



Middleton News



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Jolly Time

We have just started a new round of Jolly Time activities for the Spring Term. The children are enjoying lots of exciting new opportunities and activities to try. Some of the new clubs on offer this term include French knitting, Top Trumps, Running, Babies, Handball, and Sensory Exploration.



Term Time Holiday Requests

Parents are reminded that any request for holiday leave during term time must be submitted using the holiday request form. This can be found on the school website at the bottom of the homepage under Downloads.

Please note: any requests submitted after the requested date will be automatically recorded as unauthorised, regardless of the reason given.

Tales From The Chalkface! Lower School

Pupils in Lower School have continued learning about different countries around the world. They have explored Italy and Australia in lessons over the past few weeks!



The pupils have been practising how to write their name;



They have also been learning about different animals – farm, animals, wild animals, sea animals;



Middle School

In PE lessons Middle School pupils have been learning how to balance using their arms as support.



They have also been exploring healthy eating and trying a range of vegetables – passing an opinion as to whether they like them or not!



In art lessons they have made some fantastic self portraits!



All Middle School classes visited Liverpool Street Station this week and had an amazing time. Staff were very impressed with their excellent safe behaviour.



Upper School

The pupils in Upper School have been learning about Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and have re-enacted key scenes!



The pupils have also been designing hats and creating them.



They have continued to make Tudor dishes in Cooking lessons which you will have sampled!



Ofsted

You may have seen in the media that Ofsted is now working under a new framework. This has led to some significant changes in outcomes for schools. The categories 'good' and 'outstanding' no longer exist and most schools will now be graded as 'expected standard'. We are not imminently due an inspection, but I will keep you up to date with what to expect from the new framework.

Can you help us improve our outside areas?



We're working hard to make our outdoor spaces even more fun, engaging, and creative for the children — and we need your help! We're looking for reusable items and resources that can be used. If you have any of the following (or know someone who might), we'd be incredibly grateful: some of the items we are looking for include; Wooden planks, Plastic pipes, Cable reels, Tyres, Wooden or plastic crates, Wooden sleepers, Pallets, Old pots & pans, Wooden sleepers...and more! Whether you have the items yourself, know a local contact or business that might be able to help, or have ideas for sourcing useful outdoor play materials — please get in touch!

Email: clubs@middleton.herts.sch.uk

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We still have a few tickets available for our Foms Disco on Wednesday 11th February. Tickets can be purchased via school gateway.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 11th

February - Disco

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February.

Half term

Friday 27th February

1pm Close

Monday 2nd March Dance Festival – More details will be given to children attending at a later date.

Please note the above early 1pm close on Friday 27th February due to staff safeguarding training.

Taxi pick-up: 1:00pm

Parent/carer pick-up: 1:10pm

Let's hope that the rain stops (Sunday is supposed to be brighter!) so that we can get outside.
Have a great weekend
Regards

Debbie Hartley