



### Welcome Back!



Hello to all of you and welcome back to as near a resemblance to normality as we can muster during current restrictions. It has been a complete joy to welcome all children and staff back into school this week and we all send a big 'Hello' and a virtual hug to our pupils and staff who must still remain in isolation at home.

### EASTER RAFFLE



We hope to spread a little cheer this term with our annual Easter raffle. The children get very excited at the prospect of a winning ticket and who doesn't like a bit of chocolate egg?! If you are happy to donate an Easter gift to the raffle then please can you send it into school by next Friday – the 19<sup>th</sup> March. This will allow us to place the items 'in quarantine' until the raffle is drawn the following week.

We will send home a letter, detailing how your family can purchase raffle tickets.

### Science and Technology Fun Day



On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March we have planned a special day of fun activities for the pupils. The purpose of the day is to re-engage pupils

with the science and technology curriculum, and reignite a passion for learning through investigation. We will be visited by the Education Group who will work with each class, demonstrating exciting and practical experiments. In addition, pupils will engage in a range of fun activities with the class team.

### Upper School Plea

The Upper School pupils will be taking part in junk modelling activities over the next few weeks and would really appreciate any boxes or containers that you may include in your recycling. Please can you send any donations into school at the start of the week so that we may place them 'in quarantine'.

### Dinners and milk!



We have welcomed a new cook to the school and her name is Claire. Lots of staff and children have already complimented her on her delicious dinners. If you would like your child to have a school dinner, and they do not currently access free school meals, then please let the school know and place the relevant credit on your school gateway account. In addition, you will receive a letter today with regard to next term's school milk for pupils.

### Tales From The Chalkface!

#### Lower School

The children in Lower School have begun studying a new topic; Traditional Tales. They will be exploring a range of stories over the next two weeks including The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Ugly Duckling and Jack and the Beanstalk. Pupils this week are enjoying returning to school and taking part in lots of practical lessons such as dance, music and art.



#### Middle School

The Middle School pupils are enjoying a new topic 'Plants and Growing'. The children are learning the names of spring flowers and identifying them in the environment. They are learning about the different parts of a plant and will soon be planting and growing their own sunflower. The pupils have shared the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, and have planted beans. I wonder if anyone will grow one as tall as Jack's!



We have also welcomed a new pupil to Middle School this term. Ryley has joined the Toucans class and is already busy making friends and settling into his new school.

## Upper School

The Upper School topic is currently 'Our Growing World'. Next week, the pupils will be exploring polar ice caps within their geography theme of differing global environments. The children have had a focus on their number and literacy skills as they have returned to school this week. Food technology continues to be a popular lesson and we hope that you enjoy the scones they will bring home today!

## Key Dates

Just a quick reminder of some term dates to assist with family schedules! End of term is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** and the school will close at **1.15pm** on this day. The school will reopen to pupils for Summer term on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Please note that on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April the school will close at 1.15pm to allow for whole school staff training.**

## Covid Symptoms

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](mailto:sharron.graffato@middleton.herts.sch.uk)

Or leave a message on Mrs Graffatos phone;  
07740410650

Please do let us know ASAP if a member of your household should test positive so that we may complete track and trace procedures.

## Congratulations!

I would like to finish today by congratulating each and every one of our families for the hard work and support you offered during our time spent at home with remote learning. We do appreciate how challenging the past two months have been, but have also been amazed at the wonderful work we have seen the children completing. I am sure you are relieved that your time as supply teachers has reached an end but we must acknowledge the heroic efforts put in by many of our parents. We will finish by sharing some photos of the achievements of pupils across the school while home learning. Enjoy the photos . . .

Have a lovely weekend, and make the most of being spoiled ( or doing the spoiling!) on Mothering Sunday!

*Debbie Hartley*



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