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Sick Children



Although we encourage escorts to let us know if a child is missing from their bus we would like to remind parents and carers that it is essential that you contact us personally about your child's absence as soon as possible on the day. This can be done by telephone or by email to absence@middleton.herts.sch.uk. You will appreciate that this is the only way we can accurately record attendance at the school.

Thanks

Calendar

With this week's News you should have received this term's calendar.



Some of you who are planning ahead may have been looking on line at the Hertfordshire dates for next Summer Hols (yes I know it's early). They have given us more leeway with Occasional Days this year and have taken some days off the holidays as a result. Just to let you know that we have decided that the first day of term for the children in the new school year will be Tuesday 5th September 2017.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

In the last fortnight we have been talking about stranger danger. The children have been talking about the characters in the stories who put themselves in danger by going off on their own and talking to people they don't know.

We were working on the idea that if you know someone's name then they are not a stranger. We have been talking about the staff in school and that they are safe people to be with. We have linked this with the fact that we all wear badges to show that we are part of the school. We then talked about what you could do if you were lost and we talked to the children about finding someone in a uniform and looking out for a name badge. You may want to re-enforce this when you are out and about and take the opportunity to spot people wearing their badges.

Our current story is Jack and the beanstalk. In Science the children have been learning all about what plants need to grow and all of the children have been planting seeds and beans.

In Art we have made a massive beanstalk which has grown up in the classroom and we have each made a model of

ourselves. These are now climbing up the beanstalk. We also drew around one of the children to make the giant in the clouds at the top.

The department has been smellier than usual as we have been making giant egg sandwiches (from the golden hen)

All of the classes have enjoyed a Farm to Fork trip to Tesco. It was brilliant. We saw the lorries in the loading bay, went into the storeroom and the fridges and tasted lots of different types of bread and cheese. We were looking into where our food comes from. Each child also received a goody bag and a certificate. – We1 done Tesco!

We have done lots of preparation for our assembly next Thursday. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have really embraced their new topic 'Groovy Greeks'.



They have started to learn about life in Ancient Greece with a focus on food, clothes and gods.

Swifts have experienced an Ancient Greek meal and

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some of the children even enjoyed the taste of the olives!! Toucans have been learning about the Ancient Greek gods who lived on Mount Olympus and Puffins have dressed up in Ancient Greek clothes and looked at the materials that they were made from.



Every week the children will rotate to experience a different aspect of Ancient Greek life.



The children have also thoroughly enjoyed experiencing Ancient Greek myths and legends through sensory story telling. They have produced some great writing based on the stories of Medusa, Theseus and the Minotaur and Pandora's Box. These stories have also led to fantastic 2D and 3D art being created throughout the department. The children have produced a range of amazing Medusa snakes and models of Ancient Greece.

Upper School

This term's topic in Upper School is Explorers and currently the children have been learning about the Vikings. They have found out about the development

of ship building and in particular the move away from oar driven to sailing vessels. Eagles have had fun dressing up as Vikings and they have been role playing how trading took place.



Kestrels went on a trip into Ware to find Tesco and to work out where individual items on a shopping list could be found. I wonder if the things will be in the same place next week!!



In Maths the children are learning how to make $\frac{1}{2}$ s and $\frac{1}{4}$ s of shapes and how important it is that the pieces are the same size. I always opt for the big quarter of cake myself! Kingfishers are also learning about the value of coins and paying and receiving change.

In Literacy the children are looking at story settings. They are also role-playing the stories they are looking at which this week has been Bear Hunt.



In art they have been making monoprints. This involves putting paint – in

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this case primary colours- on an acetate and then using a roller to create prints.

Community News Bouncing Child?

We had had information that Jump City trampoline park at Brookfield Farm has an autism friendly session once a fortnight. It is £10.95 for a child with their adult. The socks are included and there are no spectator fees.

If you want to see more then look them up on Google or on the Facebook page Jump City UK. Thanks to Ben's mum for letting us know.

Great Places to Visit?

At our last Parent Council meeting we talked about sharing this sort of information through the newsletter. So if you have visited anywhere recently which was really good for children with SEN, whether it is a place to play, to visit, to eat or to shop then please let me know and I will include it in future newsletters.

Like to meet other parents of children with SEN?

ChatSS (organised by CHIPS) hold a friendly informal group meeting every 3rd Thursday in term time at The Hub, Divot Place, Hamels Drive, Hertford, SG13 7SP. There is usually an interesting speaker to listen to and then time to chat. You can opt out of the speakers if you wish. Refreshments are 50p and children are

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welcome. If you want further information then contact Angela or Jo through the CHIPS office number 01992 534664.

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