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Special Olympics Basketball Gold for Middleton Alumni!!



HUGE congratulations to Adam Lynch and Harry Herbert both of whom used to attend Middleton School and whose team have won Gold at the Abu Dhabi Special Olympics World Games. A moment to be really proud of their achievements.

We are hoping that they will come and visit us and bring their medals to show our budding Basketballers.

Comic Relief



We really enjoyed our sponsored walk last Friday. The weather was kind and the children enjoyed charging around the playground after each other.

Now the harder work begins. Thank you to all of the families who have already sent in sponsor money. If between now and the Easter holidays you can persuade any friends and relatives to give up some of their hard earned cash, however small, the money will all go to a good cause.

Meanwhile in assembly this week we have been celebrating our achievements. In total the children completed 1132 circuits of the playground which is the equivalent of walking 203 km or for those of you born in 'old money' 125 miles.

Lap champions were as follows:

Penguins – Harry Watkins and Archie Hammond (9 laps)

Robins – Henry Guinane (10 laps)

Owls – Jiajie Xiang (15 laps)

Puffins – Kayte Howe and Jack Hayden (20 laps)

Toucans – Harrison Beer (21 laps)

Eagles – Liam Jenner (23 laps)

Kestrels – Naomi O'Callaghan (24 laps)

Kingfishers – Theo Williams (27 laps) and

Swifts – Ben O'Connor (31 laps)

Well done to everyone and thanks to the staff for supporting.

Library Books

All children at Middleton School have the opportunity to choose

library books to take home every week. We are finding however that not all of the borrowed books have been returned. We would be grateful if you could have a look around the house and see if you can see any school library books and return them to us so that others can look at them. Don't worry; there are no fines for late returns!!!

Easter Egg Raffle



Yesterday you should have received details of our annual Easter Egg Raffle which will take place on the last day of term.

Tickets are 50p each and if you would like to donate an Easter Egg then please send it in to school as soon as possible.

Sleep Problems



One of our volunteers Patricia has accessed what she described as a 'Brilliant' course about Sleep Awareness.

She accessed the course through SPACE which some of you will be aware supports families of

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children with autism. The course was run by *The Children's Sleep Charity* which was founded by Vicki Dawson.

The charity has a Facebook page and their website is www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

In Maths Lower School have been learning the difference between 2D and 3D shapes and the names of the most common shapes of each sort. Robins have started to explore the terms *curved* and *straight*. All of the children have been on a 2D shape hunt around school and some used a tally chart to record each shape as they named it.

This week we have revisited the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We learnt about healthy foods and sorted the foods he ate into healthy and unhealthy. We also used the story to learn the days of the week and the names of the fruit. We linked this to our off site trip. We were very lucky in being able to visit Brookfield Farm Tesco for their Farm to Fork initiative. The children all made a fruit face and got to see behind the scenes including a huge freezer, the store rooms and the CCTV centre.

In cooking we linked in our healthy eating to make different types of salads. The Owls made rainbow salads with lots of colours and they practised their chopping and grating skills.

In science Lower School are starting to learn how to use ICT to record results. We all had fun joining in with experiments and taking photos to show what happened.

Middle School

The children in Middle School are really enjoying their topic 'Blooming Plants'. They recently planted sunflowers seeds and beans and are really enjoying watching them sprout. They have observed the roots in the soil and the stem and leaves growing bigger by the day! The children have made sure that their plants have plenty of sunlight and water. We have also been looking at the lifecycle of a sunflower and a bean and observed the different stages.



The children have also set up a science investigation. They have planted cress seeds which will be left in different conditions to find out what they need to grow. We will keep you updated!

This week the children experienced plants which can be eaten as they used a range of herbs in their cooking. They felt, smelt and tasted thyme, basil and chives which they then used to make delicious cheese and herb muffins.

Middleton News Upper School

Upper School are continuing to explore 'Our Growing World' topic. The children have been learning to use different tools such as a saw and drill to make a bug hotel. This has been closely supervised by an adult on a one to one tool control basis.

In music the children have been split into small groups to practise using keyboards. They have been learning how to play middle C with the prompt of a sticker. This has then enabled them to orient themselves towards other notes such as D and E. With these three notes they have attempted to play the song 'Mary had a little lamb'. The children are learning to work together to play different instruments to create a song.

SRE this term has been about relationships and bullying. The children have learnt to recognise simple differences between themselves and their peers and that it is ok to be different.



They have learnt that bullying is wrong and made posters which have been placed around the school to show that we do not tolerate bullies at Middleton School.