



Middleton News



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Sport Relief



A HUGE THANK YOU for collecting sponsorship for our Sport Relief charity event this year.

It was lovely to see the children in their sports outfits last Friday.

It was a tremendous effort and the children had a lovely time.

In total the children completed 1216 circuits of the school covering a distance of 217 km or for those of you 'born in old money' 135 miles.



The lap champions for each class were given a certificate this week in assembly.

They are:

Robins – Sara-Ann Umoh

Penguins – Owain Akers

Owls – Jamie Henson,
Michael Cowen and Alex Reavey

Toucans – Scarlett Davis

Puffins – Archie Bonfield

Swifts – George Day

Eagles – Dante Franciosa

Kingfishers – Morgan De'Ath

Kestrels – Tommy Smith

It was really nice to see the older children helping the younger ones and the slower children being encouraged by those who could go faster.

All that remains now is a concerted effort to collect any sponsor money over the Easter holiday.

Some of you have been really quick off the mark and I am very pleased to be able to tell you that you have already raised £771.22.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Since the last News we have learned all about the farm habitat. Each class had a visit to Harlow Park Farm. The children enjoyed the massive pigs and the baby lambs as well as chickens and geese which were loose in the grounds. We also saw alpacas and reindeer.

As part of this topic, the children have also been learning about life cycles and to support this we had an arrival of duck eggs last week. By Friday we had 7 ducklings. We have had great fun holding them, watching them swimming in their own pool and starting to learn to fly.

Sadly they are off to a new home tomorrow however we would like to thank those of you who attended the Lower School Assembly and donated the money for us to send them to a local home where we can keep

in touch with their progress.

This week the habitat is 'Under the Sea' and all three classes have been to Wildwoods to look at the fish in the sea water aquariums.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have been enjoying learning about the Vikings.



This week all the children in Middle School took part in a Viking workshop. They met Astrid, a Viking from Denmark, and joined her on her voyage to England in a longship to meet the Anglo Saxons. All of the children set sail in their longship and rowed to England, singing all the way! The children then worked in groups to learn about the Viking and Anglo Saxon way of life through drama activities and stories. They really enjoyed learning about the different Viking gods!

The children in Year 4 were lucky enough to spend the day on a canal boat on Monday. They all learnt how to steer the boat along the river and had great fun sounding the horn every time they came to a bend. The children learnt how locks work and helped the crew to open

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and close the lock gates. Everyone had great fun, enjoyed the sunshine and we now have some of the best fed ducks on the River Stort!

In preparation for Easter activities next week the children all made their own Simnel cake in cooking. They learnt about the importance of the eleven balls on top of the cake which signify each of Jesus' disciples.

Upper School

The Upper School have continued their work on the Water Cycle. They have been investigating different types of floods from burst pipes to floods from rain and rivers and Tsunami.

Kestrels are finishing off their own myth about Gilgamesh the giant.

In Maths they have been working on fractions of shape and of number.

A selection of Upper School children attended a netball tournament at Wodson Park. They were coached by Mrs Cowell and supported by Mr Andrews. We put out two teams. The A team came 2nd and the B team came 3rd. They really tried hard and showed great sportsmanship.

Focus Week

Our next Focus week is taking place from 29 March to 1st April. It will be all about Science.



There will not be any notes in home school books that

week, however most pupils should bring home a note to tell you what they have been up to.

Also that week there will be no need to send in snack as it will be provided by the school.

Parents and carers should have received an invitation to come to work with your child in school for part of the afternoon of Tuesday 29 March and then to meet together for a chat and a cup of coffee. Due to the large number of requests which we have received we are unable to have siblings along for that afternoon. We understand that this will mean that some of you will be unable to attend as some schools have decided not to follow the Herts holiday dates.

Please return the slip to Mrs G if you are able to attend. You can take your child home with you if you would like to.

Herts Additional Needs Database



H.A.N.D.

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with an additional need or disability then HAND might be useful to you. It is free to join and there is a newsletter each term, concessions on leisure facilities, information on benefits, activities, support groups and much more.

It is free to join at www.hertsdirect.org/hand or call 01992 556984

The newsletter can be accessed at

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www.hertsdirect.org/handnews

Easter

As this is the last Middleton News before Easter I would just like to remind you that **school will be closed on Friday 25 March and Monday 28 March** for the Easter weekend.

School will then close at 1.15pm on Friday 1st April.

We will re-open again to children on **Monday 18th April.**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter.



SCHOOL MEALS SUMMER TERM

Dinner money costs for next term are as follows;
Daily cost - £2.30

Cost per week - £11.50

Payment for the 1st Half Term (29 days) - £66.70

Payment for the 2nd Half Term (34 days) - £78.20

Whole Term - £144.90

(Disregard if your child is eligible for free school meals or is in Reception – Year 2).

It is important that meals are paid for in advance. Payment can be made via schoolcomms, by cash (in a named envelope to the school office) or by cheque (made payable to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd).

Please contact the school office with any queries or if you need help with using schoolcomms.