



Middleton News



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Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of volume 9 of the Middleton News.

We very much hope that you enjoyed the sunny summer weather.

Certainly from the home / school books and photographs it looks like many of the children have had a very busy and interesting time.



We have had lots of new pupils in at the start of this term so..... 'Hello' to.....:

Robins:

Sophie Austin
Sophie Ball
Skye Hughes
Domenico Riccardi-Edgar
Harry Trayner and
Taha Waheed

Penguins:

Harry Watkins

Owls:

Hezekiah Harrison
Ella Martin and
Jasper Staines

Toucans:

Harrison Beer and
Barnie Smith

Puffins:

Kayte Howe

Swifts:

Laurence Tilbury

Eagles:

Heidi Aylott and

Kingfishers:

Roshan Ngum.

We hope that you enjoy working and learning at Middleton School.

About the



The Middleton News is the most important piece of paper that your child will bring home.

It tells you everything you need to know about what is happening in school. You can read about your child's achievements. You can check up on any important dates coming up and you can also read about any community news which we think might be useful to you.

Please make sure that you empty your child's bag and look for the Middleton News which is published every fortnight.

Payments - School Gateway

As you can appreciate we have lots of different payments arriving into the school office every day. We would like to make sure that as many payments as possible are paid using the School Gateway.

PAY HERE

School Gateway is our secure online payment area. [Click here](#) to visit the online shop.

It is simple, safe and secure to use and enables you to make payments via

your credit / debit card. It also enables us to send you messages direct to your phone. We recommend that you download the free app but in order to set yourself up you must have registered your email address and mobile phone number with the school.

Please ring the office if you need any assistance.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Our topic this half term is 'Changes'. The children in Lower School are discussing who is new in school and for some the change from their old one! We are also exploring the theme of changes in Science, Literacy and Dance. We are learning the days of the week in Maths and the 'Hungry Caterpillar' is helping us with both this and our changes topic.

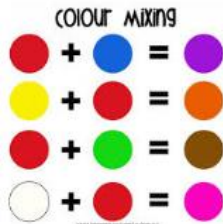


In science we are learning about light and dark and the transition between day and night.



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In dance we are learning how to change our speed, our direction and the height at which we move.....but first of all we are learning to sit on our spot and stop when the music stops!!!!



In art we have been exploring how to change colours by mixing them with our hands and creating hand print art. As usual at this time of year our off site learning is about learning the rules and practising how to be safe off site. We have been to a supermarket and bought our ingredients to make happy and sad biscuits.

In communication skills we have been practising saying please and thank you and asking for help if we need it.

Middle School



The children in Middle School have made a fantastic start to the new school year! They have been getting to know each other and are becoming familiar with the Middle School department. They are quickly learning the routines and expectations in their new classrooms.

They have all enjoyed offsite learning this week and are learning to stay safe in different environments.



The children are really enjoying their topic 'Out of This World' and have been to our sensory room where they explored outer space. They have been learning about the different planets in our solar system and all wore a planet hat and moved around the sun.

In literacy the children have enjoyed experiencing fiction stories related to outer space. They are learning to retell and sequence stories as well as developing their own emergent writing.

Upper School

This term the Upper School topic is 'Beans'.



We have been exploring all the different types of beans; cocoa, coffee, runner, kidney, baked etc. We have learnt about how they grow and which countries they come from. We have also explored the differences between the natural bean and what they look like and taste like

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after they have been processed.



We have visited a supermarket on a bean hunt and cooked different recipes using various kinds of beans.

To carry on the theme we have been doing a variety of dances including the magic bean dance, beanstalk dance and coffee bean dance.



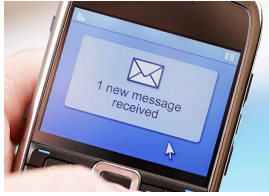
We have strayed off our bean theme in art where we are learning to use printing techniques to make different patterns.

In Science we are exploring materials and their properties. We are going to learn how to design experiments to explore soluble and insoluble materials.

Texting/ Email Service

As a school we subscribe to a messaging service provided by SchoolComms. This allows us to send text reminders straight to your mobile phone and email reminders to your email account.

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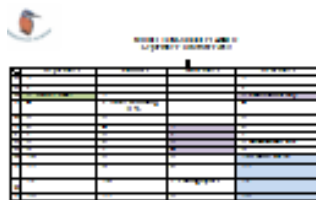


It is therefore really **important that you tell us if your mobile number changes** so that you continue to receive these messages and that you **register your email address** with the school.



Messages sent this way tend to be those that are of short notice such as a cancellation of swimming, reminders about non-uniform days or snow closures.

Dates



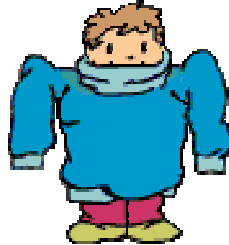
With this version of the news you should have also received this term's calendar. This contains all the dates that we know about already.

It is important to note that any further dates which crop up during the term will be notified through items in the News.

Please note that I cannot authorise any holidays that occur during term time.

Lost Property

We would ask all parents and carers to please make sure that ALL clothing and shoes that come into school are clearly labelled with their name as it is



impossible to reunite lost clothing that does not have a label in!

Website

Just a reminder that lots of information is available on the website.

www.middleton.herts.sch.uk.

Poorly Children

We would like to remind parents and carers of the need to ring the school office (preferably in the morning) if your child is ill so that we can keep our records straight. You can also email the school on admin@middleton.herts.sch.uk.



We do not need a note in this case. If you send a message with the escort then we will need a note but a message in the home school book is fine.

Also please be aware that any child who has **sickness or diarrhoea MUST stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode** of either to

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ensure that they are clear of the bug.

Coffee Morning



We are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 2nd October at 9.30 am. Come and have a chat and meet other parents and carers.

Horse Riding



Just a note to parents and carers of children in Upper School to explain that a new system is in place with regard to horse riding. Not every pupil will be going riding this year. It will be limited to a targeted group. If your child becomes part of one of these groups during the year then you will be sent a letter explaining the charges etc.

Updated Info



In the next few weeks we will be approaching you for updated personal information and permission signatures. Watch this space!