



# Middleton News



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## My Last News

I have decided that with everything that is going on in the next fortnight I probably won't get the opportunity to write another issue of the news before my departure. I have to say that my husband and I were working out how long I have been writing these newsletters and in three different schools under different titles I have been writing them for 22 years.

I know that there are more goodbyes to be said and more tears to be shed but I would like to tell you what a fantastic school this is, with brilliant staff, tremendous children and excellent governors. I am going to miss them all very much.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support and let you know that it has been the honour of my life to lead this fabulous school.

Retirement is looking great but I am not at all looking forward to leaving.

## Another Retirement

We would like to wish Mrs Joseph a happy retirement. She is not leaving forever but will return part time to continue her important role in supporting staff with resources.

## End of Year Prom

As happened last year, FOMS are arranging an end

of term prom for all children on Friday 20 July.

For children in R, Y1, Y2 and Y3 the party will be from 6.30 pm until 7.15.

For children in Y4, 5 and 6 the party will be from 7.30 - 8.30.

Tickets are £3. A tuck shop will be available on the night

Parents and carers must attend with their children and be responsible for them at all times.

## Reminder

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> is our swimming gala at Fanshawe pool as usual. A note will come home next week with more details. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> is our Summer Picnic. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Sports Day



I would like to thank everyone who attended our Sports Day on Wednesday. It was a great occasion as always and it was lovely to see the smiles on the children's faces.



I would like to say another thank you to the game members of staff, mums and dads who joined in the racing at the end. The children really enjoyed it.



## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

Lower School have continued to learn about the seaside this half term. The children have all made beautiful seaside collages and last week finished making three dimensional boxes with an under the sea theme.



In history this week the children learnt about prehistoric times. They learnt about the type of clothing prehistoric man wore then designed their own outfit. The children also talked about animals and dinosaurs that were alive before playing with the dinosaur toys in the sand.

In our maths lessons we have been learning about

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capacity and the associated language to describe capacity. The children have been experiencing handling a range of different sized containers with various amounts of liquid in. They have all had lots of fun filling and emptying containers and responding to requests to fill or empty them with water or sand.

As the end of the school year draws near pupils have started to think about their year. In PSHE the children are being encouraged to think about what they have enjoyed this year and what they have achieved. Each class has been looking back on photographs of class activities and offsite trips to promote discussion. It has been a lovely session in which to reflect with the children on the progress they have all made and to celebrate achievements!

### Middle School

The children in Middle School are really enjoying their animal based topic 'Walk on the Wild Side'. They have been thinking about different types of pets and their needs. A veterinary nurse from Chestnut Vets visited the children to talk to them about caring for animals. She talked to them about how vets look after animals when they're poorly and also discussed the care that pets need at home.



All of the children really enjoyed a visit to Ada Cole Rescue Centre, which is home to ninety horses, ponies and donkeys. They had a guided tour of the centre and were shown how the animals are cared for there.



They were taken into the huge barn to see where the food is prepared each day and also went for a walk around the fields to see all the animals. The children also learnt how to gently stroke the ponies and donkeys which was great fun. They were all very gentle with the animals!

### Upper School

It has been a busy term in Upper School. Our new topic, sports and leisure, has given us lots of exciting opportunities to go outside and enjoy the weather! We have been playing lots of sports outside such as rounders



and tennis and have been learning all about the hobby of orienteering in our PE lessons.

The Kingfishers class went to Buntingford outdoor gym to learn about

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keeping healthy. This topic also links to our science work all about the human body and keeping it healthy. We have learnt about our pulse and our lung capacity.



Our year 6 pupils have become regular visitors to Pinewood and even had the opportunity to watch their Sports Day. Children going to other schools in September are starting to think about the changes that are happening for them. We have also been thinking about this in our PSHE lessons where we have been making memory and moving on books.

Cooking has taken on a different style each week as we consider foods from around the world. We have emphasised trying new, foreign foods each week and then cooked some using similar ingredients. In D&T, our tie-dye projects are well under way and we are looking forward to taking our finished t-shirts home.

### And Finally.....



As this is the final News of the Year. Have a lovely Summer.