



Middleton News



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Harvest Assembly



We would like to thank everyone who gave items into school for our Harvest Festival Assembly.

We hope that those of you who attended enjoyed the event. Certainly I thought that the singing this year was exceptional.

Photographer



The photographer will be in school on Friday 4th November. We are using a different company this term and we hope for some lovely photos. We will make sure that those children who swim on a Friday are photographed before they go in order to avoid the 'drowned rat' look!

Boots!

Unfortunately boots weather will soon be with us. Please make sure that your child has a pair of wellington boots in school.

These are essential for outings as the weather gets wetter but also are in daily use at playtime as the grassy areas of the

playground can be quite muddy.



The use of boots helps us to keep the school looking clean and smart.

Thanks

School Lunches



With this issue of the News you should have received a copy of the new three week menu provided by Herts Catering Limited.

These new menus will start after this half term.

Lost Property



Please be aware that 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.

We do our best to support children in looking after their things and in encouraging them to take responsibility for them however we are unable to spend masses of time searching for lost items.

We would be grateful if parents and carers would put names in all items brought to school; this would help us enormously in returning things we do manage to find.

Nut Free School



A gentle reminder to parents and carers that Middleton School is a nut free school.

We have several staff and pupils who have severe nut allergies. These can, if left untreated, result in very grave consequences.

Chocolate

In order to support healthy eating we also have restrictions of chocolate in school. Chocolate bars such as Kit Kat or items such as chocolate buttons are not allowed in school.

We're happy to accept cereal bars which may have a drizzle of chocolate decoration on them but not bars that are fully covered.

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Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School children have been learning more about Harvest Festival. The children have been learning about how different foods are harvested and where they grow.



They have taken out visual shopping lists and went out to find the items in the supermarket. We bought one of each of the foods to see if we could remember their names and where they are grown. The children have also visited a farm to look for the animals which we sang about during our harvest assembly song.

We have been learning the story of *The Enormous Turnip* in maths.



We have been trying to sequence the order of the animals and people who helped to pull the turnip out of the ground. We made a model of the story using radishes for seeds and then we put the toy

animals in the right order with the farmer and his wife and the two children.

Middle School

Last Tuesday the children in Middle School were lucky enough to take part in workshops inside a giant dome as part of their topic 'Out of This World!' The children sat inside the dome and through the use of a cinema projector they gained a real feel for outer space.



They looked at the stars and their different constellations as well as learning about day and night. They also enjoyed zooming in to take a closer look at the planets in our solar system.

Now that the children have had time to settle in Middle school they have all taken part in their first mixed reading groups and number groups across the department. The children have been placed in groups with children from all three classes and it is a great opportunity for them to get to know and work with different people. These groups will take place every Tuesday in Middle School.

Linking with Harvest, The Middle School children have also been making bread.

They enjoyed adding the yeast to their mixture and then watching it grow.

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There has been a beautiful smell around the school which has made us all hungry.

Upper School

This year Upper School are extending their learning by having a community trip out to the local area. This week Kingfishers have visited Ware library and Costa Coffee.



We have been looking at the life of cave dwellers and we have made some lovely cave art. Linking to this topic Mrs Hart has been teaching the children a *Caveman Dance*.



Children in Kestrels have continued to develop the art theme of abstract portraits. They have been creating portraits of famous people based on the art of Paul Klee and Andy Warhol.