Miers Court Matters

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Upcoming event

07.11.26 - PTFA Fireworks 5pm-7pm

11.11.26 Individual photos and sibling photos

13.11.26 - Children In Need day

Note from Mrs Fordyce

The first week of Term 2 has FLOWN by ! We hope everyone had a lovely half term break and have returned recharged and ready for a super busy term as we count down to Christmas. Tomorrow we have our PTFA Fireworks night - this was such a huge success last year and raised much needed funds for the school - we are really hoping this will repeat itself this year and look forward to welcoming as many of our community as possible.

This week we have celebrated Harvest and I thank everyone who made a donation to this.

Next week is Remembrance Day and our Year 6 children will be leading us in a collective assembly and we will be respecting the 2 minutes silence.

Our thoughts will then turn to Christmas and the events that will be planned into our school calendar - watch this space as we will be letting you know everything that is happening as soon as dates are confirmed.

Have a really lovely weekend - please remember the children are now enjoying our school grounds much more through OPAL and Forest School so please ENSURE they have coats and appropriate footwear in school at all times.

Thank you



Attendance

Congratulations to Albie and Jaxon in year R, Deniz, Alessia, Harry, Arabella, Freya, Gracie-may, Jesse, Ruby-Lou, Tommy and Violet in year 2 Daisy, and Rio in year 3, Ted and Teddy in year 4 for receiving 10 Dojo points

Congratulations to Alfie, Marnie and Noah in year 2, Cyprien, Kamilah, Lacey, Masie, Callum and Liberty in year 3, David, Darcey F, Darcey C, Ethan and Freya in year 4 for receiving 25 Dojo points





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 – Talking About AI With Children

Artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly familiar part of children's lives, whether that's through chatbots, homework tools, games or the apps they use every day.

As AI becomes more common, it's important that children understand both what it can do and where its limitations lie.

Internet Matters has produced a useful Talking About AI guide for families, with age-appropriate conversation starters and activities to help parents explore AI with their children. The guide encourages families to talk about how AI works, question the information it produces, consider privacy and develop healthy habits when using AI tools.

It's a practical resource for parents who may not feel particularly confident about AI themselves but want to help their children use it safely and responsibly.

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Reading celebrations





Congratulations to the following children for reaching their year group word count awards this week: **Callan, Teddy, Kieran, Marla, Kamilah, Esther, Jay, Julia, Liberty, Isla and Joseph.** Well done, we are really proud of you!

Don't forget that you can always let your child's teacher know if they have read a book at home as they will be able to quiz on this at school (as long as it is on the AR system.) This will then count towards their word count total!

Use this website to check if a book is on the system…

https://www.arbookfind.co.uk





Keep Reading for Pleasure This Holiday!

As we head into the half term holiday, we encourage all our children to keep reading for pleasure. Whether it's a favourite story, a comic, a magazine or a book shared together, every little bit of reading helps! Research suggests that children who read regularly can encounter significantly more words than those who don't, helping to build their vocabulary, strengthen their understanding of language and develop their imagination. A richer vocabulary and stronger reading skills can have a positive impact on learning and attainment across all areas of the curriculum. Just 10–15 minutes a day can make a real difference, so snuggle up with a good book, share a story and, most importantly, have fun reading together. Happy holiday and happy reading!

How can you help?

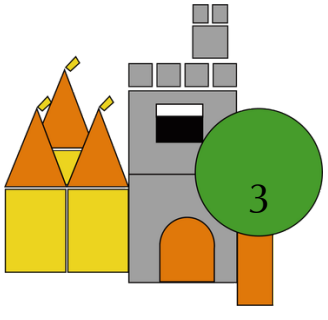
1. Read together: Share a bedtime story, take turns reading pages or enjoy listening to your child read aloud. Even older children enjoy being read to!

2. Let them choose: Visit the library or bookshop and let your child pick something that interests them. Comics, joke books, magazines and non-fiction books all count!

3. Make reading part of everyday life: Read recipes, menus, instructions, maps or signs together. Children quickly discover that reading is useful beyond the classroom.

