



Middleton News



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Hello to Evie Matthews who has joined Puffins since the last news.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest singsong last week. The volunteers at Hertford Food Bank were amazed at the amount of donations we were able to take and sent a BIG THANK YOU to everyone.

Photographer



A reminder that the photographer will be in to do school photos on the morning of Wednesday 7th November.

Newspapers



Thank you again 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 still in need!

Unwanted Gifts

At this time of year we are starting to think about our Christmas activities. (I know it isn't even November yet!!). If anyone has any unwanted gifts lying around then these would be gratefully received. We can use them as raffle prizes or for Santa's Shop etc. Thank you.

Save the Date

Just to confirm that Saturday 8th December will be our Christmas Fair date.

This means that we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 7th. Rather than asking for money we ask that the children either bring in a bottle of some sort or something of a chocolate nature!

We will remind you again nearer the time.

School Gateway



We would like to encourage all parents with a smartphone or tablet to download the School Gateway App. It's free and enables the school to send you messages for free too, saving us money and ensuring that you are kept updated via text and emails. It also lets you

make your online payments faster.

Coffee and Signing



There will be a coffee morning with signing training at Middleton on Monday 26th November at 9.30. Everyone welcome.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

This week we have continued learning about the changes which happen in the seasons. During our offsite learning, we had the opportunity to observe the leaves that made a beautiful colourful carpet on the ground when out on an Autumnal walk to Cedars Park. The children enjoyed experiencing the maze and the directions forwards, backwards, left and right to navigate around it!



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In RE we have continued our learning about Harvest, we went for an offsite visit to Pearce's Farm shop to observe seasonal produce such as pumpkins. We were lucky enough to get a tour of the pumpkin patch where they grow! When we got back to school, we explored the inside of the pumpkin and scooped it out to see if we could find the seeds linking to our learning in Geography. We used the inside of the pumpkin to do some sensory mark making!



Next half term our topic will be 'Celebrations', we will be learning about a wide variety of celebrations and special days within different cultures.

Middle School



The children in Middle School have really enjoyed their topic 'Out of This World' and completed it in style with a planetarium experience. The planetarium was set up in our school hall and the children each took part in a session which involved

crawling through a giant tunnel to get inside the giant dome. The children then learnt about the different planets, stars and our galaxy, the Milky Way. It was very dark inside and felt like being in outer space!

Next half term we have a history based topic and the children will be learning about life in Roman times. They will also be thinking about celebrations in RE with a focus on birthday, Diwali and Christmas celebrations. It will be a busy and exciting half term!

Upper School

Our Upper School Bean topic is drawing to an end. We have 'Bean there and done that' learning about all things Bean related.

We have had a lovely time learning about all the different beans and where they come from, cooking a feast of different bean recipes, but it is now time for a change.



Next term we are learning about a new topic 'Journeys'. We will be planning a variety of exciting Geography lessons exploring settlement change and map work. We will be learning about seasonality in D&T and exploring pilgrimage and

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sacred journeys in RE as well as a whole lot more.

Community News



We have just received an email to say that they are looking for bakers to join the next series of the Great British Bake Off. If you know anyone who is great at baking and think they might be interested they can find details at

www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk

If you would like any more information or help in applying, please do get in touch with the Bake Off Team - text 07940 464 720

And Finally.....

It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that I can inform you that I will be retiring from my post as Headteacher at the end of July 19.

I know that this seems early to let you know however the Governors have already started their task of finding my successor and with the advert being published today it is inevitable that someone somewhere would see it.

I would strongly request that you don't share the news with the children as for them it is too far away to think about. I will let you all know when I have told them. Thanks.