



### Sponsored Bounce

Lower School and Middle School have taken part in their sponsored bounce event this week. The number of bounces has been collated and we will shortly be sending home a slip to indicate how many bounces your child achieved.

Well done to all pupils, who bounced with vigour!

### Winter Wonders!

All pupils are currently in the process of dressing up for some festive fun and posing for our 'Winter Wonders' photo-shoot. Even Mrs Hartley and Mr Hayes took part in the fun!



In the coming weeks we will send home a selection of photographs of your child for you to purchase as Christmas Gifts if you wish to do so. Watch this space!

### Website

As you aware, we are currently working to improve our school website and it is undergoing changes week by week. We have recently added a new feature which enables

the viewer to click on a word within the text and a symbol will appear. We hope that this will make information on the website more accessible to all users. Please do give it a try and let us know what you think!

### Christmas Fayre



A reminder that our Christmas Fayre is due to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11am-2pm. All families and extended families welcome!

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in exchange for a chocolate or bottle contribution for our tombolas.

We will require lots of support to help with the organisation and running of the Christmas Fayre and will be sending out more information next week.

### Tales From The Chalkface!

#### Lower School

We have been busy in Lower School working on our topic of 'hot and cold'. The children have learnt about the Great Fire of London – the Robins dressed up as firefighters and extinguished our tissue paper fire!

All of the classes have created fire collages and selected colours to represent the 'heat'.

In science we have been exploring the effects of heat upon food. The children looked at how eggs, chocolate and bread alters when heat is applied. The children made predictions about what may happen, and then described the outcomes. They also discussed which equipment we could find in the kitchen to heat food.



During offsite visits this week, the pupils have visited a travel agent to look for brochures of hot and cold holiday destinations.

### Middle School

Middle School pupils have begun work on their new topic 'The Victorians'. They have explored old and new toys and looked at the differences between them. In RE they have learnt the story of Rama and Sita and found out all about the celebrations that coincide with Divali.



In maths they have been using the balance scales to decide if an item is heavy or light.

Dance lessons have started to focus upon a Christmas showpiece for parents. I

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won't spoil the surprise by sharing any further information!

## Upper School

In geometry, the pupils in Upper School have been drawing 2D shapes, with some children learning how to use a ruler accurately. In measure we are exploring 'length' and are using standard units of measure. In English, we have been using adjectives to describe the Autumn leaves.



Music lessons have focused upon the use of string instruments and the pupils attempted to play a guitar! In Science, we have been learning about forces under water!

## Good News!

We have some lovely pieces of good news to share with our Middleton Community. Firstly, Charlotte Glynn, one of our teachers gave birth to twin girls on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. They were born at 29 weeks and so have spent some time in the special care baby unit. They are making excellent progress and hopefully will soon be coming home. The girls have been named as Olive and Edith. Our best wishes to Charlotte and her family. Secondly, we have welcomed three new members of staff to the school; Mrs Bracliello is a TA in Kestrels class, Miss

## Middleton News

Evans is our apprentice in the office and Mr Boyden is our new Playleader. We hope they are settling in and enjoying their time at Middleton School.

## Community News

The RDA (Riding for the disabled) are hosting a fund raising coffee morning on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.30-12.30 at the Christadelphian Hall, Church Street, Ware.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks

*Debbie Hartley*