4. Bring stories to life: Use funny voices, act out favourite scenes, predict what might happen next or draw a picture of a favourite character. Make it playful!

5. Keep it relaxed and celebrate progress: Aim for 10–15 minutes of reading when it suits your family. Praise effort, chat about the story and remember that enjoyment matters more than the number of pages.



Year 6 CPR

A massive thank you to the incredible **Critical Care Team** from Medway Hospital who took time out of their busy schedules to visit our Year 6 pupils! A special mention to **Archie and Finley, ex-Miers Court pupils**, for supporting the team and being great role models to our children.

The team was absolutely brilliant and delivered an invaluable life-skills workshop. Our students learned exactly what to do in an emergency, including:

📞 How to contact the emergency services effectively
🛌 How to place someone safely into the recovery position
💪 How to deliver high-quality chest compressions
⚡ How to confidently use a defibrillator



The children took so much away from this hands-on experience and left feeling like real-life superheroes. We are incredibly grateful for your time, dedication and for inspiring the next generation of lifesavers! 🩺💙

PE Competition week

During the final week of term, our PE lessons have focused on **Competition Week** – an exciting opportunity for children to showcase the skills they have developed throughout the term in a fun, friendly and competitive environment.



In line with our school values, we encourage children to recognise that **healthy competition is a positive part of sport and everyday life**. Learning to celebrate success, show resilience when things don't go our way, and win or lose with grace are all valuable life skills. Above all, we want children to enjoy being active, support one another and develop a lifelong love of sport and physical activity.





Year 5 embraced the challenge this week, beginning with a fantastic round-robin hockey tournament before finishing the term with the **Ultimate Fitness Battle!** Teams tackled a challenging circuit testing five components of fitness, relying on teamwork, determination and encouragement to push themselves and compete against other teams.

A brilliant way to finish the term, with plenty of energy, enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display!





We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them applying themselves whole heartly with an abundance of effort, a well-deserved rest needed for 2 weeks!

Looking forward to the Term 2 competitions already!

House points



Emerald

102



Topaz

91



Sapphire

113



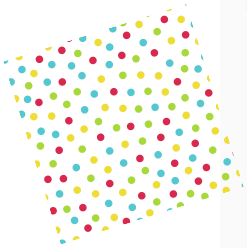
Ruby

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Children In Need







Every child deserves someone by their side

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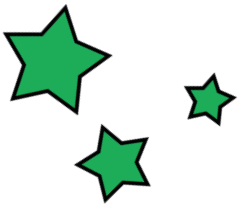
We will also be meeting up with younger year groups to do Pudsey inspired activities!

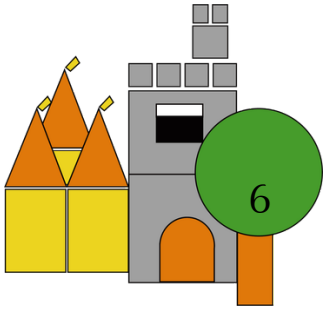


Wear something yellow, spotty or Pudsey themed! Including accessories



Donate £1 through arbor! You an also donate a teddy so another can have someone by their side we will give them to our local charity shops





ECO





Battery Recycling - This week we have **148** 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

07.11.26 - PTFA Fireworks 5pm-7pm
11.11.26 Individual photos and sibling photos
13.11.26 - Children In Need day

16.11.26 - Year 4 trip to Kent Life
16.11.26 - Anti-bullying week
18.11.26 - PTFA Reindeer Day 9am-3pm
20.11.26 - PTFA Dress down day Christmas hamper (more info to follow)

26.11.26 - Year 5 visit to Spice Fusion
01.12.26 - PTFA Christmas Fayre





Christmas Dates:

Please keep a look out for a special MCM Christmas date poster to add to your diaries

School website: http://mierscourt-that.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/mierscourtthat/
Instagram: www.instagram.com/mierscourtthat/
X: www.x.com/mierscourtthat/

