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Reminder

Just to remind everyone that next Friday (21st June) is an INSET day so the children will not be in school.

Just to Let You Know

I know that I told you all earlier in the year about my retirement but just to let you know that I told the children in assembly today.



I also showed them a picture of **Bessie Abo** who is my gorgeous motor home in which I intend to spend a good amount of time when I am not working!

Reminders



How fickle is the Summer weather. Last News I was reminding you to send in sun cream etc. Please could you keep an eye on the weather and send in a light weight rain jacket if appropriate!!!

Absence Information

A plea to parents and carers regarding absence. It is really important that you contact the school directly if your child is off school. You can do this by phone or by email admin@middleton.herts.sch.uk.

It is not sufficient to send a message via the transport providers. Thanks for your co-operation.

Happy Father's Day

To all our dads, granddads, foster dads, uncles and others who perform this role for our children. We hope you enjoy the things the children have made.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower school have started a new topic all about 'The seaside' in classes we have looked at photographs of the children at the seaside and talked about what you might see there.

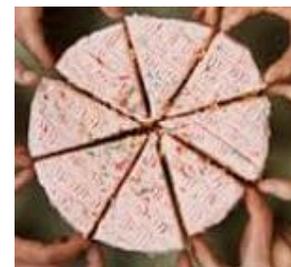


In history this week the children looked at what the

seaside looked like in the past. They learnt about traditional seaside activities and funfair games and compared them to what happens at the seaside now.



This week the department have read and watched The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. The story is about a fish who shares his beautiful scales with all the other fish. Each time he gives away a scale it makes him feel good. We talked about sharing and practised this in our RE, Art and PSHE lessons.



In Owl class the children decided how to share a cake between themselves so everybody had some. And in art the children shared resources to each make a beautiful scale which they each added to one giant rainbow fish for the department. They have also been practising turn taking games and asking if

they can join in play with someone else.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have started their animal based topic 'Walk on the Wild Side'.



In science lessons the children have been learning about animals. They started by thinking about their favourite animals and have been learning to group animals according to whether they are mammals, reptiles, birds or fish. The children then went to see some real animals during their offsite learning and practised classifying the different animals that they saw.



They have also been finding out about the difference between pets and wild animals and thinking about what their pets needs to be happy and healthy.



In literacy lessons we are focussing on stories by the author Julia Donaldson. Toucans have made some lovely paper plate ladybirds based on the story 'What the Ladybird Heard'. Swifts have enjoyed 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and the children in Puffins collaged characters from 'Room on the Broom'.

Upper School

Our topic this term is Sport and Leisure. This began last week with the Year 6 trip to Kingswood. It was a fantastic trip that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. I would like to say a big 'Well done' to both staff and pupils for making it so successful.

Most of the remaining Upper School pupils had a fun time learning about Pirates, completing a range of interesting activities.



We would like to say a particular WELL DONE! To Chelsea Gray, Alex Reavey, Archie Goddard, Bradley Willmott, Michael Ives-Carpenter and Walter Da Silva who spent Monday to Thursday on work experience helping children in other classes throughout the school. They did a really good job.

All the pupils enjoyed looking at the Kingswood

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photographs. It was nice to see the Year 6 pupils talking to their friends about how it would be their turn to go to Kingswood next year.



In Science we are learning about how to be healthy. This week we are recording our pulses before and after exercise to see how it changes. In music we are exploring famous pieces of music that is linked to different sport and in art we are learning about the origins of different sporting logos and then trying to recreate them. In PE we are having a go at orienteering and different summer games. This week we will be playing rounders.



The whole of Upper School have been to Paradise Wildlife Park this week on a day out organised by the Amwell Rotary Club. Although the weather this week has not been very kind we had a relatively dry day and only got a bit damp at home time. What an exciting start to the term! We would like to thank them for paying for such a lovely day out.