



It's hard to believe that we have only a few more days left until the end of the Spring term! When we return it is officially the Summer term – let's hope that we start to see some Summer weather! We are enjoying the Spring flowers and have also enjoyed watching some baby chicks hatch in the upper School department.



### Easter Raffle

The annual Easter egg raffle will be drawn in our Easter assembly this Thursday. Tickets can still be purchased via Gateway and cost £1 each.



Please note that the end of term is Thursday afternoon. Transport pick up is 1.05pm and parent pick up is 1.15pm. We return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### Parents on the playground

We will be revisiting this event due to its popularity when we ran it two years ago. The week of 10<sup>th</sup> June, parents will be invited to join us on the playground at lunchtime. Specific dates and details will follow after Easter.

### Tales From The Chalkface!

#### Lower School

Lower School are enjoying their new topic 'Creatures great and small'. They have spent some time studying mini-beasts and created their own mini-beasts from play doh. They also used some science lessons to sort animals into categories such as birds, reptiles and insects. Pupils have been learning how to spread and cut when making their own sandwiches.



In writing groups, pupils are growing in independence and confidence with their mark making skills



#### Middle School

The children in Middle School have been very industrious with their new topic 'The Vikings'. This week they have made their own Viking shield based upon their own designs;



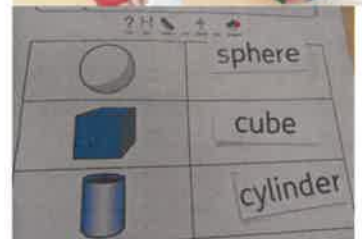
The pupils have also designed their own Viking long boats and then followed their design to make them from clay and a range of design materials.



In PE lessons the pupils have learnt a traditional Viking wedding dance;



The pupils have been learning about 3D shape in maths lessons.



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### Upper School

Upper School pupils are well underway with their topic; 'Right and Wrong'. They have been learning about the effects of 'bullying' and discussing how this can be eradicated.



In Science lessons the pupils have been learning about the life cycle of a frog;



In drama lessons we are exploring the Christian story of Easter. We are exploring how some of the central characters were feeling and whether we consider their actions to have been 'right' or 'wrong'.

## GOODBYE

Sadly we continue to say 'Goodbye' to members of Middleton staff as we break up for the Easter holidays. Kayleigh Bracalielo (Herons class) is moving to a new position, while Justyna Sugg ( M Team) is moving to begin a new life in Wales! Marisa Skrjanec (Kestrels) is taking a new role at Southfield school. We wish all of them the best of luck in their new roles and thank them for their dedication to Middleton.

## Community News

**Easter Fun Day** – 30<sup>th</sup> March - 1.30- 3.15pm  
The Priory – High St Ware.  
Please see the flyer sent by email if you would like more information about this event.

**Easter Egg Hunt** –  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30 -4.30 Parliament Square, Hertford.

### Dates for the diary

**Thursday 28th March** –  
Break up for the Easter holidays 1.05pm. ( Parent pick up 1.15pm)  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** –  
pupils return to school.  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – INSET  
school closed to pupils  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – FOCUS WEEK

Wishing everyone an amazing Easter break – fingers crossed for some sunshine ( and a little chocolate) !

Warm regards

*Debbie Hartley*

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