



We would like to say welcome to Oscar Eglin (Penguins) who has joined us since the last news. We hope you enjoy learning at Middleton School.

Harvest Assembly

Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Friday 20th of October. Everyone is welcome. We would ask that parents and carers are seated by 1.30 for a 1.40 start. The assembly will last about 30 minutes. The timing is aimed to allow those parents who want to take their child home to get there in time for any other school runs.

As in previous years we are going to support Hertford Food Bank.

The items most useful to them are

- ✚ Dried pasta
- ✚ Rice
- ✚ Baked beans or tinned spaghetti
- ✚ Basic tinned veg – potatoes, carrots peas or sweetcorn
- ✚ Tinned tomatoes
- ✚ Soup
- ✚ Instant pasta or rice meals / pot noodles
- ✚ Paste, marmite, jam, marmalade
- ✚ Tea, coffee, drinking choc, sugar and UHT milk
- ✚ Rice pud, custard, tinned fruit and instant desserts
- ✚ Breakfast cereal and cereal bars

- ✚ Canned meat such as hotdogs, meatballs, stews, curry, corned beef, tinned ham
- ✚ Pasta and meal sauces
- ✚ Treats such as chocolate, biscuits, crisps and cake
- ✚ Toiletries eg toothpaste and brushes, shampoo and soap.

We can accept donations at any time between now and the assembly. Please do not send in fresh fruit or vegetables.

Parent Consultations

You should have already been contacted by your child's teacher to arrange a consultation in the next week or so. Please be aware that we only allow 15 minutes per family, so please make a further appointment if you need longer.

Head Lice!!



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

Just to remind parents and carers that from time to time children in school present with head lice. Take the advice above and once a week have a look in your child's hair to make sure that they are clear. Please let us know if you

find any as it may be that other children in the class also have them. If there is a case of head lice in your child's class then you will be notified so that you can treat if necessary.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

We have started our new topic which is My School. The children in Robins and Owls have visited a local school to look at the building and compare it with Middleton. We have started to think about the children and the adults in our class and the other people who work in the school. Everyone has walked around school and tried to find and name the different areas and classes.



In science we have started to learn about the sense of smell. All of the children took part in sniffing a range of different smells, guessed what they could smell and then decided whether they liked or disliked it.

The children have all been reading the story Peace at Last by Jill Murphy.



We made a sensory story following Daddy Bear on his hunt for the sound that was keeping him awake with the children all joining in his sentence, "I can't stand this!"

Middle School

The children in Middle School are enjoying their topic 'My Family'. They really enjoyed sharing their family photographs and talking about the members of their families. They thought about who lives with them at home and also their more extended families.



In science, the children have moved on to learn about healthy eating and recreated their own favourite meal! Swifts enjoyed a visit to Toby Chef School and tasted the range of fruit and vegetables used at Toby Carvery.



They then enjoyed a delicious roast dinner. Puffins and Toucans will also have the opportunity to visit the carvery very soon.



The children in Middle School have started their history focus and have been introduced to the Victorian era. They will be exploring differences between the past and the present, in particular looking at toys and school.



Drama

This term, in drama we have had auditions for our Christmas production and the cast are now set and rehearsals under way. This year we are doing our interpretation of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Flyerz Hockey

Hertford Hockey Flyerz is for anyone with a disability, of any level or experience aged 6+. All of the equipment is provided and the sessions are free. You can go along every week or just once in a while. It is a great way to keep fit, have fun and make new friends. Just turn up or contact juleshawkins2001@ntlworld.com

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d.com. Training is 8.45 am at Simon Balle School SG13 8AJ.

Focus Week

This week has been focus week. We hope that the children have come home to you talking about all of the different things they have done in the day.

On Monday the children did activities based around Attention, Communication and Social Interaction and included a visit from real farm animals. (Which left the hall a bit smelly!)

On Tuesday the children did lots of activities based around keeping safe which included the Flu

Immunisations, e-safety, road safety and a visit from a police officer and police car

On Wednesday the children practised self-help and independence skills including zips, buttons and shoe laces, teeth cleaning, making a sandwich and pouring drinks, washing up and laundry skills.

On Thursday the children were problem solving. This included treasure hunts, instructing Bee Bots, following clues to solve a problem and visits to Asda to find shopping and on a walk to find features of a map in the local area.

Today, the children have been thinking about reflection and review. They have been considering opinions and judgements, reflecting upon facts and making decisions. They are also reviewing and setting their targets with class teachers.