



Middleton News



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Jigsaw Base



We have been very excited to witness the building of our new log cabin which will serve as a base for our Jigsaw groups. It has been funded by FOMS and will give a permanent space for the Jigsaw team to work from rather than travelling around spare classrooms. Eventually it will be kitted out with all mod cons inside which will turn it into a functioning teaching space. It is yet to have a name! If you have any ideas (preferably linked with the concept of a Jigsaw) then let us know!

We would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard in raising the money and organising the project.

Skills and Contacts!

Parents and carers will be aware that money is tight in all schools at the moment but the building of the cabin has brought to light several parents, carers and staff with skills and contacts which have been really helpful. People have come to us to make us aware of things they could do or donate / source

on our behalf and we are really grateful for these offers of help. Sharron is trying to put together a directory of people we could contact if we need support and advice on projects in school. If you think you might be able to help then please drop Sharron an email on sharron.graffato@middleton.herts.sch.uk. Thanks.

Valentine's Party



You should have already received a letter about a Valentine's party being organised by FOMS on Thursday 14th February at Middleton School between 6.30 and 7.30. Please send requests and donations for tickets into the office as soon as possible. As usual please put this in a sealed named and labelled envelope and write a note in the home / school book.

Dance Festival

Parents of some Upper School children may be aware that their child is performing in the Dance Festival to be held at Hertford Theatre on 27th February. Rehearsals are underway and everyone is looking forward to

performing. Mrs Hartley will be contacting parents with regard to support for costumes in the near future. We know that some of you are interested in purchasing tickets to watch the performance. Currently we don't know how to get these but we will send details home with the appropriate children as soon as we have that information.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

In the last fortnight we have continued our theme of traditional tales looking at Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk.

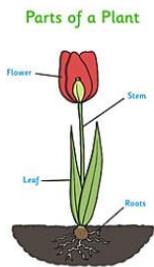
The children have been taking part in role play and the retelling of the stories. Some pupils have used pictures to support their story telling and all of them have rehearsed the repetitive speech in both stories. We have linked our stories to dance lessons and used a range of actions to tell the story.



Everyone has enjoyed learning to creep around like a wolf and then running away quickly pretending that the wolf is

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chasing them! This week we will be stamping like giants and saying *Fee Fi Fo Fum*.



In science we have started learning about plants. All of the children have handled real plants and then recreated their own 3D picture and labelled the parts. This week we are learning about the life cycle of a bean. We will be hoping to grown our own beanstalk and see if we can remember what a plant needs to grow.

Our cooking lessons are also linked to our weekly story. Last week we made cakes just like the ones Red Riding Hood took to Grandma. This week we will be making giant sandwiches fit for a giant!

Middle School

The children in Middle School are enjoying their 'Groovy Greeks' topic. They have been exploring the story of Medusa.



The children made their own Medusa faces using paper plates and pipe cleaners for the snakes. They also enjoyed learning how to roll play dough using their hands to make

long and short snakes. They then produced some lovely descriptive writing about Medusa.



During offsite learning the children visited a reptile shop and were able to observe and touch some amazing snakes. They really enjoyed the experience and learnt lots about real snakes.



The children have continued to learn about the food eaten in Greece. This week we had a food tasting session and the children had the opportunity to try olives, feta cheese, hummus and Greek yogurt. They are also experiencing Greek food during their cooking lessons and have made their own hummus and olive bread so far.

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The Romans continue to be a fun and motivating topic. Next week the whole of Upper School will be visiting Verulamium in St Albans. We will be exploring the museum gallery as well as going outside to explore the hypocaust and Roman remains.



In Geometry we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The pupils have explored the different shapes, learnt their names and then made their own 3D shapes.

In music we have been learning about famous composers and performers. The pupils have been exploring different pieces of music and then repeating short rhythmic and melodic patterns to create and choose sounds in response to a given starting point.

For Dance we have been learning different dances from a range of cultures. We have learnt an Italian folk dance where the pupils had to work in pairs and groups of four in order to complete the dance sequence. Great fun was had by all! This week we are going to video the dance so that the pupils can watch themselves and see how well they have done.