

# Middleton News



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### Focus Week



Wow! What an amazing week we have all had! Today you are receiving a special edition newsletter which shares the joys and jubilation of our first Focus week of the year! The theme of the week was leadership skills and team work. The Focus Week was planned partly as a response within our Covid Recovery Plan. It has been the first time that we have mixed with some pupils and staff beyond our own class bubbles as we have begun to meet peers from within our department.

There have also been two opportunities for the whole school to come face to face within planned events outside on the field, which has been very exciting! I will share with you some of the events from the week;

> Snack café in penguins class taking sandwich orders and serving!





Owls class playing team games



Follow the leader and race winners in Robins





Tower building in Middle School



Tug of war!



Assault Course







Upper School den building



Eagles Partner work





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Kestrels Partner work



Kingfishers Partner work





On Thursday afternoon the whole school met on the field, in our class bubbles, to take part in team games











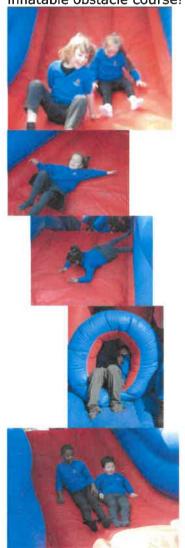
On Friday morning the Upper School pupils went off site to an outdoor



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While the children back at school enjoyed an inflatable obstacle course!



Friday afternoon the whole school joined together on the field to reflect upon the week and enjoy a visit from the ice cream van!



It has truly been a fabulous week and such a joy to be able to mix a little more ( within guidelines) among our

school community. The children were amazing and learnt a lot about themselves, as well as their team, during the week. Well done!

## Reports and EHCP Reviews

Unless your child is in Year Five and so has already reviewed their EHCP, you will be currently receiving documentation to prepare you for your child's forthcoming EHCP review meeting. Your class teacher will be in touch to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet ( still virtually at the moment I'm afraid) and you will receive your child's school report home. I will be sending out an email to all families this week, which explains how the assessment framework - the M Scales - works here at Middleton.

## Information and Attachments

I am attaching to this newsletter two information leaflets which have been shared with us. The first refers to supporting children to remain safe while participating in online gaming.

The second is information regarding a dance club which is aimed at children with SEND. A few of our pupils have already attended and have enjoyed it. It may be something of interest to your family.

Let's hope that the weather picks up and we start to see a little more sunshine!
Have a great week.

Debbie Hartley

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# Safer Gaming for children with SEND

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am – 11.30am GMT

#### Parents of children with SEND tell us:

The only time they giggle and laugh is when they are gaming

My child is normally so quiet but he talks nonstop when he's gaming

In this interactive workshop, delivered via Zoom, we will discuss:

- the benefits of gaming for children and young people with SEND
- how to reduce the risks associated with gaming for children and young people with SEND
- Is this game suitable for my child?
- Time Management

Tickets £5.80. Book on Eventbrite - <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safer-gaming-for-children-with-send-tickets-153312039437">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safer-gaming-for-children-with-send-tickets-153312039437</a>

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# COMING SOON...BRANCHI

Fun and friendly dance classes for those with SEND and additional needs

Term starts Thursday 15th April!

COVID-19 secure classes

A sensory movement class that uses props, music, and dance-based activities to improve social interaction and expand a child's imagination! Age guidance 4-6 for those with suspected or diagnosed additional needs.

£4 | 3:30-4:00 | Thursdays

A creative dance class using activities and routines to explore different dance styles and build children's confidence in performing! Age guidance 7+ with an SEND.

Thursdays | 4:15-5:00 | £6.50

Imagine & Move Pioneer Hall

Ware Road Hertford SG13 7DZ Magic Movers

Imagination Dance
Community Interest Company

Registration essential:

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