



Welcome to Spring?!

We are now at the start of March and the bulbs are all about to bloom, and yet the weather is not feeling very 'Spring like'! In fact, we are being warned of potential severe weather next week – with an added possibility of ice and snow



If there is a need to close the school due to adverse weather, then we always try to make this decision as early as possible as we are aware of the issues surrounding transport and alternative child care for our families. We will initially convey this information through a text message so please ensure that the school office has your up to date mobile number and that you check your phone for a message. Fingers crossed the snow will avoid us in Hertfordshire!



You will be aware that this week we celebrated World Book Day within schools across the country. Pupils at Middleton also enjoyed this event. On Wednesday we enjoyed a performance of the Jungle Book from a visiting theatre company. On Thursday we invited pupils to come to school wearing colours to support our story Focus of 'The Day The Crayons Quit'. It was great to see such vibrant colours across the school and also to see the work that each class undertook to support their understanding of the story.



Building works during half term week

We were excited to see the arrival of our new classroom over half term (in four pieces!)



It was an industrious week throughout the school and various tasks were completed; including some additional CCTV installation. We will be updating our privacy policy as a result and will place this on the school website.

Parents at Jolly Time

Today we welcomed our first parents to our Jolly Time activities and pupils from Owls class and Kestrels class were thrilled to share these activities with their family members.

We look forward to welcoming more of you over the coming weeks and hope that you enjoy these sessions with your children.

Focus Week

The week commencing the 13th March will be our Focus Week with a theme of 'Circus Skills'. We will enjoy visiting performances, learn some new skills ourselves as well as create our own circus performance 'Big Top Bonanza'. The dates for performances will be Monday 20th March and Tuesday 21st March – put them in your diary!

Checking Bags!

Please remember to check your child's book bag and home/ school book for letters and messages when they arrive home each day. We are aware that some pupils have a bulge of letters that have not been taken from their bags and as such have concerns that parents may not be aware of upcoming events or receive important information.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

This week the children in Lower School have begun a new topic entitled 'People who help us.' They will be visiting various providers such as doctors and dentists as well as receiving a visit from the fire brigade as part of this topic.

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Pupils in Robins class this week considered Healthy Eating and made some beautiful paintings of fruit they had selected.



In Maths the children have been learning about shape; both 2D and 3D.



Middle School

Pupils in Middle School began work on their new topic entitled 'Blooming Plants'.

They have been observing and labelling the different parts of a plant.



They have also completed some excellent observational drawings using acetate sheets;



In Science lessons the children have been learning about the terms 'squash' and 'stretch' when describing properties of materials.



Upper School

Pupils in Upper School have started work on their new topic 'Our Growing World'. This week they have also begun a design project – creating designs for a new futuristic school bus. The pupils shared some great ideas.



Writing groups this week created an opportunity for the pupils to write a letter on behalf of one their crayons as per the focus story book.



Middleton News

A firm favourite in cooking lessons this week was the creation of apple crumble!



Thank you to those families who attended training last week to encourage independence in our pupils. Please do let the school know if you would like any resources made to support you in this venture.

Dates for the diary

Week commencing 13th

March – Focus Week

20th 21st March School Show

22nd March – Kingswood Talk

Have a lovely weekend – wrap up warm and don't turn the heating off yet!

Take care

Debbie Hartley

