

UPCOMING
EVENTS

23.10.24—
YEAR R
BALANCE
BIKE

24.09.24—
PRINCIPAL
COFFEE
MORNING
SCHOOL HALL
9AM

30.09.24—
YEAR R
BALANCE
BIKE

Note from Mrs Fordyce

Wow what a fantastic first full week back we have all had! It has been so great to see the smiley faces at the gate in the morning and after school—even on the days were the rain decided to join us!

I am getting to know Miers Court and the amazing children and families that form our community—thank you to the parents that popped in for a coffee morning. If you do have any questions then please do catch me on the gate and I will try my best to answer the.

As we move into next week some of our year 6 children are looking towards the Medway Test. Please remember we are all here to support you as much as we can and that we are proud of you all for trying. If you haven't had a chance to send over your school values choices then please do over the weekend and we will let you know what they are next week—how exciting! Have a Lovely weekend!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance – Well done Skylark Class (year 4) for achieving 98.2%, Bumblebee Class (year R) for achieving 96.8% and Falcon Class (Year 5) for achieving 96.8%. These classes are this week's top attenders!
This year's attendance to date 94.5%



Celebration Corner

Congratulations to Evie and Zirwa, Freya, Ruby and oakley in Dragonfly class, Ariana, Avneet, Clíodhna, Ivy C, Louis, Laura-Fey, Karina, Maddie in Year 2, Gracie, Zach, Seb and Isaac in Year 3, Amelia and Jonah in Year 4 for earning 10 Dojo points.

Book Talk

Year 6 Book Talk

In Year 6, we have been reading 'Pig Heart Boy' by former Children's Laureate, and iconic author, Malorie Blackman.

This is a thought-provoking book about relationships, hope and making very difficult choices.

Synopsis:

Cameron desperately needs a new heart when he is offered the opportunity to take part in a radical and controversial experiment involving the transplant of a pig's heart. While Cameron soon comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him less accepting.

Josh said: 'I have really enjoyed reading Pig Heart Boy as it has a lot of twists, and I like the fact that it is a very unusual situation'.

Cayson said: 'Pig Heart Boy has been all about a boy who needs a new heart and there aren't any, so he is offered a pig's heart instead. It's very tense!'

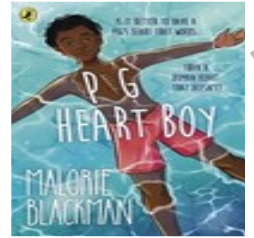
If you like this book, you might also like Cloud Busting.

(Some of her other books are aimed at young adults so parents may wish to read her texts first as some do contain more adult themes)

Recommended reads for our age group at the moment include:

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

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



Quote of the week
"Attitude is the 'little'
thing that makes a big
difference"

Winston Churchill

Sports Section

Year 6 had the great opportunity in being the first year group at Miers Court to have their swimming lesson at the new improved Cozenton Leisure Centre. Just a reminder of the following dates for year 6 swimming:

The dates for Miss Witchell (Pegasus Class) are: -

Thursday 12th September 2024

Thursday 19th September 2024

Thursday 26th September 2024

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Thursday 10th October 2024

Thursday 17th October 2024

The dates for Mr Shelley (Phoenix Class) are: -

Thursday 7th November 2024

Thursday 14th November 2024

Thursday 21st November 2024

Thursday 28th November 2024

Thursday 5th December 2024

Thursday 12th December 2024

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.



Jeans for Genes Day!

Thank you for all those children that took part in our 'Jeans for Genes day' today, we have had an amazing response with the cash donations. We will be calculating the donations and will let you know in next week's MCM the grand total for this amazing charity.

Thankyou



Community Corner

Kent Fire and Rescue service presents **A SPOOKY SPECTACULAR**.

FREE half term event taking place at Chatham Dockyard in October. The event is aimed specifically at 4-11 year olds, and their families, but would also suit older.

Join Kent Fire and Rescue Service at the Historic Dockyard Chatham, where we're turning No.5 slip into an exciting, family friendly, spooky-themed adventure. Enjoy our fantastic range of activities, including meeting firefighters and staff, exploring fire engines and other emergency vehicles, experiencing The Byrnes Family Show, following an activity trail, and discovering many ways to keep your family and home safe — all with a spooky twist. We'll be accompanied by a host of our wonderful partner organisations, including the Police, Ambulance Service, RNLI, Environment Agency, Coastguard, 4x4 Rescue, and many others, all joining in the eerie excitement



The Spooky Spectacular is completely **FREE** but tickets **MUST BE BOOKED** in advance at the link below:

[Spooky Spectacular | Kent Fire and Rescue Service \(fire-uk.org\)](http://Spooky Spectacular | Kent Fire and Rescue Service (fire-uk.org))

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Thank you to those families who have had discussions and shared their ideas for new names for our school houses. Our School Council would love for this to be a Miers Court community decision so please send any more ideas into the office as soon as possible and the School Council will share them with the school and take a vote.

Rainham Community Awards Saturday 21st September 2024!



We are really excited to have been nominated in two categories in the Rainham Community Awards this year: The Young ECO Creative of the year and the Environment and Sustainability Shield.

A group of pupils will be attending the awards evening tomorrow..... we will let you know how we got on in next week's Miers Court Matters.

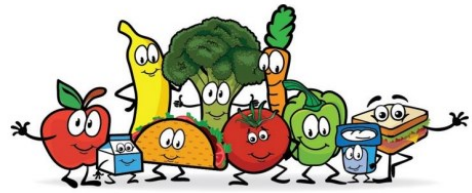




Battery Recycling – This week we have **69** batteries!! Fantastic total, thank you. We submit our total to the Duracell website each week. To find the national running total go to: <https://>

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

- 23.09.24—Year R balance Bike session
- 24.09.24—Principal coffee meeting school hall 9am
- 30.09.24—Year R Balance Bike session
- 01.10.24—Harvest Festival day
- 18.10.24—Last day of term
- 04.11.24—Back to school
- 11.11.24—Flu Vaccinations Year R—Year 6
- 13.11.24—Individual school photos
- 18.11.24—Height and Weight Check Year and Year 6

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