



Middleton News



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Sponsored Walk



Attached to this week's News you should find a sponsor form. Every March we have a sponsored walk to raise funds jointly for Sport or Comic Relief and for our FOMS charity. The children will be taking part in the walk on the morning of 23 March (weather permitting) and then they will have the Easter holiday to collect any sponsorship which they manage to raise. We hope that you will be able to find some friends and family to support this event. There will be more about the walk in the next News

Easter Egg Raffle



We are holding an Easter Egg Raffle between now and the end of term. Tickets are 50p each and are available via the school office. Please put any raffle ticket money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and clearly marked Easter Egg Raffle. We will be drawing the raffle just as we break up.

Annual Reviews

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 5 should have received their child's Annual Report. You will be contacted soon by your child's teacher to arrange a time to carry out their Annual Review of their EHCP.

Pupils in other year groups will receive their reports after the Easter break.

Save The Dates!

Dates for your Diary!

Tuesday 20 March - coffee and signing morning - 9.30 am.

Friday 18 May - FOMS Quiz Night. Get your team together for an evening of competition and fun!

Saturday 14 July - Annual Summer Picnic - more details to follow

Finishing Early Easter Reminder

Just to remind you that we close for the Easter holidays at 1.15 on Thursday 29 March. Pupils return to school on Monday 16 April.

Focus Week

Last week we had a marvellous time during our focus week which was entitled *Turn Back Time*.

Every day we entered the *Tardis* time machine and arrived in another part of history. We moved from prehistoric times to medieval times and then on to the 20 Century before heading for the future.

Staff and pupils all had a great time and enjoyed all of the activities.

A BIG thank you to all the staff who made the week such a success.

Tales From The Chalkface Lower School

In the last few weeks children in the Lower School have been learning about *All Creatures Great and Small*.

We have been exploring minibeasts. We searched for them around school and then went for a walk in the woods to see if we could find any. The children really enjoyed moving logs, stones and leaves and seeing what they could find underneath. They put their finds in viewing boxes and looked at them through magnifying glasses.

We also read the Very Hungry Caterpillar and learnt about the life cycle of the butterfly. We made models of eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis and butterflies. We were also very excited by our new pets – stick insects which

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the children have found fascinating.



We have also looked at Arctic animals and animals that live in the snow. We read the book *Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You See*.

This week we have been learning about farm animals. We have been on a farm animal hunt in the local area and been out to feed the ducks. We have also made animal masks.

We have been hatching chicken eggs. Everyone has been mesmerised by seeing the chicks coming out of their eggs. We have also been reading the story of the *Little Red Hen*.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have been enjoying learning about the Vikings this half term. They have found out where the Vikings came from and have been exploring the meaning of 'invaders' and 'settlers'. The children have had great fun making their own Viking long ships and shields!

This week all the children in Middle School took part in a Viking workshop. They met Astrid, a Viking from Denmark, and joined her on her voyage to England in a long ship to meet the Anglo Saxons.



All of the children set sail in their long ship and rowed to England, singing all the way! The children then worked in groups to learn about the Viking and Anglo Saxon way of life through drama activities and stories. They really enjoyed learning about the different Viking gods!

Our visitor praised the Middle School children and said that she was extremely impressed with their enthusiasm, creativity and knowledge about the Vikings.



The children have also been learning about the foods that the Vikings ate and looking for similarities and differences to their own lives. They all made Viking bread in cooking and were encouraged to eat some bread dipped in honey to see if they liked the taste.

Upper School

Upper School have started their new topic on Water.

This week we have been learning about the water cycle, evaporation and

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condensation. It was lovely to see the children on the playground earlier this week having a first hand encounter with precipitation.

In art the children have been looking for objects with interesting textures to then cover with foil and rub down to make a foil relief collage.



In PE the children have been learning how to play netball. Those ladies reading will remember that it has quite tricky rules. Later this term they will be participating in a special school netball tournament.

Archie Bonfield, James MacDonald, Liam Jenner and Pierre Gouleme took part in a Gifted & Talented PE Festival at Colnbrook school on Monday. They made an excellent job of representing the school and showed themselves to be an absolute asset.

This week marked the start of the Year 6 leaving rituals with the parents' evening to find out about the up and coming Norfolk residential trip.

Community News

We have been sent information about the 'Strictly Sarries' Dance Club which takes place at Amwell View School on Thursdays from 6 - 7 pm. Each session costs £3.00. Further information from Amy and Holly on 07702 328703.