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School Pets

As part of our Science Focus Week before Easter we decided that we could have some school pets. We have a lop-eared rabbit which the children have called Rosie and two goldfish which were named Fluffy and Dave!



Part of our new Golden Time Calendar includes animal welfare in which the children will top up the bird seed, clean out the fish, make sure that Rosie is clean for the weekend and also on some Fridays look after a dog.

Now we have drier weather we can also get the bigger bikes out on the field which is proving a popular choice.

Calendar

A copy of the latest calendar has been issued with this copy of the News. Should you misplace it, it is available to be downloaded from the website. Please note the June INSET date.

Sport Relief

We would like to say a VERY BIG THANK YOU to all of you who raised

money for School Fund and for Sports Relief through our sponsored walk.



I am pleased to be able to tell you that we raised £1,255.20 which has been split equally between the two. If there are any more donations then please send them in to Miss Moir as soon as possible.

The children who have brought donations in have each been given a certificate in assembly.

Parent Council



Parents and carers may be aware that the school has a Parent Council which meets each half term to discuss items which are of particular interest. We have recently had discussions about the website, about the Child Protection Policy and about the parent and children's questionnaires.

The Parent/Carer representatives are:
Mrs Kerry Weller (Robins)
Mrs Paula Luciano (Owls)
Mrs Ria Konkon (Toucans)
Mrs Amy Davis (Toucans)
Mrs Jessica Spall (Swifts)

Mrs Becca Hutton (Eagles)
Mrs Emma Southcombe (Kingfishers)

Safeguarding Statement

At a recent Parent Council meeting we had a discussion about the Child Protection Policy and the procedures in school for reacting to concerns.

The safeguarding statement is included in the school prospectus but as many of you may not have read it since your child started at the school, the council members thought that it would be a good idea to include it in this News so that parents and carers were reminded of our responsibilities.

Child Protection

*This is a very sensitive area and we undertake our role within it very seriously. We are duty bound by procedures and will take action where we deem it necessary. As always our prime concern will be the child. We are required to report any obvious or suspected cases of abuse. This will include anything disclosed to us by children. Incidents will include: non-accidental injury, physical neglect, emotional or sexual abuse. **We believe that in order to protect the child it is better to be safe than sorry.***

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Coffee Morning



Mrs G is holding a coffee morning on Thursday 19th May from 9.15 – 10.30. There will be the opportunity to meet with a selection of governors and also to meet the Lower, Middle and Upper School Heads of Department as well as having time for a chat with each other.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

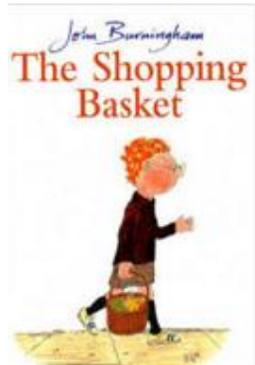
This half term Lower School are learning *All About Ware*. They have already been out and about visiting a local church and the local shops in Ware High Street. Robins also bought bread at Tesco and went to feed the ducks on the river.



Whilst we were at the church we walked around and labelled the different parts. We then sat very quietly to feel the atmosphere of the church.

Our story last week was *Mr Gumpy's Outing* by John Burningham. The children

retold the story using props and role play.



This week they are reading the story *The Shopping Basket* by the same author. The children are going to take part in a survey of the High Street to see what the shops in the local area sell.

In cooking we are trying to re-create items which the children might be able to buy in local shops. So far they have made scones and cheese and vegetable pasties.

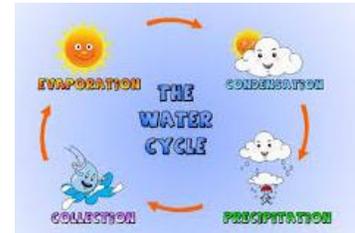
In Maths we are learning about giving and following directions. We have been following routes marked with arrows around school and giving the instructions needed to follow the trail. We have been singing new action songs to help us to remember left and right. This has also helped us as we have been learning the *Hokey Cokey* in dance.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have been enjoying their new topic focusing on water and rivers. They have started to think about the importance of water and all the different ways in which they use water throughout the day.

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The list is far longer than they originally imagined! They are then going to be learning about the journey water takes through the water cycle.



This half term a great deal of learning is taking place offsite with the children learning all about the River Lee, which is our nearest river. They have been observing the river closely looking at natural and manmade features. They will also find out what the river is used for, where it goes and how it was formed.

