSP&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=DUR4&utm\\_content=DUR4-029](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!

**Year 6 and CPR** - Last week, all of the year 6 children had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a workshop learning how to deliver CPR. This was kindly run by staff from the critical care team from Medway Hospital (and was organised by one of our own parents who is part of that team) Year 6 were taught lots of things including: what to do in an emergency, how to put someone in the recovery position, how to do CPR and how to use a defibrillator. The children really enjoyed the session and appreciated the team giving up their free time to do this.

The children said:

***'I now know how to put someone in the recovery position'***

***'The CPR lesson was very enjoyable; I now feel more confident doing it'***

***'I know it is very important to check the area is safe before helping someone. I talked about today with my mum who is a nurse'***

***'I really liked today because I learnt something new and I now know what to do if someone collapses and needs my help'***

***'It was fun to learn CPR but it could also help me save someone's life'***





The team said all the children participated really well and asked thoughtful questions. Well done year 6!

**Online Safety – WhatsApp** - Even though WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16+, it is the most popular messaging app from Y4/5 upwards. Over the last year or so WhatsApp have introduced new features to help parents manage appropriate settings for their child. Please take a look at the link below.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>



**WhatsApp**  
online safety guide  
for parents

internetmatters.org

[What is WhatsApp? A safety guide | Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/)  
Learn about WhatsApp and its safety features to keep kids safe online.  
[www.internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

**Online Safety - Epic Games Store parental controls** - Epic Games (which includes Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League) provide some really useful features for parents to manage their child's gaming experience. This includes 'cabined accounts' which are accounts where the child is under 13 and certain restrictions are applied by default, e.g. talking to other players. Please take a look at the guide attached to help you manage their accounts.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/epic-games-store-parental-controls-guide/>



**Food Harvest donations** – Thank you to all those that have donated so far to Medway food bank, you still have until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October to get your donations in. Children can bring items from the list attached from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we will ensure Medway Food Bank have the items over the October half term holiday for distribution.  
Thank you.



**Poetry Day at Miers Court** – We will be sending out the celebration of poetry work as a special edition, please see attached to this week's MCM.

**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

**20.10.23** - Last day of Term 1

**06.11.23** - Back to school Term 2

**10.11.23** – Individual school photos

**17.11.23** – Children in Need (information will be sent nearer the time)

**6.12.23** – Flu Vaccination YR-Y6 (more info to follow)

**18.12.23** – Christmas Dinner

**19.12.23** – Christmas Class parties

**20.12.23** – Last day of term

**03.01.24** – Inset day (no children in school)

**04.01.24** – Back to school Term 3

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