



# Middleton News



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We would like to welcome Miss Kelly Maisary who has joined as Toucans class teacher since our last News.

## Ofsted

We are expecting our latest Ofsted report to be published soon. I will notify parents and carers by text when it is on the Ofsted website. To access it, Google the Ofsted Website and simply put Middleton School Ware in the box. Failing that, if you can wait then you will eventually find it as a document on our website.

## Lost Property

We know that it is annoying for parents and carers when a piece of school uniform goes missing, however we do our best to help the children to find the items around school.

We would be grateful if parents and carers could also help by checking the names on the uniform your child brings home as often things have been taken home by another child by mistake.

This is more likely in warmer weather when the children take off layers on the playground and then forget where they have put them.

It is really difficult to keep track of children's property in school. Each child could

have a jumper, hat, coat, 2 gloves and 2 boots; this means that for each class teacher there is a possibility of children mislaying 70 items. There are 6 opportunities to lose them per day which means the possible loss of 420 items per teacher per day!!

## Calendar

You should find a copy of this term's calendar attached to this News. If ever you mislay it then it can be found on the school website.

## More dates for your diary.....



**Coffee Afternoon** – Come and have a cup of coffee and a chat followed by a tour around the school to see the children enjoying 'Golden Time'.

We are also going to put on some further training to support behaviour management and to tell you all about sensory sessions and how they can benefit your child. Watch out for these dates in future editions.

## Charity News

We would like to thank all parents, carers and their friends for their fabulous fundraising efforts on Red Nose Day before Easter. We managed to send £525 to Comic Relief and the same amount went to our

charity Friends of Middleton School.



We would also like to thank those of you who so generously donated towards our school minibus, both through collections after the school performance and through the Easter raffle.

Thank you all for your support and generosity.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

This term Lower School are learning all about India. So far we have made passports and bought tickets to take a plane ride there.



We have learned how to say *Hello - Namaste*- and we have listened to the Indian National Anthem.

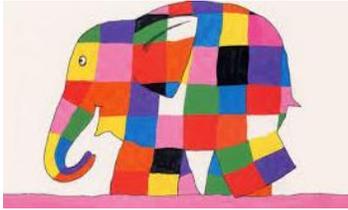


In cooking we have learnt about the food of India. We have all made some curried parcels and some spiced biscuits. We have also enjoyed trying a range

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of Indian food including poppadoms, nann bread, curry, samosas, chutneys and sauces which we loved!

We have taken a jeep ride on safari. We learnt all about the animals, looked at photographs and named them. We compared these with the animals we have as pets at home.



In literacy we have read 'Elmer the Elephant' and talked about being a good friend. We also made a collage of multi-coloured elephants just like Elmer.

### Middle School

We are pleased to welcome Miss Maisary to Toucans. She has got stuck in to life in Middle School straight away and it feels as if she has been a member of the team for much longer than two weeks!

The children in Middle School have started a brand new topic 'Body Beautiful'. They have already started to learn the names of different parts of their body and will be finding out about their skeletons in science lessons. The children have also started to explore their different senses.

As part of this topic the children have been thinking about different ways to keep healthy.



They have all visited Pinewood School to use their outdoor gym equipment which was great fun.



They now know that exercise is an important factor of being healthy. This week the children are looking at the importance of a balanced diet.

### Upper School

The children in Upper School have also started learning about some new topics this term.



In the topic about Extreme Earth they are starting to learn about volcanoes. They are learning about the different parts of a volcano and about why eruptions happen. In art they are also building papier maché models of volcanoes. Later in this topic they will be learning all about earthquakes and tsunami.

We have quite a few sporting fixtures coming up and lots of interesting things happening in our PE lessons too. There is an

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MLD football tournament coming up, followed by a football festival. In PE we are making the most of the dry weather by being out on the field and developing our cricket and rounders skills.



Kingfishers have been horse riding for the first time last week but despite a lot of nerves every child in the class got on a horse. Lots of them were really worried and we were really proud of how they overcame their fears.

The Year 6 transition programme is starting this week with visits to Pinewood to attend their assembly. They have also booked in sessions to visit their library and also to try their hand at archery.

In addition there is lots of discussion about the end of year trip to Kingswood. The children are getting very excited about the activities which they will try while they are there.

### Community News

SEN Navigator workshops are for parents and carers of children with SEN. They support parents and carers to understand jargon around SEND, know where to find the information they need, know where to find specialist information and guidance and other useful stuff! They have a local session on 23 June in Hertford. You can find further information by putting Hertfordshire SEND Navigator Workshops into Google.