



Middleton News



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SORRY!

Apologies for the late edition of this newsletter – unfortunately I succumbed to the sickness bug at the end of last week and so am now busy trying to catch up!

Hello

We welcome several new staff members to the school this half term. All four new teaching assistants; Miss Daniels, Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Massey and Ms Walls have settled quickly into life at Middleton. Welcome to the team!

Sponsored Walk

Today we enjoyed participating in our annual sponsored walk. This event is lots of fun but also raises funds for both Comic Relief and Middleton School. Your child will be able to bring home their score sheet today so that you can be proud of them and also complete sponsorship forms. Please send any money raised into school (via Gateway or cash) so that we can support both good causes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We are always keen to celebrate birthdays in school with your children and very much appreciate birthday cakes that are sent into school to share with the class. However, can we just remind parents that we do have pupils with food intolerances and allergies. Please do not send in cakes with nuts as an ingredient. It is helpful if you send a cake in the original box so that we can check the ingredient list. If it is a home made cake – well done! – but also can you send into school a list of ingredients.

Let's communicate!

We are aware that for most of our families, we do not see you face to face on

a daily basis. Therefore we recognise that the home/school books are an invaluable communication tool. Teachers aim to write to families most days to report upon the progress and key events of their child. There are some days when time has been short and this is not possible but anything that is of notable concern will always be communicated to parents either via the book or a telephone call.

Please do use this book to communicate with staff in school in a similar way. It is really important that you let us know about things that happen at home so that we can respond appropriately to the individual needs of your child.

SPORTS DAY

We need to let families know about a **change of date** for our Sports Day this Summer. This will now be held on the afternoon of **Monday 14th July** (with a reserve date of Friday 18th July.)

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

The pupils in Lower School this half term are enjoying their topic 'People Who Help Us'. Pupils in the M Team have also enjoyed some of these activities. Pupils visited the local veterinary surgery and also a doctors surgery. They enjoyed practising some

skills observed when back in school!



The pupils have also been planting seeds and learning about what plants need to grow.



Middle School

Middle School are continuing with their new topic 'Blooming Plants'. The pupils have been writing their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk.



This week the children made stuffed peppers in cooking lessons.



The pupils have been busy planting beans of their own!



Upper School

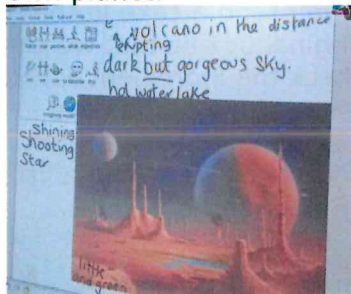
Pupils in Upper School are enjoying their topic 'Our Growing World'. They have explored the habitats of a range of animals and produced some excellent art work.



The pupils have also been mixing colours in art lessons to create tone in these lovely flowers;



In English lessons the pupils have been writing about worlds beyond our own planet!



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The pupils have made their own bird feeders.



In drama lessons this week the pupils used a range of props to help them to become storytellers!



Number groups and Writing groups

Although our pupils spend time with their class groups they also experience lessons in ability groups. This week children have enjoyed number and writing groups across the school.





Community News

You may be aware that Fanshawe swimming pool has been closed. We have been contacted by 'Friends of Fanshawe' – a group of volunteers who are campaigning to reopen the pool as a community run, not for profit facility. If you can share this information with friends and family, the crowd funding page is <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/save-fanshawe-swimming-pool-and-gym>

Dates for the diary

18th March – 6.30pm Yr6 residential meeting
Friday 4th April 1pm
 End of term.

I hope that all of our families enjoy the weekend – fingers crossed the sun will be shining!

Warm regards

Debbie Hartley



