



# Middleton News



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Hello this week to Ryon Spires who has joined Kestrels this term. Also hello to Miss Manley who has joined Penguins and Miss S who has also joined us as a TA



We would like to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to the team of 10 staff from Ringway who have spent two days this week volunteering in school. They have completed some amazing ground works including clearing what will be a Woodland Walk and Habitat, creating some additional parking spaces, clearing nettles, building a rabbit run and clearing our allotment and roundabout for planting.

They have been amazing. Thanks too to Laila Voica's Grandad and Uncle who have both been part of the team. We would like to thank them for thinking of us.

## Parent Questionnaire

It's that time of year again! Along with this News you will find a parent questionnaire. As usual we are asking as many of you as possible to fill this in and return it to school.

It is a really helpful way of looking at our performance

and seeing places where we might improve.

You can write your child's name if you want to but your reply can also remain anonymous.

Many thanks in advance.

## Annual Reviews / Reports

At the end of last week you should have received your child's Annual Report. We realised that we had not included any explanation of the M scale assessments with it and so Mrs Hartley has put together an explanation (on the back of the calendar) to help you.

### In addition.....

There is also a copy of a letter from me regarding the woeful situation with updated EHCPs.

As this newsletter goes out we are still more than 30 EHCPs outstanding from last year. If this is the case for your child we will hold a review meeting with you as usual but it will be impossible to make any further amendments if we have not received last year's amended EHCP. I can reassure you that this will make no difference to the educational provision which your child receives.

## Calendar

Along with this News you should also have received a calendar for this term. It has on it all of the important dates for this term. Please watch out for any additional dates in future issues of the News.

## Happy Birthday Delboy



Delboy is a donkey who has been sponsored on our behalf for many years. He lives at Redwings, Ada Cole Memorial Stables (EN9 2DH) - Free

Delboy is going to celebrate his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party on Sunday 12 May from 11.30

You will be able to meet Delboy, join in party games and watch him and his friends (including Rodney) eat his birthday cake. You could take him a card or a donation too. He particularly likes carrots, apples and ginger biscuits!

It is a lovely opportunity to visit the stables and learn about this wonderful charity.

## FOMS

A FOMS meeting will be held on Thursday 16 May at 1.30. All welcome.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

This half term we are learning about India. The children have been on a 'plane journey' to India. They have made their own

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passports and when they arrived they listened to some local music and ate some traditional foods.

In History we have started to learn about some of the famous people and buildings in India. The children have used symbols to describe the Taj Mahal palace and they have compared this with a modern British building.

In Art the children are thinking about textures and textiles. The children have created a multi-textured Indian flag using lentils and fabric. This week the children are painting different shapes of pasta to create brightly coloured jewellery.

In Science we are learning about electricity. We have walked around school and identified those items which use and don't use electricity.

Our story this week is Elmer the Elephant. In literacy this week the children will be choosing an elephant and then writing a description of it.

### Middle School

The children in Middle School have started their new topic for this half term 'Body Beautiful'. They began by exploring the different parts of their bodies and enjoyed labelling a human body. Next, they are going to find out about what is inside their bodies! The children will learn about the role of their skeleton and internal organs. As part of the topic, the children are also learning what is needed to keep their bodies healthy.

This week the focus was on the importance of exercise and everyone enjoyed using the outdoor gym at Pinewood School. They explored the different pieces of equipment and had great fun!



The children were also lucky enough to visit Parndon Mill Art Gallery to explore the 'Sense of Touch' exhibition. All of the sculptures were designed to be touched, held and interacted with.



The children were encouraged to think about what each sculpture might be, how it felt when they touched it and whether they liked it.



This was a great experience for all the children who really enjoyed

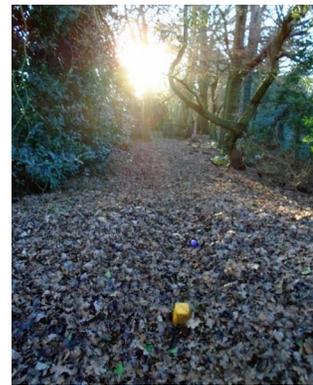
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the sensory aspect of the exhibition.

### Upper School

This term the Upper School topic is 'All about Ware'. We are exploring the history of Ware, what is old and what is new and where different points of interest are in the town.

In PHSE we are learning about safety, water safety, road safety etc. The pupils are learning how to keep themselves and their friends safe.



Before

In D&T we have now finished our woodland walk area and bug hotel with the help of the volunteers from Ringway. How fantastic does it look now!



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