

Miers Court

Matters

UPCOMING EVENTS

09.12.24-Year 6
Victorian Day

10.12.24-Year R
Nativity 2.30pm

11.12.24-Year 1
Nativity 2.30pm

12.12.24-Year 2
Nativity 2.30pm

12.12.24-
Christmas Pre-
sent Sale

12.12.24-
Christmas Jump-
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13.12.24-Year R
Christmas craft
9am—10am

Note from Mrs Fordyce

Well we are at the end of another exciting week of learning at Miers Court. It began with a Christmassy feel as we were joined by Emily from the local library who read us a Christmas story in Assembly which we all thoroughly enjoyed - it was about a corgi in Buckingham Palace and was not a story I had heard before. On Tuesday our choir represented us at Rochester Cathedral for a Christmas Concert. I was very lucky to have the opportunity to attend and watch the concert and it was fantastic! Our children sang their heart out and were a real credit to you and our school. Thursday brought a visit from the Trust leadership and they spent the day with us, visiting lessons and talking to children - it was a successful day where we could share and discuss the vision for the school and the things that we are working towards. That brings us to the end of the week - please have a lovely restful and relaxing weekend (if that is possible in the run up to Christmas) and we will see you on Monday morning ready for our penultimate week of Term 2.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance – Well done Nightingale Class (Year 2) for achieving 97.6%, Flamingo Class (year 4) for achieving 97.5% and Falcon Class (Year 5) for achieving 96.5%. These classes are this week's top attenders!



Celebration Corner

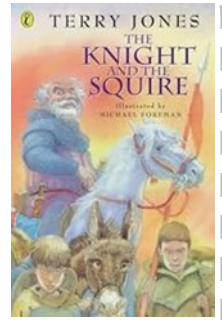
Congratulations to Tzion and Fedora in year 3, Freya K in year 5 for earning 10 Dojo Points

Congratulations to Kit in Year R, Ethan, Alfie B, Clíodhna, Ariana, Jack, Kasia, Maddie, Lily, Jenson, George, Karina, Eva, Darcey, Carter, Harry, Siaan, Adem, Alfie, Emma, Mason, Rosie, rogue, Olivia and Harrison in year 2,, Aviraj and Eric in year 5 for earning 25 Dojo points

Book Talk

Year 4 Book Talk!

In Year 4 this term we are reading, 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' by Terry Jones.



Synopsis:

This is the tale of a Viking warrior by the name of Erik. But Erik is no ordinary Viking! With his trusty band of men he sets sail in search of the land where the sun goes at night - but he finds much more! The Sea Dragon, Dogfighters and giants combine to make his voyage a great saga of thrilling adventures.

Leila says, "I like the part when Thorkhild tricked the Old Man of the Sea."

Astrid says, "My favourite part was when there was a terrible storm and they had to go in the cave."

Zac says, "I really like the story because it is all about Vikings."

Harry says, "This is a tale of Erik but he is not an ordinary Viking, he goes on tricky adventures as he sets sail in his boat, the Golden Dragon."

Jonah says, "This book is a very thrilling adventure, Erik is no ordinary Viking, he is a trusty, brave warrior whose mission is to find where the sun goes at night!"

Amelia says, "I really like the chapter, 'A Hard Question' because it is about a girl and Erik and there is a lot of description. And she is a troll!"

Recommended reads for our age group at the moment include:

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

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



Sports Section

Quote of the week

"A problem is only a problem when viewed as a problem"

Robin Sharma

Tri-Golf—12 children from Year 3 and year 4 will be attending Tri—Golf next week keep an eye out for photos and information of what they get up to.

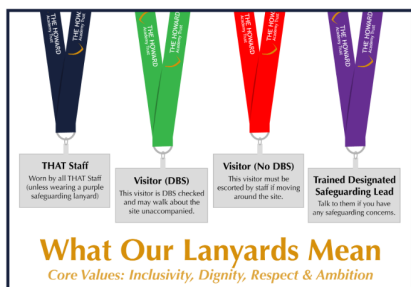
Next Thursday will be the last day for Mr Shelley's class for swimming they have had a great time and year 5 are looking forward to it being their turn in the new year, please keep a look out for letters regarding year 5 swimming lessons.

Thank you



Safeguarding Corner

As a reminder, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs L Fordyce. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are; Ms Munns, Miss Collings, Mrs Doherty, Miss Bradley and Mrs Kavanagh. If you have any safeguarding concerns, do not hesitate to get in contact.



