

Miers Court Matters

Issue 18

01.05.26

Upcoming event

04.05.26 - Bank Holiday
- NO SCHOOL

06.05.26 - Year 6 VE Day

11.05.26 - 13.04.26
SATs Week

18.05.26 - Birds of Prey
Day - More info to
follow

Note from Mrs Fordyce

It's a beautiful sunny end to the week and we hope everyone has a lovely bank holiday weekend. The week beginning the 11th May brings SATS for our Year 6 children and they are all busy preparing - just a gentle reminder to reply to the breakfast offer as it is great if the children have time to chill and eat together before the tests start.

It is lovely to see the children riding their scooters into and home from school but once children are inside the school gates please can we make sure that they walk with them so that they don't bump into anyone else or come down the slope by Rainbows too quickly

Have a lovely weekend

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Celebration Corner!

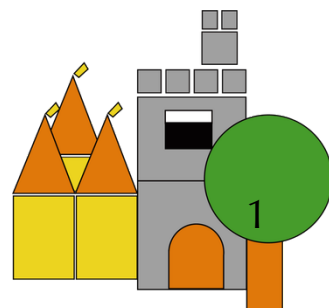
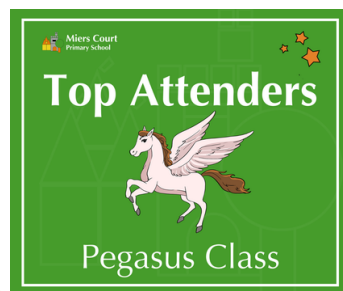
Congratulations to Ted in year 3 for receiving 10 Dojo points

Congratulations to Evelyn in year 3 for receiving 25 dojo points

Congratulations to Indigo in year 1, Ariana in year 3, Riley B in year 4 for receiving 50 Dojo points

Congratulations to Isla, Kit and Kuba B in year 1, Hope, Riley, Louis, Ariana, James and Harry B in year 3, Charlie and Zach in year 4 for receiving 75 Dojo points

Attendance



Reading Celebrations



Congratulations to the following children who have all achieved their year group word count awards this week: **Flo, Katniss, Flora, Gracie, Lily and Jenson.**

We are also delighted to have another word millionaire join our reading hall of fame! A huge well done and congratulations to **Ethan** in Year 4 – this is such a fabulous achievement!



Year 2 reading workshops.

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 2 parents and carers into the hall on Thursday afternoon to take part in a whole class reading workshop with their children. Everyone had the opportunity to experience a taste of what a whole class reading session looks like and to understand a bit more about the aims and intentions behind the discussions and questioning. Everyone was participating fully with lots of big smiles so we thank you all for coming to join us! Every effort to support your child with their reading really does make such a difference! Parents were also given an overview of what our Accelerate Reader programme looks like as we anticipate the children's next steps in their reading journeys here at Miers Court!



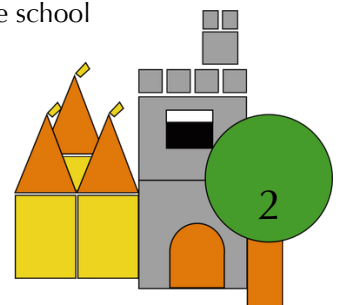
AR Book Finder

Remember that if your child wants to read a book at home, one that is not a school book, you can look it up on the AR book finder website to check whether it is logged on the system. If it is, then this means your child will be able to come into school and take a quiz on this book which can then count towards their overall word count! Just let your child's teacher know the name of the book and they will be able to facilitate this.

The website can be found here:

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

If you have any questions then please do drop me an email via the school office FAO Mrs Papandrea. Thank you 😊



Safeguarding Corner



For Parents - Your Child's Digital Footprint



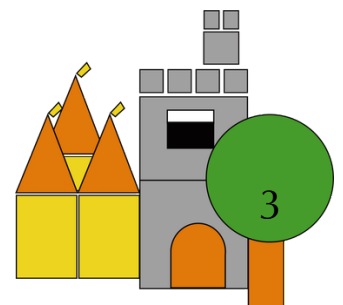
What is a digital footprint? Basically it's the trail we all create online whenever we visit a web page, buy something, scroll social media and everything else we do online. It's a really important aspect to understand for lots of reasons such as privacy, reputation, advertising, risks of harm and much more.

