

Miers Court Matters

Issue 2

25.09.26

Upcoming event

01.10.26 -
EYFS Phonics
workshop hall

02.10.26 - Year
R AND Year 6
Height and
weight check

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Note from Mrs Fordyce

And just like that we are at the end of another busy week. Our Year 6 children have been the total stars the last week as they have taken part in the Medway Test. They were in school for breakfast on both mornings - enjoying spending time together and helping each other to deal with any last minute nerves. Well done Year 6 you have been amazing !

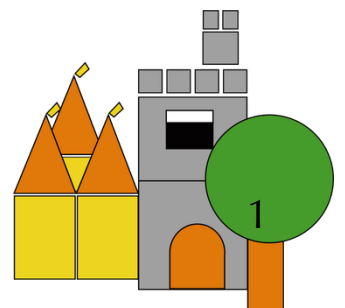
Last Friday we celebrated Jeans for Genes day and it was a very colourful group of children that walked past me on the gate in morning. Thank you very much everyone for supporting this worthwhile charity.

OPAL has continued to be really successful and the children are giving us very positive feedback about the changes in playtime. There have been a few teething tweaks that we have made and continue to make - thank you so much for your ongoing support with this.



Congratulations to Ada, Alfie, Amani, Bunnie, Charlie, Chester, Evie, Joey, Marnie, Noah, Ollie, Roman, Sophie and Theo in year R, Aidan, Erin, Libby, Max, Raegan, Riley, Sean, Sophie E, Theo and Theodore in year 1, Asher, Callum T, Cyprien, Ruby, Jesse, George, Isla, Arthur D, Toby, Logan, Charlotte, Ishamarie, Josiah, Callan, Ruby, Melea, Arthur O, Hugo, Lane, Neau, Lilly-Rose, Kieran, Caysen, Jay and Kamilah in year 3, Alfie B, Lukas, Ariella, Harry B, James, Lauren, Alfie S, Avneet, David, Jack, Karina, Rosie, Siaan, Darcey F, Emma, ethan, Freya, Kasia, Riley, George W and Summer in year 4, Thomas, Flora, Julia and Marcus in year 6 for receiving 10 Dojo points

Attendance



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.



For Parents and Carers – Online Harm Groups

CEOP Education has produced new guidance to help parents understand online harm groups and how children can become drawn into them.

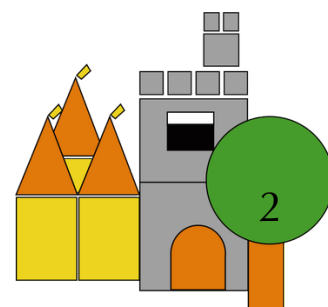
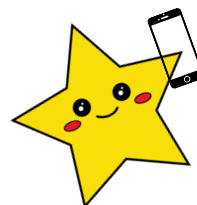
These groups may initially appear friendly or supportive before introducing secrecy, pressure, harmful challenges, threats or blackmail. The guidance explains some of the warning signs parents can look for and, importantly, how to respond calmly if they are worried about their child

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/online-harm-groups/>

For Parents and Carers – Staying Safe While Gaming

Online games can be a great way for children to play and socialise, but as we know many games now include messaging, voice chat, purchases and interaction with people they do not know offline. Ofcom's Parents Power Up guidance gives families a simple framework built around Check, Chat and Change — checking account details and settings, talking about who children play with and changing safety or parental controls where needed.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/parents-power-up-how-you-can-help-your-child-stay-safe-while-gaming-online>



Reading celebrations



Congratulations to the following children for achieving their word count awards:
Ethan, Diansh, Jensen, Finley and Hope. You are our first recipients this academic year which is great news!



Children have a word count target specific to their year group and any book that they read and quiz on on the AR system can then count towards their word count total. This is a great thing to celebrate as every child's word count will only ever go up and staff are able to recognise lots of individual progress and achievements from a range of different starting points. The word count targets are as follows:

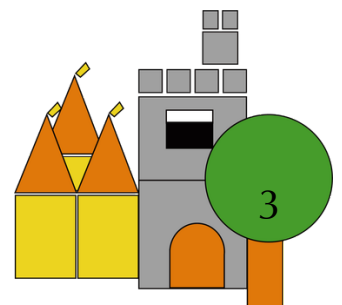
Year 1	1 000 words
Year 2	2 000 words
Year 3	10 000 words
Year 4	50 000 words
Year 5	100 000 words
Year 6	500 000 words

Please remember that if a child reads a book at home (and it is one which is on the AR system) then let your child's teacher know and they can quiz on this book at school too!

