



Middleton News



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I hope you all had a lovely festive break. We have had a fantastic start to the new term. The children have returned to school eager and ready to learn.

School Car Park

A polite request that parents please turn off their vehicles while parked on our school site during drop-off and pick-up times. Idling cars can create safety concerns and air quality issues for children and staff who are nearby.

Attendance

We are aware that from time to time there may be problems on the road and you may arrive a little late in school dropping off your child. If this is the case please wait in the lay by until a staff member is able to let you onto the playground. If you are significantly late then you may need to bring your child through the front door. Any pupil who arrives once the registers are closed will be marked as late and this is also an unauthorised absence. It is for this reason that the office may ask you the reason that you are late so that it can be logged on our system. We hope that this is a rare occurrence and that we welcome you

onto the playground with peers at the start of the day.
Thank you for your understanding.



We are looking for parent volunteers to help with reading and off site visits. Please let the school office know if you would like to be added to the list of parents we can call upon when needed.

Tales From The Chalkface! Lower School



Lower school have had an exciting start to the new term. They had their first PE lesson during rotation in the school hall with Mr Wildey which went very well. In Maths the children have started to look at identifying numbers. As part of their topic work, the children have started learning about different

countries. So far, they have explored England and Australia. To support their learning, they have taken part in practical activities, including making scones and anzac biscuits, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Middle School



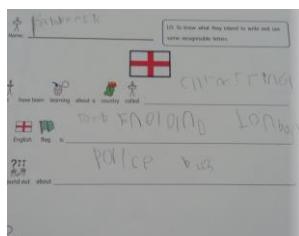
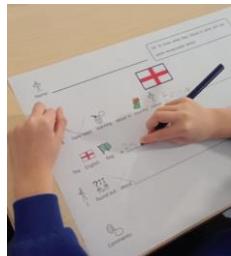
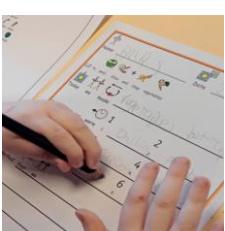
Middle School have been very creative and produced some fantastic artwork linked to their current topic which is Settlements. They were challenged to design and build a house or town using a variety of materials, including sticks, string, wool, and cardboard. This project is still a work in progress, so keep an eye out for the finished creations, which will be shared at a later date.

Upper School



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Upper School have been doing some amazing learning about the Tudors. As part of their topic, they created a delicious Tudor pottage and baked traditional Tudor biscuits. In Drama the pupils have been 'Exploring Rivalry' as part of their learning on Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet.



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Dates for the diary

Tuesday 27th January-

Clacton information evening. Year 2 parents only.

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February.

Half term

Friday 27th February

1pm Close

Newsletter

Going forward, we will no longer be sending paper copies of our school newsletter. Instead, the newsletter will be sent via email as usual. As a school, we are always looking for ways to reduce our paper usage and do our bit for the environment, and this is one area where we feel we can make a positive improvement. That said, if you have difficulty accessing the electronic version and would still like to receive a paper copy, this will of course not be a problem. Please let the school office know and we will be happy to arrange this for you.

We are hoping for a 'rain free' weekend so that everyone can get out and about! We are halfway through January moving in the right direction! Have a great weekend

Regards

Debbie Hartley