Internet Matters have a really good explainer article covering what a digital footprint is, what we mean by an active footprint, why it matters and much more.

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.



How to manage your child's digital footprint | Internet Matters



House points



Emerald

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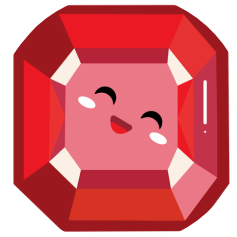
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Sapphire

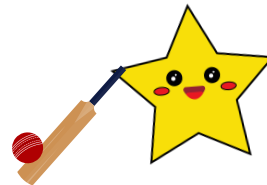
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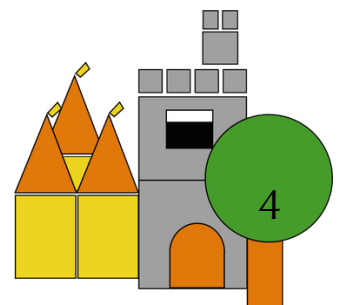
Ruby

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PE days for Term 5



	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday		Kwik Cricket	Gymnastics			Athletics	
Tuesday	Games				Athletics		Cricket
Wednesday			Striking and fielding	Gymnastics		Kwik Cricket	
Thursday		Gymnastics		Basketball	Swimming/rounders		Dodgeball





Once again, we celebrated Earth Day by taking part in lots of activities that enabled the children to develop their knowledge and understanding of the fragility of our planet and the responsibility we all have to look after it. This year, we embraced the Earth Day theme of Planet v Plastic and the children produced poems, artwork and D&T products in a variety of ways – individual, group, class and year group.

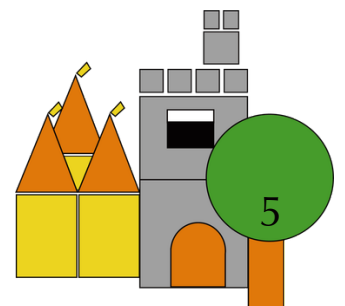


As always, we look for a practical outcome from each Earth Day (previously we have introduced the crisp packet project, litter picking, soft plastics and ink cartridge recycling, energy-saving initiatives ...). This year we have a new, exciting project in mind, which will involve the school and the wider community. We will share this with you as soon as all the practicalities are finalised!



Here are some examples of the amazing work the children have produced during this year's Earth Day.

HAPPY EARTHDAY



Earth Day at MCPS

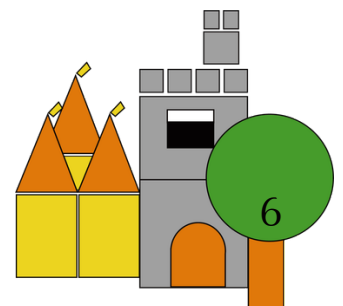
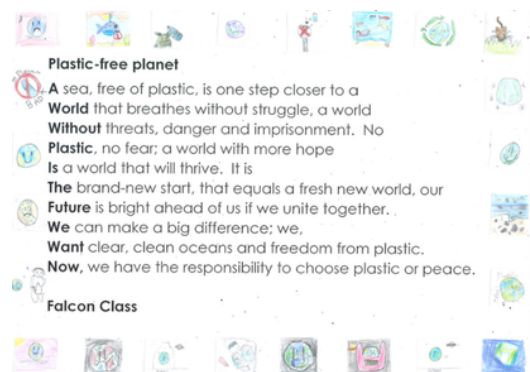


At Miers Court Primary School, we celebrated Earth Day with each year group participating in a range of activities to enable the children to develop their knowledge and appreciation of the fragility of our planet and the responsibility that we all have to look after it. This year, we embraced the theme of '**Planet v Plastic**', producing poems, artwork and products in a variety of ways – individual, group, class and year group. As always, we looked for a practical outcome from the week. In this connection, we have become a Tetracycling approved site for the recycling of Pringles tubes.

This means that, not only the school community, but people from a much wider area can use the school to recycle this popular snack. We are in the process of setting up the recycling station which, according to the Tetracycling rules, must be available for at least three hours each week. We aim to have the service open from 12 to 3 Friday afternoons during term time.

