



Middleton News



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Greetings



It has been lovely to meet so many families since the start of term. Thank you to all of the new families who came to our welcome evening last week. It was also great to see so many families at 'Meet the Team' on Wednesday evening of this week. I hope that your children enjoyed showing you around their classroom and introducing you to their staff team.

A love of reading

The teaching of reading is very important to us at Middleton School and our aim is to foster a life long love of reading. Each class in the school shares a book with the children each week, which is purely about creating enjoyment and fun. Listed below are the books that each class are enjoying this week, incase you would like to follow this up by reading them at home too!

- Robins** – We're going on a bear hunt.
- Penguins** - We're going on a bear hunt.
- Owls** – How to Catch A Star
- Toucans** – The tiger who came to tea
- Puffins** – Whatever Next
- Swifts** – The smartest giant in town
- Eagles** – Owls Babies
- Kingfishers** – Jack and the baked beanstalk
- Kestrels** – The Creature in the cave.

In Memoriam



Many of the pupils have visited Barclay Park in the offsite learning time to lay flowers and messages in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.



The Puffins class have also been busy creating their own giant collage for us to display in the school.



Communication

We are pleased to welcome two new Speech and Language staff to the school this term, alongside our SALT lead Charlotte Marley. The new therapists are Amy Hillman and Katie Wright.

We are also thrilled with the instalment of our new communication boards at a number of key points in the playground.



These boards are an additional way for pupils to request help on the

playground and to express their wants and feelings.

Thank you

Your child should have come home today with a toy which has kindly been donated by the Pike family. I am sure you will join us in saying a big thank you.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Pupils in Lower School are enjoying their topic on 'Changes.' The have enjoyed exploring the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and from this source have made fruit kebabs in food technology lessons and explored the concept of time in Maths. In science lessons the pupils have been learning about light and dark and how this can be changed.

The children have also explored seasonal change;



This week the pupils in Penguins class recalled their Summer holidays. They went on an imaginary train ride to the seaside and had a lovely day 'on holiday'.



Middle School



The children in Middle School continue to work hard on their topic 'Out of this world!'. In art lessons this week they have designed their own space rockets. In maths lessons the pupils have been learning to add more using a number line and also learning how to order and sequence in measure lessons. They have continued with sequencing skills in their English lessons; sequencing the key components of a familiar story.



The children enjoyed some fun and games in the woods as part of their off site learning. In PE, Mr Wildey has been teaching the children a range of gymnastics positions including the ball and the pole!



Upper School

Upper School pupils continue to explore the topic of 'Beans!'. The children particularly enjoyed the work on the vanilla bean – making vanilla sponge cakes, looking for items containing vanilla in Sainsburys and also going to the ice cream shop to taste vanilla ice cream!



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This week the focus is upon kidney beans, and the children have been learning about Peru where they are grown. In Science the children have been growing their own beans and also learning how to classify different plants. In Art lessons, the pupils have been printing using leaves and a roller technique.



Jeans for Genes!

Today was Jeans for Genes day, raising funds for the Charity Genetic Disorders UK. Staff and pupils attended school wearing denim for a donation

Dates for the diary

Saturday September 24th; Family Picnic – lots of families have purchased tickets for the event this Saturday. We are hoping for a dry day! Please do bring your own rugs, chairs, food etc. There will be hot dogs and refreshments on sale and also a small children's raffle. We look forward to seeing you there!

Friday 14th October – Harvest Festival – more info to follow.

Have a lovely weekend – I shall be writing to you again in October! Didn't the first few weeks rush by quickly?! Many thanks

Debbie Hartley