Online Safety

For Parents - My Family's Digital Toolkit

With Xmas just a few weeks away we thought it worth sharing My Family's Digital Toolbox again. The Family Digital Toolkit is where parents can get personalised online safety advice based on a number of factors such as age, popular apps and platforms their children use, tackling online issues and more. As a bonus parents can also be entered into a draw to win a prize bundle (including an iPhone 15). <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

For Parents - Loot Boxes

For many children and young people playing games is predominantly about socialising with their friends. Because of this there can be significant peer pressure to look and be better than everyone else, to get further in the game than other and more. In-game purchases such as loot boxes capitalise on this peer pressure, essentially enticing users to get ahead more quickly by spending money. Loot boxes have been a concern for a long time. A few years ago in the UK it was thought that loot boxes would come under the updated Gambling Act but this never happened due to a lack of research, however it is though my many (including myself) that loot boxes can be a gateway or lead-in to gambling.

Concerningly, a BBC investigation has found that, out of the top 45 biggest games on the Google Play store, most are not disclosing that the games contain loot boxes properly. Many parents rely on the information that is available on the various game/app stores as well as ads to decide what is/ is not appropriate for their children and this lack of important information is inexcusable.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c748ww9y9nno>

Medway Food bank Certificate



We received an email from Medway Food Bank regarding our Harvest donations we had donated them back in October, we are pleased to share with you that Miers Court raised a massive **134kg** worth of donations!

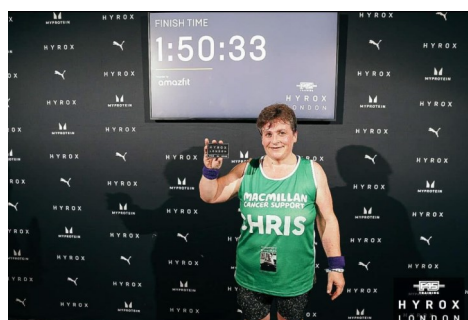
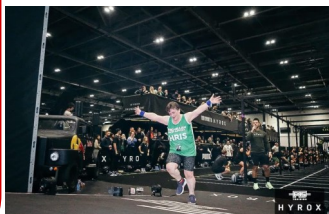
These generous donations will enable them to continue to help those in need in our community, particularly going into the winter period.

We would like to say a massive thank you to our school community again for your generosity and kindness to those in need!



Well Done to Mrs Ridley

Mrs Ridley took part in her first ever Hyrox in London on Sunday 2nd December, she trained very hard for this over the last few months and all the training has paid off. She completed the whole course in an amazing time of 1 hour and 50 min. I'm sure you would join us in saying a massive congratulations to Mrs Ridley for all your amazing hard work.



Christmas at Miers Court



We have previously shared with you our Christmas at Miers Court events but we are sharing with you again on here.

Please see below all Christmas events taking place over the next few weeks:

- ◆ **Tuesday 10th December Year R Nativity 2:30pm**
- ◆ **Wednesday 11th December Year 1 Nativity 2:30pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 12th December Year 2 Nativity 2:30pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 12th December Christmas Present sale PTFA**
- ◆ **Thursday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day**
- ◆ **Friday 13th December Year R Christmas Crafts 9am– 10am**
- ◆ **Monday 16th December Year R Christmas Crafts 2pm—3pm**
- ◆ **Monday 16th December Christmas PJ day, Items for the Christmas tombola**
- ◆ **Monday 16th December Story Time parents invited in school hall KS1-4:00pm-4:30pm, KS2 4:45-5:15pm**
- ◆ **Tuesday 17th December Christmas Class parties (Year R—5)**
- ◆ **Wednesday 18th December Year 6 Christmas craft and cake sale 3:30pm-4:00pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 19th December Year 6 Christmas party**
- ◆ **Thursday 19th December Christmas Fayre 3:45pm-6:30pm**



Rochester Cathedral Carol Festival

On Tuesday 3rd December the children from the KS2 choir went to Rochester Cathedral for the Medway Music Association Carol Festival. It was an absolutely fantastic day, the children sang their hearts out and the behaviour was amazing. Saskia and Saul read their reading brilliantly and our soloists sang beautifully. One of the organisers sent a message saying that the children were a credit to our school.

Well done to all the choir!



Battery Recycling – This week we have **84** batteries!! Fantastic total, thank you. We submit our total to the Duracell website each week.

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.

Meal Balance reminder – Please can we remind you to keep an eye on your child's meal account, and top up when needed. Thankyou. Please remember that, if your circumstances change, you child may be eligible for Free School Meal Support. You can apply on line for this and we are always happy to help if you are finding it a little tricky. The link will take you to the application page and you will get a decision really quickly. https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200164/school_information/354/free_school_meals



Dates for your diary

- 09.12.24—Year 6 Victorian day
- 10.12.24—Year R Nativity 2:30pm
- 11.12.24— Year 1 Nativity 2:30pm
- 12.12.24 – Year 2 Nativity 2:30pm
- 12.12.24—Christmas Present sale PTFA
- 12.12.4—Christmas Jumper Day
- 13.12.24—Year R Christmas Crafts 9am-10am

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