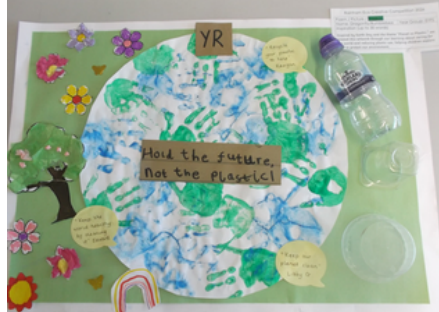


As part of our whole-school approach to Earth Day, year groups are encouraged to create corridor displays of the children's work (pictures, poems and products). We thought you would like to see this amazing example by Year 5.



Year R

Inspired by Earth Day and the theme, **'Plastic v Planet'**, we created this artwork through our learning about caring for the world and reducing plastic use, helping children to explore how to protect our environment.



Year 1

We read the story, **'A planet full of plastic'**. We focused on an illustration of plastic pollution in the sea. It inspired our artwork, showing that we have the power to protect our planet.



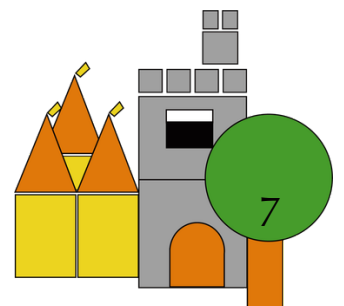
Year 2

Year 2 celebrated Earth Day by exploring how plastic pollution affects sea animals. The children created their own drawings with half of each animal's body affected by plastic.



Nightingale Class - Kieran

Robin Class - Ariana



Year 3



In Year 3, we read about the problems caused by plastic bags. We decided to turn some into a beautiful bouquet instead to remind us of the beauty of nature.



Year 4



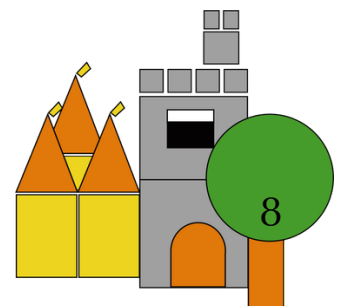
We made this colourful artwork to show how important and creative our world is. All the plants, life, animals and us are all equal in our world. We are all part of the life cycle.



Macaw Class - Iulia



Flamingo Class - Evie K



Year 5



Plastic is ruining our world; it is killing our plants and wildlife. We want a world without plastic and the leopard shows that if we do litter, animals are affected – and may



Falcon Class - Marcus



Kestrel Class - Jonah

Year 6



Inspired by sea creatures and the effects of pollution on underwater ecosystems. This work encouraged thoughtful conversations about sustainability, responsibility and the small changes that we can make to protect the planet.



Pegasus Class - Amy T

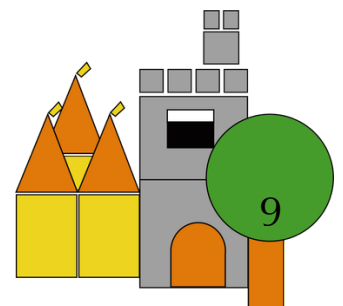


Phoenix Class - Olivia

Year 1 Visitor



We were thrilled to have a visit from Jeremy today. Jeremy works at the Guildhall museum in Rochester and came to visit us as part of our work on Charles Dickens. He brought the most amazing artefacts with him and gave us such a great insight into what life was like during Victorian times. He even let us try on some of the clothes and artefacts. Pop down to The Guildhall Museum in Rochester if you would love to see more of Victorian life





Battery Recycling - This week we have **108** batteries, 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

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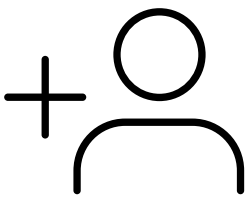
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18.05.26 - Birds of Prey Day - More info to follow

19.05.26 - MYG Tag Rugby

21.05.26 - Year 6 Kent Life Trip

22.05.26 - Last Day of school



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Instagram: www.instagram.com/mierscourthat/
X: www.x.com/mierscourthat/

