



Middleton News



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Thank you very much for all of the notes of congratulations which we have received as a result of our Ofsted report. We are very proud that for the fourth time in a row we have been judged to be an *Outstanding* school.

I would like to thank all staff, governors and everyone involved in the school for all their hard work and their dedication to the children. They are an amazing team.

Knickers to You Too!



Please, please, if anyone has any decent knickers that their daughter has grown out of, we would be really pleased to have them in school.

Quiz Night



Just a reminder to you all that our fund raising quiz

night is next Friday. It is still possible to buy tickets at £10 each but we need to know and receive the money on Monday if you would like to take part.

Annual Reviews

By now all parents and carers of children in Years R-4 and Year 6 should have received their child's annual school report.

You should also have been contacted by class teachers to arrange a date for the Annual Review of EHCP.

Included with the report was an *All About Me* form which is a supportive prompt for parents and carers to amend that section of your child's EHCP. If you have had any medical reports over the last year that the school may not be aware of and you would like these to be included with your child's EHCP eg new diagnoses, then please bring copies with you to the review. We will copy the letters and return them to you straight away.

We try to be flexible with timings for these meetings, however as you will appreciate there are a large volume to get through in a short time and so our ability to offer alternatives is very limited.

As someone who reads all the children's reports I have been really proud of the progress they have made academically and in their personal and social skills.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School have continued their work about India. All of the children made necklaces out of pasta which they painted and threaded themselves.



Owls made Dhurrie rugs. This is a traditional woven rug used as a floor covering. Owls used threading and made patterns using a range of shapes to create their design.

In Science all classes have been learning about floating and sinking. They enjoyed making predictions and using big tubs of water to test a range of objects.



In Maths the children have started learning about different times of the day. They have been sorting activities into things that happen in the day and

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things that happen at night. They have also started to sequence daily activities. The children enjoyed going into the dark tent to experience darkness and watched a time lapse film of the sun and the moon.

The children have been talking about how to be safe in different environments so our off site trips this week have been to different play areas. The children had a lot of fun using the play equipment with their friends and were also lucky enough to enjoy their snack outside in the sunshine.

Middle School

The children in Middle School are enjoying their topic 'Body Beautiful'. In science lessons the children have been learning about their skeletons. They enjoyed piecing a skeleton together and then making their own moving skeletons.

We have had a focus on what is meant by a 'healthy diet'. The children made delicious fruit smoothies with lots of milk for strong bones and plenty of fruit in them. We also visited Tesco at Brookfield Farm and followed their 'Farm to Fork' trail.



The children had an amazing morning seeing how bread is made, exploring how items are delivered in the

warehouse, making fruit kebabs and tasting different breads and cheeses.



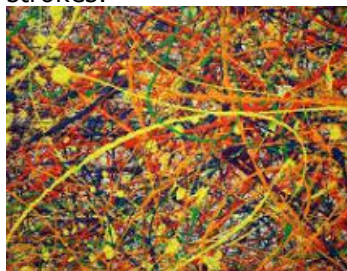
Upper School

In Science Eagles and Kingfishers have been learning about electricity and circuits, including investigations using static electricity - very hair raising!!



Kestrels have been learning about the life cycles of different animals and insects including butterflies, frogs, ladybirds and alligators.

In art the children painted pictures in the style of abstract artists Jackson Pollock and Robert Delauney, experimenting with colour and brush strokes.



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In literacy the children in Kingfishers and Kestrels have been starting to write their own autobiographies. A questionnaire was sent home and the information is being used to tell their life stories.

Eagles visited Tesco in Ware as part of a topic on Key Skills. They found their way around the supermarket and bought a healthy snack to eat back at school. Next week they will be visiting a café to learn how to order and pay for a snack.



There are lots of sporting events this term and last Friday children from Upper and Middle School took part in the MLD Football Tournament at Harvesters FC in Hatfield. They performed really well and finished in third place. This Friday some children are taking part in a football festival, playing small skills-based games.

Free School Meals Applications for Sept 2017 Important Info

The local authority will automatically renew free school meals for next year if your child is already registered and receiving one.

Letters will only be sent to those families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal. This process will run from 19 June 2017.