In art lessons the children have been learning about 3D art and have created their own sculptures using 'Modroc'. They will have further opportunities to develop their artistic skills, creating models and sculptures in 3D using different materials. We are looking forward to taking the children to



'The Gibberd Garden' for further inspiration which is a beautiful garden filled with different types of sculptures.

Upper School

In Upper School we have started a new topic this

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term. We are studying Extreme Environments. This will include the Arctic, The desert and the rainforests. At the moment we are finding out about the rainforests, focussing on plants, animals and environmental issues.

In Science the topic is The Earth in Space. We are looking at the Solar System, naming and ordering the planets, the Earth orbiting the Sun and the Moon orbiting the Earth.

In PE we are doing gymnastics using medium and large apparatus as well as having a visiting tennis coach from Potters Bar Tennis Club.

In Technology we are making moving toys using cams. We have been experimenting with different shaped cams and seeing how they work. The children will design and make their own cam-powered moving toy.

Like many Middleton pupils last week Kingfishers took the opportunity to have a walk in Post Wood to look at the bluebells.

Focus Week

We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended part of our Focus Week before the Easter holidays. It was great to see you all (if it was a bit cramped in the staffroom!). We had very positive feedback, many of you wanting to stay longer.

We don't have a Focus Week this term as there is too much else to cram in but we are looking to do

one early in the Autumn Term based on physical activity of all sorts and aptly named 'Let's Get Physical!'

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Science Museum

There is a free event at the Science Museum for families with children on the Autistic spectrum on Saturday 7th May.



The museum opens early at 8.30 am and some galleries remain exclusive until 11.15 am. There are also a selection of workshops and demonstrations. To book call 0207 942 4000. If you would like more information look on the 'Other Events' section of the museum website. To be on the mailing list for future events email familyprogrammes@sciencemuseum.ac.uk.

Daytrippers – London and Whipsnade Zoo Special Children's Days



Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th May (London Zoo) and Saturday 18th June (Whipsnade) unique annual events for children with

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additional needs and their families. Increased specialist facilities and a higher number of staff. Special interactive events and discounted entry. For information go to www.daytrippers.org.uk/event/hear-the-lions-roar-at-london-zoo/. Tickets: Child £9, Adult £13.25, Carer Free.

Other Stuff

"My Nametags"

Our school is working with "My Nametags" to raise funds for the school. A company which sells labels for clothing, shoes, equipment, lunch boxes etc.

Their iron-on nametags are perfect for everyday use and stay on wash after wash. The colour stickers are extremely hardwearing and can simply be stuck onto a care or washing label and washed with the clothing whilst the black and white stickers are perfect for bottles and lunch boxes as they are dishwasher safe.

For every order of personalised labels "My Nametags" will contribute 20% to the School. Order online at www.MyNametags.com and use our unique **School ID number 37093**, and you'll be raising money for the school too.

PS: Don't forget – you could order for older and younger siblings too!!



MIDDLETON SCHOOL PLANNER April - July 2016

	April	May	June	July
S		1		
M		2 Bank Holiday		
T		3		
W		4	1	
T		5	2	
F	1	6 MLD Football (US)	3	1 Year 5/6 Athletics (AM)
S	2	7	4	2
S	3	8	5	3
M	4	9 SATS Test Week Parent Questionnaire	6 Pupil Questionnaires	4 Sports Day PM
T	5	10	7	5 Parents' Eve Y5/6
W	6	11	8	6
T	7	12	9	7
F	8	13 Football Fest (US)	10 KS1 Treasure Hunt	8
S	9	14	11	9 Summer Picnic
S	10	15	12	10
M	11	16 Parent Consultation Week R - Y4	13 Year 6 Residential Phonics Screening	11
T	12	17 Cricket Fest (US)	14	12 Lower School Swimming Display
W	13	18	15	13
T	14	19 Governors Day	16 Year 6 Off Year 5 Boat Trip	14 Transition Day (Y6 @Pinewood all day) New pupils to Middleton (until 1pm)
F	15	20 US Assembly (PM)	17 Potato Bus visit!	15 Swimming Gala
S	16	21	18	16
S	17	22	19	17
M	18	23	20 Potato Bus visit!	18
T	19	24	21 President's Sporting Day (Y5)	19
W	20	25	22	20
T	21	26	23 MLD Swimming Gala	21 Leavers Assembly and lunch (AM)
F	22	27	24 INSET	22 School closes at 1.15pm
S	23	28	25	23
S	24	29	26	24
M	25	30	27	25
T	26	31	28	26
W	27		29 RDA Picnic (Kingfishers)	27
T	28		30	28
F	29			29
S	30			30
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INSET 1 AND 2 September 2016