



# Middlefield Primary Academy

## Head's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yes... it's still January! Tomorrow marks the 1st of February, and before we know it, the year will be flying by!

This week, Year 6 had the chance to take over my assembly on Monday, where they shared their experience of the Young Voices concert with the rest of the school. They even treated us to some lovely singing, which was a real joy to witness! They really did have the best time. Thank you to Mrs Hunt, Mr Smith and Mrs Shanahan for working well past your contracted hours!

It was also lovely seeing the children fully engaged in their after-school clubs this week. I must admit, the Coding Club did slightly scare me, but the enthusiasm and excitement from the children was infectious. I would stick to art club and finger painting!

Our Mental Health Support Team returned this week to work with Year 5 as part of their Brain Buddies scheme. This program focuses on helping children develop key skills for understanding and regulating their emotions. The children have been learning self-care, self-calming, and thinking strategies, including problem-solving techniques—tools that will benefit them both now and in the future.



Yesterday after school, 4 Year 6 pupils took part in the English Primary Challenge, a competition testing knowledge of books, grammar, word games and spelling. In a tense, exciting event, with 5 other local schools represented, our fabulous team of Millie, Jessica, Oliver and Rowan ended up winners and will now represent Middlefield at the County Final! Well done, team!!

We've received some more concerns from parents about children's safety while riding scooters and bikes to school. If your child comes to school on their own, please do take a moment to remind them about the importance of safety.

We would like to remind everyone about the importance of safety when parking around the school premises. Please refrain from parking near the school gates. This area has previously been identified as a safety hazard, with some near misses occurring. We ask that you find an alternative parking space to help keep all our children and families safe.

Additionally, following my email earlier this week, we kindly ask for your continued consideration when parking around the school. Please avoid parking over driveways or in areas like Balmoral Way, where it can cause inconvenience to residents and create further traffic issues.

Thank you all for your continued support, and here's to a great February ahead!

Best Wishes and keep safe,

Mrs Besant and all of Middlefield Children and staff and, of course, Pip-pa.





# OUTDOOR LEARNING



We have been busy over the past few weeks preparing two new beds in the allotment. We have moved our strawberry and pumpkins beds over and we have added lots of soil improver to the beds, we are hoping for plenty of fresh strawberries in the summer. We have also used tools to prune the fruit bushes, the red currant, blackcurrant, whitecurrant, gooseberries and raspberries.

They have all had a good trim, hopefully making them produce even more fruit later in the year. If we can get to the fruit before the birds we have plans to make Middlefield jam.



Our school parliamentarians spent a wet lunch time inside potting up some houseplants. Mrs. Catchpole kindly let us divide her Chinese money plant, there were enough for each class and timed perfectly for celebrating lunar new year. We also potted up some more aloe vera pups and spiderettes.

Having houseplants at school not only brighten up our classrooms, offices and staff room, they improve the air quality and create a calming environment for pupils and staff, while also teaching responsibility and promoting environmental awareness.



# Our Achievements



## Diamond Learner Awards

| Year   | Name     |
|--------|----------|
| EYFS   | Kane     |
| Year 1 | Arthur   |
| Year 2 | Victor   |
| Year 3 | Matilda  |
| Year 4 | Maya     |
| Year 5 | Harrison |
| Year 6 | Frankie  |

## The Diamond Achievement

Award goes to

EYFS

Finley

Well done!

Our whole school attendance is 90

The Attendance Cup goes to...

|     | Class | %    |
|-----|-------|------|
| 1st | Yr6   | 99   |
| 2nd | Yr5   | 97.7 |
| 3rd | Yr2   | 97   |
| 4th | Yr3   | 96.4 |
| 5th | Yr4   | 95.9 |
| 6th | Yr1   | 92   |
| 7th | EYFS  | 87.7 |



Flash, our 100%

Attendance Husky goes to Miss Jarvis!

Well done and

Keep it up !!

# Family Advisor

## Lorraine Simon

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

## Appointments in school

Individual Appointments for Middlefield Primary Academy parents:

Appointments available on the following Mondays, from 9am.

14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

11<sup>th</sup> November

10<sup>th</sup> February

9<sup>th</sup> June

9<sup>th</sup> December

10<sup>th</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> July

To make an appointment, please ask at the school office,  
or contact your linked worker for an alternative appointment time

*Appointments are being held back in school, but families may need to be aware of any restriction if the Coronavirus situation changes.  
Appointments may need to be held via Microsoft Teams.*



### February

Thursday 13th 2.45pm Year 5 Class assembly

17th–21st—Half term

### March

Friday 7th- Y1&2 History of the page Toys Day (Letter to follow soon)

Monday 10th—SEND Parent Meetings—NEW DATE

Monday 24th & Thursday 27th—Parent Meetings—NEW DATES

Thursday 27th -Year 4 Class Assembly

### April

Mon 7th- Mon 21st Easter Hols

22nd April—training day, children back Wednesday 23rd

Wednesday 23rd-Friday 25th—Y4 Grafham Residential

### May

Monday 5th—May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th—Year 3 Class Assembly

Monday 12th- Thursday 15th—Year 6 SATS

26th—30th— May Half Term

### June

Monday 2nd—Staff Training Day—No School

Tuesday 3rd—Children back to School

Tuesday 24th - Sports Day KS2 am—KS1 -pm

### July

Wednesday 16th—Friday 18th—Y6 Hilltop Residential

Wednesday 23rd—Last day of Term