



Middleton News



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Half Term!

Can you believe we have reached half term and it is November next weekend?! In some respects it has been a long half term and yet in others it has passed in a flash! I hope that all families remain safe over the half term holiday and return to us well on the 2nd November. However, if a member of your household should test positive for Coronavirus over the next ten days, or you have a need to self isolate and cannot return to school then we would appreciate you communicating with us over half term. You can email the school on admin@middleton.herts.sch.uk Or leave a message on Mrs Graffatos phone; 07740410650 or alternatively the school phone 01920 485152 Thank You.

ICT access at home



Thank you so much for completing our short ICT access survey. We had 65 families respond to this survey which has enabled us to gather some really helpful data. We will be communicating further with regard to remote learning opportunities after half term. If you would still like to complete the survey then link is shown below;

<http://middleton.herts.sch.uk/techsurvey/>

Harvest Festival

We held our Harvest Festival outside on Thursday this week and it was such a joy to reunite our whole school community. Thank you for your donations. We delivered them today to the Hertford foodbank. Photos of the event are attached to this newsletter.



Parent Consultations

Thank you for the excellent turn out of parents to our virtual consultations this week. We all deserve praise for mastering the technology. I know that the staff find these meetings invaluable and I hope that you found them useful from a parent perspective.



Photographer



Please don't forget that the first day back after half term is also the day that the school photographer is due to visit. This will be organised slightly differently this year with socially distanced arrangements. You may

like to send a comb or hairbrush into school with your child on this morning so that we can ensure they look their best!

OffSite Learning



This half term our risk assessment has stated that all offsite learning visits will take place on foot. However, we have now exhausted the venues we can reach on foot from Middleton School. After half term we will begin to explore how we can extend this learning opportunity for our pupils. We WILL NOT be visiting any indoor venues. However, we would like to explore a wider range of external venues (despite the seasonal weather!) This will mean a short bus journey for pupils from the same class bubble. We are remaining local so that journeys remain between five and ten minutes (to a maximum of fifteen). We will be writing a risk assessment for the use of buses – ie cleaning and timetabling and will ensure that this becomes a COVID safe activity.

Friday 6th November

Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents that the school will be closing early on Friday 6th November to allow for whole staff training. The buses will collect pupils at 1.10pm and parent collection will be 1.20pm.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School have been learning all about the seasons this week and in particular the weather. They enjoyed a sensory story relating to the book 'Maisie's wonderful weather'. The children have been learning about position in Maths and have practised placing the teddy 'under' 'next to' and 'in' to name but a few positions. In PE the children have focused upon moving in space safely and making choices.



Middle School

The Middle School pupils have explored shadows this week. They have made shadow puppets, created their own shadows and drawn around shadows.



They have continued to work on their 'friendship rainbows' and learn how to be a good friend to others. The department have worked hard to learn our harvest songs and signs. Within maths they have been exploring statistics, as well as 2D shape, and finding the 'odd one out'.

Upper School

The Upper School have explored inspirational people in RE. These have included Marcus Rashford, David Attenborough and

Stacey Dooley. Within Design Technology they have made propeller operated cars. In PSHE pupils have reviewed their targets with the staff team. In music the pupils composed a song about beans!



I hope that the weather is kind to us all over half term and that we enjoy some quality time with our families.

Stay safe

Debbie Hartley

Harvest Festival 2020

Middleton School held their annual Harvest Festival yesterday and refused to be beaten by COVID19!

Sadly we were unable to invite parents and guests and the event had to be held outside but the weather was kind to us! It was the first time that we were able to come together as a school since March and so we all felt a little emotional! I have included some photos so that you can share in our celebration



All of the pupils paraded to the display table with their offerings. We then celebrated with some Harvest songs and the pupils signed with vigour and enthusiasm as well as singing beautifully! We all carried our own chair and sat in class bubbles but we so enjoyed being together as one whole school. Well done everyone!

