

Miers Court Matters

UPCOMING EVENTS

**26.03.25 –
Mothers day
sale**

**21.03.25—
Red Nose
Day**

**31.03.25—
Break the
rules day**

Note from Mrs Fordyce

We reach the end of another busy week at school. This week has been Science Week so your children should have been telling you all about the experiments that we have been taking part in and the famous scientists that we have been discussing. A group of our choir children represented our school on Tuesday at Chatham Central Theatre. They performed brilliantly and were amazing ambassadors for our school. There were comments about their sensible behaviour - we were all very proud !!!

Next week is parent consultation week and we look forward to seeing you in school where you can discuss the progress that your children are making and share the work in books that they have produced so far. If you have any questions then please do find the answers with the class teachers .

Have a fantastic weekend

Class Attendance



Celebration Corner

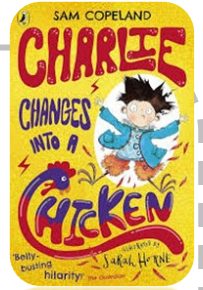
Congratulations to Jessica in year 2, Jenson and Seb In year 3 for earning 25 Dojo points

Congratulations to Olivia, Alfie, Adem and Rogue in year 2, Oakley, Jack Ethan, Finley, Amelia, Milan, Maya, Sahaj, and Tillie in year 3, Christel and Oscar in year 4 for earning 50 Dojo points

Book Talk

Kingfisher Book Week Book Talk

In Kingfisher Class this week for Book Week, we have been reading Charlie changes into a Chicken by Sam Copeland

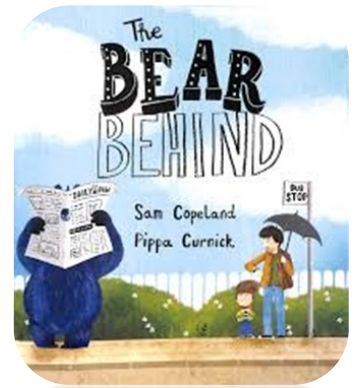
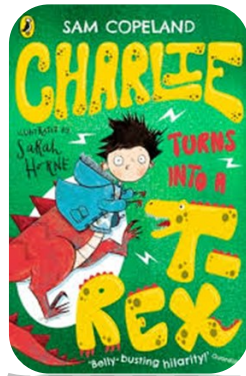


Parker says: "I like that Charlie can change into different animals."

Mila says: "I liked that he got stuck in the principles office and did something naughty in the flower pot."

Owen says : "I like when Charlie goes into the office and shaves the toy monkey and says it looks like a bald alien."

If you like this book, then you might also like the other books in this series by Sam Copeland



Quote of the week

"Your I CAN is more important than your IQ"

Robin Sharma

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

Report - Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World

Internet Matters have released their new report for 2025 and there's some really interesting findings. On the positive side the report finds that children are more open with their parents about online activities, and parents' awareness of their children's online activities has increased.

But on the negative side, the wellbeing scores for vulnerable children have risen to their highest level with 24% saying that upsetting experiences happened to them quite a lot, up from 10% last year.

You can read the full report here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/childrens-wellbeing-in-a-digital-world-index-report-2025/>

Video - GenAI, The Harms Landscape

Children and young people are often the first to adopt new technologies, often out of curiosity or because their friends are using it. As generative AI is embedded more and more into all of our lives (whether we want it or not) there seems to be a huge surge of 'this new solution can save you hundreds of hours of work a week' and other related products, but very little of the real concerns that are associated with GenAI, including concerns to children. This is particularly important when you consider that 1 in 10 children report they know of cases where their friends/classmates have created synthetic intimate images (deepfakes) of other children using GenAI and around 1 in 8 knows someone who has been targeted.

For Parents - Wearable Tech

More and more children are being given technology that can be worn, e.g. smartwatches and whilst there can be benefits the risks aren't always apparent. This article from Internet Matters explores wearable technology for children and gives advice on:

- The different types of wearable tech, e.g. smart watches, glasses, VR headsets and fitness trackers.
 - Whether wearable technology is safe and what some of the concerns are, e.g. privacy and data collection, impact on body image.
 - How wearable tech can support wellbeing.
- And more.

