



Middleton News



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Class Bubbles

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As you are aware, we are operating under very strict class bubbles within school at present. This week saw us move into 'phase two' of our bubble programme. We have now extended bubbles to incorporate a department of three classes. However, I must stress that the purpose of this move is largely to support flexibility of staffing cover. We are still approaching school life with caution and are not yet mixing children from neighbouring classes even if they are within the same departmental bubble. If you would like any further clarification about phase two of our COVID modified approach to learning do contact the school where we would be happy to discuss it with you further. The pupils have been FABULOUS in their return to school and have taken all of the changes in their stride. We are still hand-washing frequently throughout the day – as these two pictures demonstrate!



ICT access at home



It goes without saying, that our ultimate aim is for Middleton School to remain open to all pupils throughout the current pandemic. However, all schools are being asked to make contingency plans to support home learning should there be a need for school closure, or a pupil is required to remain at home for an extended amount of time. With this in mind, we have designed a simple survey for all families so they are aware of device access opportunities for pupils when they are at home. The survey can be found on our school website but you can also access it through the link below; <http://middleton.herts.sch.uk/techsurvey/> The survey takes just two minutes to complete and will aid us in planning virtual and remote learning opportunities for your children. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

You will notice from our school calendar that we are due to hold a Harvest Festival on Thursday 22nd

October. Sadly we will not be able to invite parents and families to attend this event due to COVID19 restrictions. However, we are determined to ensure that our pupils are not denied this annual school experience and so will need to be creative! We hope to be able to hold this event outside, for a shorter length of time, with classes positioned in isolated bubbles, so that we may celebrate as a whole school community. We ask that donations of food are sent into school on Friday 16th or Monday 19th October so that we can ensure they are not handled for 72 hours prior to the event. The Hertford Foodbank are grateful to receive the following donations;
 Jars of instant coffee 100g,
 Jars of Cooking sauces (ie. Curry-Chilli-Sweet n' Sour),
 Ready-made custard in tins,
 Rice pudding in tins,
 Potatoes - tinned, Instant mashed potatoes,
 Instant custard powder,
 Long-life fruit juice in cartons,
 Tinned spaghetti, Tinned fruit
A FEW LITTLE EXTRAS:
 Deodorant, Shower gel,
 Shampoo, Washing up liquid
 We will be watching the weather forecast carefully for that week and may amend the date/ timing slightly closer to the time. We will keep you informed and will also share photos from the celebration.

Parent Consultations

Apologies that this entire newsletter appears to refer to COVID19, but once again our usual plans are thwarted! We will be

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holding parent consultations the week of 19th October but they will need to be virtual meetings conducted via zoom. You will be receiving a letter from your class teacher this week to confirm appointment times and you will then receive a letter containing access codes. We are learning a few more ICT skills through this pandemic and acquiring some new technology vocabulary!



Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School have this week explored the book 'The Mixed Up Chameleon'



They used this story as a focus for art work; creating chameleons in a range of textures and also as an impetus for dance! The children created their own funny animals by mixing up body parts. The pupils have learnt about the changing seasons in Science and have taken part in a number treasure hunt in Maths.

Middle School

The Middle School are still exploring the wonderful world of space and have this week enjoyed the book 'Aliens Love Underpants'.



The children have explored day and night and also created their own astronaut pictures. Some pupils have also made their own rockets!

Within maths, the children have been learning about 'long and short'.



Upper School

The Upper School are continuing their topic work on 'Beans' and this week have looked at Ghana and specifically the cocoa bean (my favourite week!)

The pupils have recreated their own Jack and the Beanstalk stories and have made tropical fruit delights drizzled with chocolate.



In Statistics the pupils have explored Carroll Diagrams.

In art lessons the pupils explored printing with polystyrene tiles.

Around the school

One of our favourite lessons in school is 'cooking' and this week we have been baking biscuits and individual pizzas!



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It has been fabulous to see children working 1;1 with support staff on their reading this week. I shall leave you with a few images of pupils enjoying a good book!



I hope you all have a restful weekend and are able to enjoy the outdoors without the heavy downpours of last weekend!

Debbie Hartley