



# Middleton News



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## Charity Stuff!

### Ware A Hat Day!



Thank you to everyone for their donations today towards the Amy Wallace Magpie Trust. This small registered charity supports children and young people with cancer by granting their wishes, organising special days and purchasing recreational items for Teenage Cancer Trust Units. Check them out on their Facebook page.

## Fundraising for Middleton



Our lovely IT technician Matt is taking part in the One True Grit run on 31st March. He has decided to raise funds for Middleton and Woolgrove Schools as he works in both. He has set up a Crowd Funding page at [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com). The link can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/midd>

-wool if anyone would like to support him. Thanks

We have also been made aware of two ways in which you can fund raise while shopping. If you buy through Easy Fundraising ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)) or Giving Machine ([www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)) then a donation is made to the cause of your choice.

## Reminder

10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February is half term week. Let's hope the weather stays dry and we can get out and about a bit!

## Golden Time



While I have a bit of space in the News I thought it would be worth sharing with you some information about our Golden Time.

Unlike some schools we don't use Golden Time as a behaviour management tool, so all children join in with an activity of their choice.

The activities change each half term or so and the children have half an hour with different children and different staff joining in with the activity.

We have a wide variety of pastimes to choose from. At the moment we have cocktail making,

gardening, card making, electrical circuits, ICT, junk modelling, trains, film club, cross country running, tidy up team, dog walking, textiles, iPads and baking.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

Since our trip to Italy we have been to China, India and Australia.

We visited Hoo Hing a Chinese supermarket and made sweet and sour vegetable stir fry. We made Chinese lanterns and we tasted noodles using chopsticks.

To celebrate India we made collages of a peacock, the national symbol of India. We learnt how to do yoga and made Indian curry pastries. We also went on 'safari' and spotted indigenous wild animals.



This week we have been learning to talk about animals and plants. We learnt about wombats and koala bears, kangaroo and platypus and sorted their photographs. A platypus was a bit confusing as it swims and has a bill but is covered in fur!!



Our story has been Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French. You can even find a youtube version read by an Australian.



We made aboriginal art using dots and cooked fantastic kangaroo biscuits.

### Middle School

The children in Middle School have really enjoyed their topic 'Shopping' this half term. They have completed tally charts during offsite learning to enable them to compare the range of shops in a town centre and a village. They then produced block graphs showing their results and have been learning to interpret the information.



The children particularly enjoyed their visit to The Galleria in Hatfield to explore the range of shops within a large shopping centre.

We completed our geography focus for this half term with a visit to London. The children have

already compared a local village with a local town and this week they experienced how different life is in a city! The adventure started with a train journey to London. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the changing scenery as they approached central London and were really excited to spot The Gherkin out of the train window! They then explored Liverpool Street station and enjoyed a special treat for lunch – a 'Happy Meal' from McDonald's!



Our adventure continued with a walk around London to experience the high rise buildings, red buses and to feel the hustle and bustle of a busy city. The children in Middle School were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. I'm sure that they would love another visit to London during the half term holiday if anyone is planning a day out!



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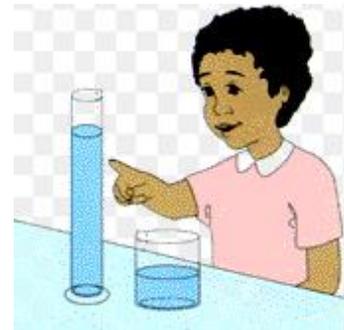
### Upper School

The Upper School have continued their exploration of all things Egyptian.

This week there has been practical mummification which has resulted in Mr Hayes' supplies of toilet roll being seriously depleted! They have also made death masks and built pyramids.

Kingfishers went on a train journey to Hertford East. They had to ask and pay for their own tickets.

In number the children have been learning about money. They have looked at the different coins and worked out their value. They have been practising putting different coins together to make different values.



In maths the children have been looking into capacity and describing volumes of liquid; full, half full, nearly full and nearly empty. They were particularly bamboozled by trying to understand that a full container of water could be emptied into a larger container and then described as nearly empty!(Piaget's theory of conservation!)