For Parents - Under 5's

As more and more younger children get access to their own or borrowed tablets it's important to make sure these devices are set up correctly and children are using age-appropriate apps/games. Internet Matters have a great set of resources for parents of these younger children which you can find here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

Multi-skills masters



A group of children in Years 3 and 4 took part in a Multi-skills festival at The Howard School. The children's behaviour was impeccable during the day and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. The aim of Multi-skills is to practice skills such as running, jumping, throwing, catching, and agility. These are all skills the children can transfer into multiple sports. A massive well done to all the children for their behaviour and skills.

A big well done to Marley and Robyn for earning the endeavor awards on the day they showed great listening skills and commitment during the day.



KS2 Medway Music Festival



On Tuesday the choir went to the Central Theatre in Chatham to join other school choirs at the KS2 Medway Music Festival. The children had a fabulous time and were a credit to the school.

They spent the afternoon rehearsing and then performed in the evening. We were so proud of how beautifully the children sang, how carefully they watched the conductor and how much energy and enthusiasm they put into each song. It was a wonderful performance and a great evening of singing.

A huge thank you to MMA for organising the event, the grown ups that helped on the day and to everyone that supported the children and came to watch them perform.





Fundraising for Red Nose Day

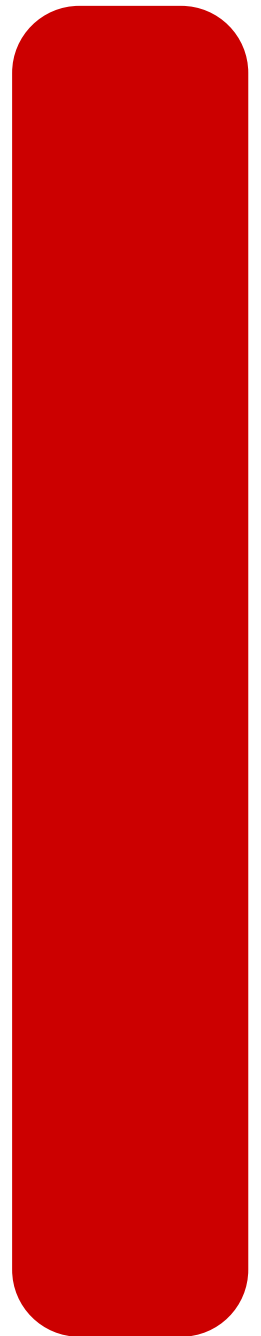
Friday 21st March

Dress up funny, for money!!!

Here are some ideas: Dress in all red,
Wear a joke, accessorise or paint your
nose red!!



If you dress up funny, please bring in a bit of money!!



Community News

We have been asked to share these with parents/carers.

Little Voices

Please see booking link for FREE theatre week spaces over Easter for students entitled to free school meals.

<https://eequ.org/book/little-voices-musical-theatre-workshops-with-little-voices-west-kent-13236>



April Theatre Week at Little Voices
14-17 April, Rainham School for Girls

Join us for a fun-filled week ending in a final-day show!

- ★ Learn songs, dances, and rehearse scenes
- ★ Develop acting and vocal skills
- ★ Build confidence and teamwork
- ★ Make new friends!

Book your child's space today!

It is a great opportunity for children to experience performing arts and nutritional education in the school holidays

AMG Dance classes at Miers



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BOOKING INFORMATION BELOW

AMG Dance classes at Miers Court School

Pop Dance

Tuesdays (term time only)

- 4-6 years - 4:30pm-5:10pm
- 7-12 years - 5:15pm - 6:00pm

Book your taster today:
<https://bookwhen.com/amgdance>

Email: info@amgdance.co.uk



Battery Recycling – This week we have **314** 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.

Dates for your diary

17.03.25—Parents evening week

21.03.25—Red Nose Day

26.03.25—Mother's Day present sale

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