



Goodbye



Last week we bid one of our Middle School pupils farewell as he relocates to another part of the country. We wish Max the best of luck in his new school and hope that he enjoys living by the sea!

Remote Learning

We are aware that there are a number of pupils who are currently self isolating and unable to attend school. On Tuesday 1st December we will launch a new page on our website which is dedicated entirely to home learning. On the home page of our website you will now find a tab at the top entitled 'Remote Learning'. When you click on this tab you will view a sub menu and will have three options to choose from; Lower School, Middle School or Upper School. Within these selections you will then be asked to open either, lower ability, middle ability or higher ability and you can be guided towards which level is most appropriate by your class teacher. You will then be faced with a display of curriculum areas which contain resources to support home learning for your child. Quite a few of our current resources are linked to a popular children's books. You will find videos, hard copy resources and ideas to

support you in assisting your child to learn from home. In addition we will be offering daily virtual lessons via zoom. These will also be displayed on the website, although you will need to obtain an access code from the school office.

If your child is isolating at home then we will send you a full programme for the week so that you can plan your time effectively with your child.

Our thoughts are with all families who are currently isolating at home or supporting family members who are suffering from Coronavirus. Please do remember that we are at the end of a phone line if you need somebody to talk to. We look forward to seeing your children back in school soon.



Supporting the local community

Pupils in Upper School have been bringing a smile to the faces of those in our local community over the past week. They visited our local care home and sang to the residents from the driveway. They then went to the windows to speak to individuals and greet them.



In addition they posted notes through doors of houses close to the school to inform them when they would be walking past so that they could wave and

say hello. Lots of homeowners were pleased to see them and came to their windows or doorways to wave and speak to the children. We have received several messages of gratitude from local residents. Thank you to Upper School for thinking of our local community and brightening their day!

Carols Round the Christmas Tree



You will have noted from our letter earlier this week that we had proposed a change of date for this event. It is with great sadness that I need to inform families that this event will now need to be cancelled. As we emerge from lockdown next week into Tier Two, it will not be possible for us to hold a large social gathering, even with safety measures in place. We were all very much looking forward to this event and are therefore very sad about the need to cancel. We will however explore an alternative way for parents to join us in some festive singing.

Watch this space



Next week the SLT will meet to plan a full range of Christmas events for the pupils which are COVID secure and safe. We will then write to parents to let you know which events will be happening on which days. Our aim is to give the pupils as much of a

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'Christmas experience' as we can manage under current restrictions.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

The topic in Lower School is celebrations and this week the children have made Divas to celebrate Divali.



They have read the book Kipper's Birthday and made a birthday card for Kipper. In science they have been matching baby animals to their mummies. In music the children have been exploring the sounds made by a range of instruments and have tried to name them.



Middle School

The Middle School pupils have been very crafty this week with lots of heart art activities.



In PSHE they have learnt about road safety and then been off site to practice in a real life situation. In literacy they have written their own advent promise. They have also made a class advent calendar. In maths they have been learning to sequence and order, while in PE they have been working on aiming a ball at a target.



Upper School

The Upper School are enjoying their new topic entitled 'Journeys'. In history they found out about Ellen MacArthur who sailed around the world in her yacht.



In our black history studies, the children learned about Mae Carol Jemison who was the first black woman to go into space.

In Maths, the pupils have been learning about fractions and how to spend money when shopping. I am sure they can you help you with this over the weekend!



Heart Week



I will leave you with some pictures of the pupils taking part in their hearts activities this week. They have taken part in a 'heart hunt', made heart shaped birdfeeders, cooked heart shaped foods, created all sorts of heart shaped art work and hung hearts around the school with special messages. We have learnt some heart related Makaton signs.

Middleton News

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. We have been **overwhelmed by the generosity** of our families. We are not yet sure of our grand total raised but will let you know in the next newsletter. We do know that our families have been very kind and supportive, at time when many of us are facing hardship so we thank you from the bottom of our hearts – excuse the pun!

If you should need to contact the school regarding a COVID related concern over the weekend then please remember that you can;

e mail the school on sharron.graffato@middleton.herts.sch.uk

or

admin@middleton.herts.sch.uk

Or leave a message on Mrs Graffatos phone;
07740410650

Enjoy the heart photos . . .

Have a lovely weekend

Debbie Hartley



Hearts week at Middleton



