



Middleton News



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Harvest Assembly

A BIG thank you for all of your donations for our harvest assembly at the end of last half term. We took them to the Hertford Food Bank and they were very gratefully received.

Thank you also to those of you who attended the assembly. I hope that you enjoyed it.

Charity Events

We have several charity events coming up this term.

Our Christmas Fayre will take place from 11am – 2pm on **Saturday 2nd December**. There will be lots of activities for the children to join in as well as the usual stalls, tombola and raffle. We hope to see you there.



On **Friday 17 November** it is Children in Need. We are having a non uniform day for a £1 donation. We don't have a theme for this event so spots, stripes, superheros or just favourite outfits are all welcome.

We will also be having a non uniform day on **Friday 1st December**. Instead of money we will be asking that families donate some chocolate or a bottle for our chocolate and bottle tombolas at the Fayre. All

items must be sealed and in date please.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December 2017

Finally on **Friday 15 December** we will be participating in Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children. It will be a great day for this event as it coincides with Santa's Shop and Christmas Dinner.

Remembrance



Today we had our Remembrance Assembly. The children found out why we remember. Mrs Goodall played the last post and everyone took part in a short period of silence followed by a rousing reveille.

Tesco Fundraising

Tesco have teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores – being awarded to local community projects.

Bags of Help offers community groups and projects across the UK a share of revenue generated from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores. We

have been included in this exciting scheme and you can vote for us at the Ware Tesco store until the end of December.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School's current topic is 'Hot and Cold'. Last week we role played taking a flight to a hot country and learnt about India as an example of a hot country. The children learnt about the climate, animals, music and religion. They role played the story of Rama and Sita and learnt about the significance of Divali.



They have also been doing other activities to understand this concept further. They have sorted clothes into those for hot and cold weather, have experienced hot and cold food and have visited local supermarkets and experienced hot and cold storage. They also visited Nonna's Kitchen to experience a very cold food.....Ice cream.

This week the children have found out about the story of Guy Fawkes. We had a (controlled) bonfire

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and we learnt about being safe around fire and fireworks. Each class produced a huge firework picture working collaboratively together.

In cooking we made cheese pinwheels to represent fireworks and this week we have started preparation for our 'Christmas Boxes'. From now on the food made in school will be part of the contents of the box and will come home at the end of term.

Middle School

Middle School have continued looking into the lives of Victorians. In the last two weeks the children have been finding out what school was like for Victorian children. They visited the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. They learnt that school in those days was not quite so much fun. They have had further experience of this in school with Mrs Goodall making a formidable Victorian teacher with an old fashioned, no nonsense attitude to teaching.

In a further workshop the children have been finding out about trains. How the importance of trains grew through Victorian times and how Queen Victoria was the first queen to travel by train. They have been looking at steam trains and comparing them to modern trains as well as decorating their own train.

They have also been learning about Florence Nightingale. They have found out who she was and what she did. They thought about the importance she put on

cleanliness and on fresh fruit and vegetables and why that might have been important in making the soldiers better. They have been thinking about life without electricity and why Florence was called The Lady With the Lamp.



In Maths the children have been finding out about 2 D shapes. They have been matching shapes of different sizes and recognising for example that a triangle is a triangle whatever its size or position.

In RE the children are going to be exploring different kinds of celebrations and trying to understand the purpose of celebrating.

Upper School

Upper School have been finishing off their topic on the Great Fire of London with role-plays and quizzes. We are also looking forward to a visit from the Fire Brigade next Monday.

Last week the children created their own Halloween pumpkin collages and made Halloween biscuits and cheese pinwheels in Technology lessons. They have designed and created Christmas cards in ICT.

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This week they have learned about the events of the Gunpowder Plot.



We also talked about how to make sure that we were safe around fireworks and knew how to hold and dispose of a sparkler safely.

Next we will be starting our new topic which is 'Christmas Around the World', looking at traditions and customs in many different countries.

In PE the children are exploring body shapes and floor work in gymnastics.

Community News

There is a Saturday Fun Club for families with children with additional needs aged 0-11 years at Chistchurch Peartree, Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1LQ on Saturday 18th November and Saturday 16th December from 10 – 11.30. There are crafts and games as well as a bacon roll, tea, coffee and juice. The charge is just £1.00 per family.

Bake Off!!

We have just received an email to say that they are looking for bakers to join the next series of the Great British Bake Off. If you know anyone who is great at baking and think they might be interested they can find details at applyforbakeoff.co.uk or they can email casting@lovewest.co.uk