



# Middleton News



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## Middleton School is 25!

Thank you for joining us in our celebrations the week before half term as we explored all aspects of our silver jubilee!

I have attached a selection of photographs to this newsletter so that you are able to share in some of the fun experiences that we had during our Focus Week.

Monday was all about Art, Tuesday the focus was History, Wednesday we focused on number. On Thursday we were joined by some ex pupils, staff and parents for some prepared interviews. Each of our guests was given a 'grilling' by our current pupils and we were very impressed with both the questions set and the responses. A big thank you to the VIP guests who gave up their time to join us on Thursday.

We also prepared an exhibition around the school on Thursday and each class spent time visiting the exhibits. On Friday we had a fabulous party. We were entertained by 'Rocky' in the morning. We then had a wonderful sit down lunch for the whole school and

guests. ( Many thanks to the kitchen staff who prepared such a lovely meal) Lots of VIP guests joined us for our meal, including ex Head teachers Andre Staros and Alison Middleton.

We then unveiled our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plaque.

We were then joined by parents and families for a fabulous afternoon tea. Phew!



A great week was had by all although we were all grateful to reach half term!

**SMILE!**



The school photographer was in school today, and you will be able to purchase photos of your children when they are sent out to us in a couple of weeks time.

For some children the posing came naturally! For others some gentle persuasion was required but I'm sure you'll be happy with the results.



You will be aware from the media that next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> November) is Children in Need Day. We

will be fundraising for this event. Children and staff will be invited to attend school in non uniform. They can choose to either wear Children in Need merchandise or fancy dress in exchange for a monetary donation for the cause.



## Sponsored Bounce

The week commencing the 18<sup>th</sup> November will see us launch a fundraising event for school funds. We will be sending home a letter next week explaining the event, along with a sponsor form and children will spend the week 'bouncing' ( even more than normal!)



## FOMS AGM

Still on a fundraising note! Friends Of Middleton School are holding their annual AGM next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> Nov) at 2pm. Please do come and join us. We are always looking for people to help with a wide range of events.

## Flu Vaccine Update

The flu vaccine was postponed due to a shortage of the vaccination. However, we have been told that they will be visiting the school to administer this

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vaccination on the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

Lower School have enjoyed the first week back after half term, starting a new topic 'Hot and Cold'. This week the children have been thinking about Bonfire Night. They explored the story of Guy Fawkes and learnt why we mark the 5<sup>th</sup> November in the way that we do. This was followed by a department bonfire, where Mr Hayes spoke to all of the pupils about how to stay safe. In Design Technology all of the children made junk model rockets.



**Lest We Forget.**

In RE lessons, the pupils made poppies and learnt the significance of remembering soldiers who died in the war. The Penguins class visited the poppy display at Hertford Castle and War Memorial. They also had a guided tour inside the castle.



### Middle School

Middle School have stayed within the theme of fireworks for their work across the curriculum this week.



Within cooking, they have made firework cookies. They have created pieces of art in a range of mediums to represent fireworks. In PSHE they have discussed firework safety and then designed a safety poster. This was then put to the test as the department held their own bonfire and each child held a sparkler, remembering to wear a glove and place the extinguished sparkler into a bucket of water.



The topic for this half term in middle school is CELEBRATIONS.

### Upper School

There is a new topic in Upper School this half term; 'Significant People' (I don't think I'm on the list!) This week the focus has been on Guy Fawkes.

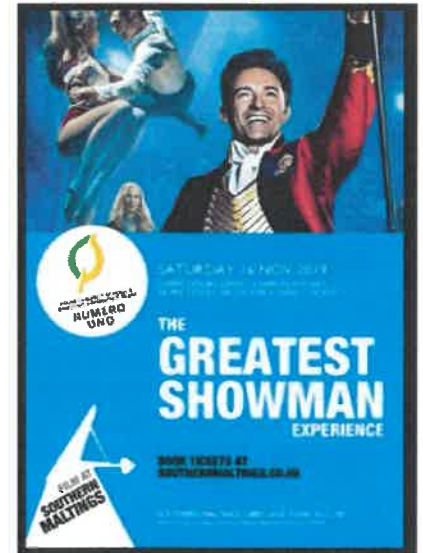


In Maths the pupils have been learning about more complex "D shapes and have explored pentagons and hexagons. They have also been learning about weight within their measure lessons. In PSHE the pupils are exploring a range of moral dilemmas. This week they are learning what the word dilemma means. You may

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want to explore this in your household over the weekend as quandaries and dilemmas arise!

## Community News



Chauncy School are raising funds for charity next Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> November) with a Greatest Showman singalong. I know this is a favourite for many of our pupils, so do ask for more information if you would like it. We have a poster in school!

The school held a Remembrance assembly today, where Mrs Goodall played the Last Post on her trumpet. Thank you to Miss Sale who led this assembly. If you are attending Remembrance ceremonies this weekend do wrap up warm – it looks like Winter may be arriving!

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks

*Debbie Hartley*



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