



Ware a Hat Day

Next Friday is a non-uniform day. It is in support of a locally based charity.



“Ware a Hat” day raises money for the Amy Wallace Magpie Trust.

The children can wear whatever clothes or costumes they like but if possible it needs to include a hat.

This charity is named in loving memory of Amy Wallace who lost her brave seven year battle with Leukaemia on May 30th 2008 The hat is a symbol of the charity because Amy lost all of her hair during her treatment and liked finding different hats to wear.

Reminder

11th to 19th February is half term week. Let’s hope the weather stays dry and we can get out and about a bit!

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

Also after half term we are looking for people who might be able to help us revive our PTA – Friends of Middleton School.

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

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 traditional tales 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. 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. – Well done Tesco!

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

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Middle School

The children in Middle School are continuing to enjoy their topic 'Groovy Greeks'. They have had a rota of a series of workshops learning about Ancient Greek food, clothes and gods. They have produced a range of Greek food in their cooking lessons each week as well. It has been great to see the children becoming increasingly confident when it comes to tasting new foods and the tzatziki dip this week proved extremely popular with some pitta bread. They have also enjoyed olive bread and hummus over recent weeks.

In Art each of the children have looked at Greek pottery and have designed their own pots.



The children have really been enthralled by the Ancient Greek myths and legends in literacy lessons. Following on from the story of 'Pandora's Box' the children have all made their own special boxes and thought about what they would like to put inside.



They particularly enjoyed the story of Medusa and next week we are going to have a snake workshop in school. A visitor is going to bring a range of different snakes for the children in Middle School to learn about, observe and touch – if they are brave enough!

Upper School

Upper School have continued to learn about explorers. This week they have been focussing on the importance of the Portuguese in discovering new parts of the world.

They have been learning about Vasco da Gama.



He was the first European explorer to reach India by sea in 1449 and in doing so discovered the connecting sea routes between the Atlantic and Indian oceans. They have also been learning about a better known Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan. In September 1519 he set out with a fleet of five ships. Despite a mutinous crew, rough weather, scurvy, a lack of food and unknown waters he managed to sail across the Atlantic and through the straits at the southern point of South America which were named after him. Three ships sailed into the Pacific where Magellan was killed in a battle but one of the

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ships eventually reached Spain in 1522 being the first ship ever to go around the world.

It has been Kestrels chance to go out and about in Ware this week. They have been learning about the different types of road crossing and how to use them safely



PE lessons this term have been focussing on gymnastics. The children have been learning to balance on a beam and to walk on the high horses.

In literacy the children have been describing different geographical settings. This week they have been thinking about cities. They have been describing what they would see, hear and smell if they visited a city.



In technology the children have challenged themselves with a bit of sewing. It has taken some patience as sewing often goes wrong and needs unpicking and doing again. This has not only tested their fine motor skills but also their patience and resilience, not to mention that of the staff.