



# Middleton News



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## Harvest Festival

Our harvest assembly will be held on Friday 19 October. Everyone welcome. We would ask that parents and carers are seated by 1.30 for a 1.40 start. The assembly will last for about 30 minutes. The timing is aimed to allow those who have other school pick-ups to take their child with them so that you are out in time for other school runs.



As usual we will be supporting the Hertford Food Bank.

This is their latest post.

**'Our Harvest Shopping list below shows what we need right now:**

- ✚ Jars of instant coffee 100g,
- ✚ Rice 1kg,
- ✚ Long-life fruit juice 1lt, Tinned potatoes,
- ✚ Instant mashed potato,
- ✚ Jars of curry, chilli or sweet & sour
- ✚ Cooking sauces, Tinned Spaghetti,
- ✚ Tinned fruit,
- ✚ Tinned custard,
- ✚ Instant custard powder,
- ✚ Tinned rice pudding,
- ✚ Sweet biscuits,
- ✚ Bottles of fruit squash

- ✚ Deodorant/ Antiperspirant, Washing up liquid,
- ✚ Shampoo / conditioner, Shaving foam

**(Please note we are overstocked with Cereals, Tea, Soup, Baked beans, and Pasta)**

Any donations of dry / tinned goods would be welcome but if you can send in one item off the list that would be brilliant.

Items can be sent in at any time and will be stored until next Friday.

## Newspapers

Thank you to those of you who have sent newspapers in. If anyone else has any lurking then please send them in at any time. We are always in need!

## Sad Farewell!

I am sad to let you know that Mrs Keily Tomlin will be leaving the school on Friday 26 October. She is taking up a post as a class teacher at Wells Park School in Chigwell.

We would like to thank her very much for all of the hard work which she has done since joining the school in January 2015 and we wish her all the very best in her new post.

This means that from after half term **Toucans** class teacher will be Mrs Cox whilst Mr Shasha will remain as full time teacher in **Swifts**. Parents and

carers of Toucans children will be able to meet Mrs Cox at the upcoming Parents' Evening when she will meet you alongside Mrs Tomlin.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

This week we have been learning more about the changes which happen in autumn. In particular we have been using our offsite visits to spot changes in the world around us. We have been talking about how leaves are usually green but at the moment they are brown and falling on the floor. We have also been making Autumn collages with the leaves and Robins made leaf hedgehogs.



In RE we have started thinking about Harvest. Everyone has watched a lovely silent animation of the cycle of planting to harvest and the children have been making their own commentary on what they have seen. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUGz3YqzWe0> .

We made a multi-sensory picture to help the children to understand that the food we eat grows and we

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added the sun the raindrops and the soil.

In Science the children have been making day and night collages and putting on pictures of the animals which come out in the day and those which are nocturnal.

As we have done lots of woodland walks recently we have been re-enacting the story of the Gruffalo which the children really enjoy.

We made flapjacks this week to link with the oats from the harvest fields and the children have also been using weighing scales this week.

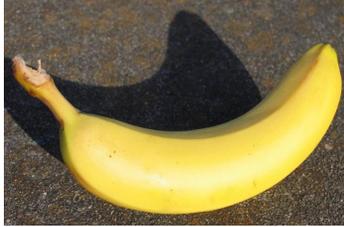


We did some sensory mark making on the table using flour. It is amazing what the children will write in flour that you could never get them to write using a pen or pencil!

## Middle School

In Science the Middle School children are learning about shadows and thinking about how shadows are formed. They have been making shadow puppet stories on the whiteboard and have been using torches to make shadows from everyday objects. On sunny days they have been drawing around each others' shadows on the playground.

They have learnt that shadows are formed when something is blocking the light and that the light can't travel through it which causes the shadow.



In Art following on from papier mache the children have been using salt dough to make 3D models of the planets.

In literacy we are reading a variety of books to do with space. Swifts have been reading *How to Catch a Star* Toucans have read *Aliens Love Underpants* and Puffins have looked at *Whatever Next*.

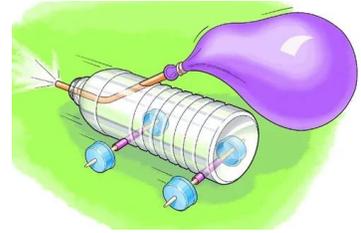
In cooking we have been focussing on using different tools safely. This week the children made fairy cakes and practised using scales to measure out ingredients.

In Maths the children are just starting to learn about 2D shape. They have been making pictures from the shapes and learning about 'sides' 'corners' curved and straight.

## Upper School

Linked with our preparations for Harvest Festival the children in Upper school have been learning about people who are less fortunate than themselves. As a result this week's trip was to the supermarket. Each child had 50p to buy an item to put in the Food Bank.

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Last week in Design and Technology we successfully made our bottle cars following the design we had drawn earlier. This week we are completing our project by adding a power source (a balloon) to our cars and we will hold trials to see how far they will move.

We have continued our Bean topic and in Geography we are learning about Columbia and about how coffee beans are grown.

83% of adults in the world drink coffee on a regular basis and the average coffee consumption for an adult is three cups a day.



The plants have to grow for four years before the 'cherries' can be harvested, fermented and the seeds taken out and dried into the beans we see in the packets. In Food Technology we have been following this theme by making delicious coffee muffins and having a taste of coffee.