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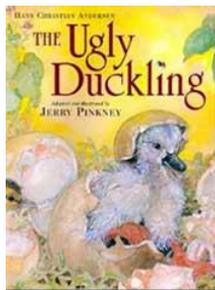
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Reminder

A date for your diary!
There is a coffee and signing morning on Monday 20th March.

Also the school's production this year will be on 29 March pm and the 30 March am and is based on the stories of Hans Christian Andersen.



Watch out for further information in your child's book bag!

Congratulatonns

We would like to say a very **big** congratulations to our teaching assistant Mr Ben Andrews. As a result of his hard work last year in school and in college he has been awarded Apprentice of the Year in Supporting Teaching and Learning at the Apprentice Awards at Herts Regional College.



Ben's assessor said that it was a well deserved award. Ben had worked hard to gain his Level 3 qualification and had taken advice and used it well. He has also shown a high level of skill in working with children. I have to say that Ben is always hardworking, keen and enthusiastic. Well done to him!

At the same awards we were very proud to pick up the Apprentice Employer of the Year Award in the same category. We have supported apprentices for many years at Middleton and they are a valued part of our workforce.

We would also like to say a **big** congratulations to Miss Abby Tooley who has been working in Toucans over the last term. She is a trainee teacher with Hertfordshire University and this week successfully completed her teaching practice at Middleton School. We would like to congratulate her, thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her well on her continuing journey towards becoming a teacher.

Sad!

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Joanne Whitehead. She has been with us for 6 years and has worked in various areas of the school. We would like to thank her for her hard work and support.

Focus Week

We hope you enjoyed the daily news which we sent home last week for our Focus Week. Over the course of the week the children looked at about 14 stories of all sorts and enjoyed many different activities including writing, craft, role play, puppet shows, science and cooking and lots of other things. They all had great fun and so did we

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

In Lower School we have been learning to recognise and name parts of the body. We have looked at pictures of ourselves and stuck on the labels in the right places (mostly!) and of course we have been singing heads and shoulders knees and toes.

HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES



...and EYES, and EARS, and MOUTH, and NOSE



We have also been looking at healthy eating. We have been asking the children which foods are good and bad for you and we have found out how much each of us weighs. We also made a healthy fruit salad in cooking.

Yesterday Owls went to Wodson Park. We ran

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around their enormous track which the children loved. We looked around the gym and exercise equipment and then enjoyed a lovely platter of fruit.



We have been making papier maché fruit bowls which we are going to fill with papier maché fruit.

In Maths we have been looking at capacity and judging if containers are full, nearly full, half full or empty. The children were really good at this and it is something you could practise at home.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have started their new topic 'Blooming Plants'. They visited a garden centre and enjoyed looking at the different plants and bought lots of seeds and bulbs to plant back in school. They have planted cress, beans, tomatoes and different herbs and have been learning what their plants will need in order to grow.



They are also learning to recognise and name

common plants so please help your children when they are out and about with you to identify any plants that they see.



In literacy the children have enjoyed the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. There has been lots of role play and the children have all produced some lovely writing about the story. They are now watching their own beanstalks grow!

The children in Puffins have been lucky enough to visit an allotment owned by Miss Glynn's grandad and saw rhubarb, cabbages, parsnips and many other vegetables growing.



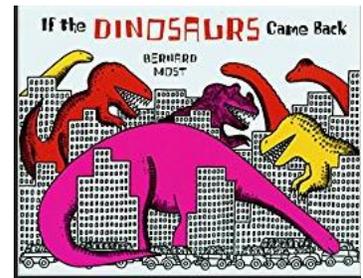
The children have been finding out about different fruits and vegetables and this week they used carrots, cabbages and onions to make some delicious coleslaw during their cooking lesson.

Upper School

In Upper School Kestrels have continued to work on

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'Potasaurus' their class dinosaur which was started during focus week last week. This was based on the book 'If the Dinosaurs Came Back' by Bernard Most. The story looked at what would happen today if there were dinosaurs. For example some could help build sky scrapers, mow the lawns and carry people to work.



In Eagles the children are looking as signs of spring. They have been talking about what they might be able to see around in the environment, lambs, nesting birds, and all sorts of plants starting to bud. This is linked to our Science topic on 'Reproduction'.



Kingfishers have been creating a hunt story based on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'

In maths the children have been learning about how to tell the time on an analogue watch. They have been focussing on o'clock, half past and quarter past and to.