



# Middleton News



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## Friends Of Middleton School

As a Parent or Carer of a child at Middleton School you are automatically a member of our charity FOMS. The school benefits greatly from the money raised by the work of our supporters for example in subsidising visits and raising money for new minibuses as well as providing support for smaller projects in school.

You will be receiving a letter to invite you to a meeting of FOMS on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at the school. Everyone is very welcome.

## Behaviour Policy Addendum

I would like to highlight to parents and carers an addendum to the Behaviour Policy which was ratified by the Governors at their latest meeting. It clarifies our stance with regard to fixed term and permanent exclusions. These are rare events at Middleton, however if you are interested in finding out more the addendum can be found on page 8 of the policy which is available on the website.

## Harvest Festival

Advanced warning that you are cordially invited to participate in our Harvest Assembly which will take place in the afternoon of Friday 19 October (time to be confirmed).



As usual we will be supporting the Hertford Food Bank with your donations and I will send out a letter to inform you of the sorts of things which would be suitable should you wish to donate.

## Newspapers

Newspapers have become a rarity as people have moved to reading news on line, however we still need them for art and craft activities and we are desperately short. If anyone regularly buys a newspaper we would be really grateful for them. Send them in with the children or else if you have loads then let us know and we can probably arrange collection. Thanks.

## Head Lice!!

Just to remind parents and carers that from time to time children in school present with head lice.



Take the advice above and once a week have a look in your child's hair to make sure that they are clear. Please let us know if you find any as it may be that

other children in the class also have them. If there is a case of head lice in your child's class then you will be notified so that you can treat if necessary.

## Coffee Morning

A reminder that we are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.30 am. Come and have a chat and meet other parents and carers.

## Nut Free School



A gentle reminder to parents and carers that Middleton School is a nut free school.

We have several staff and pupils who have severe nut allergies. These can, if left untreated, result in very grave consequences.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

In the last two weeks we have been thinking about the physical changes that we go through from being born to growing up and the different things which you can do independently at each stage. We have also been paying attention to our faces. We looked at photos of ourselves when we were little and now and we also made pizza faces in cooking.

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This week we started to look at plants and the changes that happen as they grow. We have sewn cress seeds which we are checking every day to see how the seedlings have changed.



In Science we are learning about different man made light source and created our own light-scape using torches.

The book we have linked with this part of the topic is 'Day Monkey, Night Monkey' by Julia Donaldson. It looks at the different animals that are around at night and in the day and always ends with the chorus 'Don't be daft!'



In writing the children have been creating different marks; up, down, around and zig-zags and they have been trying to write their names.

### Middle School

The children in Middle School are really enjoying their topic 'Out of This World'. They have painted some amazing pictures of different planets and are in the process of making their very own planet sculptures using paper mache.



The children have been learning about day and night. They have been thinking about the things that they do during the day and what they do at night time.



They have also been learning about what light is and identifying different sources of light such as the sun, flames, torches and electric lights.

In RE the children have been learning about symbols. They have thought about different symbols that they see around them and have also been finding out about Christian symbols. They are looking forward to visiting a local church to look for Christian symbols.

We started our reading, writing and number groups in Middle School this week and the children really enjoyed mixing with each other and learning in

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different groups and classrooms!

### Upper School

Our 'Bean topic' continues to be an exciting topic to learn about. This week we are planting runner beans to see how they grow and to have a competition to see whose grows the tallest. In cookery we are making kidney bean pasties.

In Design and Technology we have been exploring mechanical components. We explored how different toys work and then designed our own split pin puppets. Each of the pupils has designed a bottle car. This week we are following our designs to make our cars.



In PHSE we have been learning about making choices and decisions. We have been talking about what makes us feel anxious, things we like and dislike and what makes us happy.

We have been learning about variations in speed for Gym, experimenting with body shapes and movement and working with a partner.

This week for offsite learning we visited Cedars Park to look at the different wooden sculptures, next week we are going to Hertford to follow the statue trail.