If you want to check whether a book is on the system beforehand then you can use this website:

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

Any questions then please do contact me via the office email, Mrs Papandrea.





Dear Parents

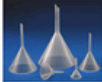
We head into week three of Opal . A good start to the new school year. The children are enjoying playing with tyres, den making , digging in dirt with toy tractors, water play and much more. Today we opened the sand pit which has been a hit.



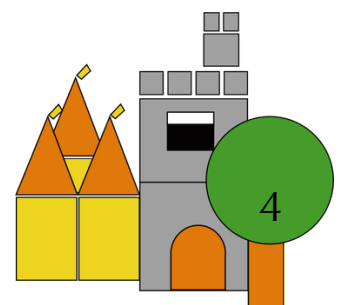
We are asking for your help please and have put together our next bingo card, any donation will be gratefully received

OPAL PLAY BINGO

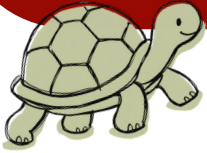


			
Large strollers	Dolls Buggies	Funnels	Old sheets
			
Tarpaulin	Dinosaurs	Cars	Dolls
			
Rope	Craft items	Plastic jugs	Plastic bugs

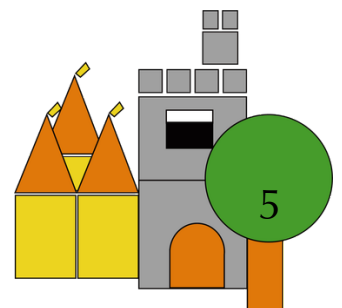
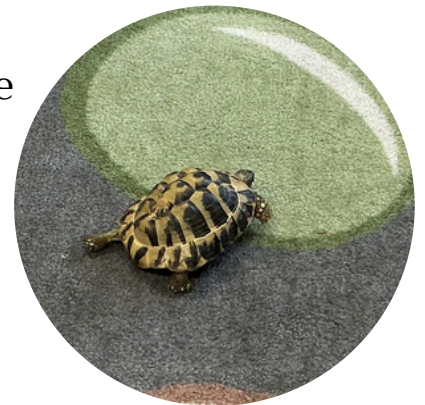
Here are just a few photo of OPAL in full action



Year 1 Tortoise visit



Year R were thrilled to receive a visit from not one, but two tortoises on Thursday. Miss Green brought her tortoise, Charlie, and Mrs Tranah brought her tortoise, Dave, to visit us. They were fascinating. Dave was surprisingly quick and seemed to speed around on the carpet. They were so calm and gentle and they even let us touch them. We tried to feed them some lettuce and found out how to take care of them.



House points



Emerald

270



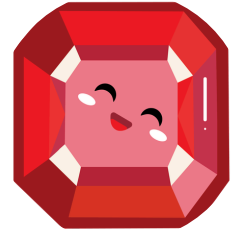
Topaz

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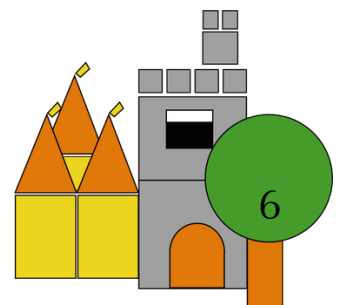
Sapphire

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Ruby

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ECO

Battery Recycling - This week we have **110** 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.



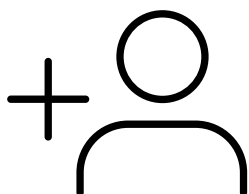
Parents/carers



Please can we remind parents/carers when parking to collect and drop of your children to be mindful of our neighbouring community, there has been reports of blocked driveways and parking on double yellow lines. We ahve also been informed that children are arriving early before school to play football on Harvesters green, this is a residential area and has a no ball sign, the reports states that children are screaming and shouting. Please could we remind you that children should not be playing football on these area.

Dates for your Diary

- 01.10.26 - EYFS Phonics workshop hall
- 02.10.26 - Year R AND Year 6 Height and weight check
- 16.10.26 - Year R - Year 6 Flu immunisations
- 16.10.26 - PTFA Autumn Disco
- 16.10.26 - Last Day of term



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