

Middlefield Primary Academy

Head's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

'Be the best you can be!'



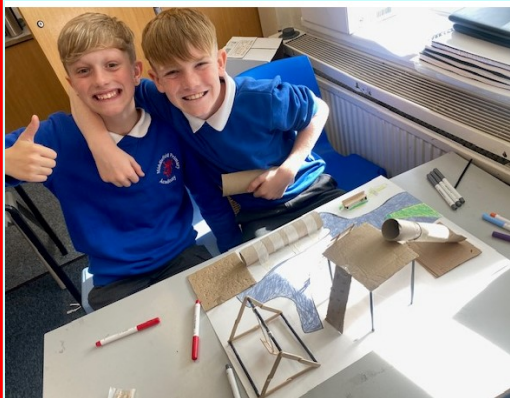
Dear Parents and Carers,



Something VERY exciting happened on Wednesday...ITV came to Middlefield! Mrs Lovelock our Curriculum lead put on her best voice and represented Middlefield. Some shots were taken of our outdoor learning environment and some of the children took part in the hidden nature challenge! We will let you know when it will be aired on TV! We think it will be aired October 30, but things could change closer to the time.

It's 6pm on ITV1. You can also catch up on their website: <https://www.itv.com/news/anglia>

The favourite part of my day is interrupting the classes and find out what the children are learning (I'm not sure it's the teachers favourite part but...!) The Year 2's were engrossed during their D&T session with Mrs Needham. They had to design and create a functional Ferris wheel and learn how different components fit together so that the wheel rotates and the structure stands freely! Wow! It's lovely listening in to the conversations they have.



Also in D&T—Year 6 have been designing a playground featuring a variety of different structures, giving consideration to how the structures will be used! Frankie and Harry are very pleased with theirs!



Thank you so much supporting the school yet again with the book fair. You helped raise £700 for new books for our Box and Library of Wonders! We are so thrilled with this! Thank you!

On Tuesday afternoon, Middlefield hosted the Trust Tag Rugby tournament. After some extremely competitive matches played in the right spirit, Round House came out on top, with Middlefield's team coming in a creditable 3rd. Well done team!!

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to fill in the parent questionnaire. We had over a hundred responses—that's the most ever! We all really appreciate this as it's a good way to improve. I will send out a summary after half term—I won't be able to send out the surveys as a whole as some have mentioned children's names in the comments.

Next week we have our parents evenings. Please ensure you have booked an appointment. Please be very honest with your child's class teacher about any struggles you may have—believe it or not, they might be able to help! :)

Best Wishes, keep safe

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



Our Achievements



Diamond Learner Awards

Year	Name
EYFS	Evie
Year 1	Teddy
Year 2	Arya
Year 3	Charlie J
Year 4	Reuben
Year 5	Oscar T
Year 6	Edward

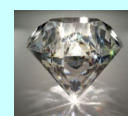
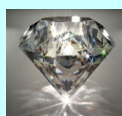
The Diamond Achievement

Award goes to...

Year 2

William!

Well done!



Our whole school attendance is 95.4%

The Attendance Cup goes to...

	Class	%
1st	EYFS	98
2nd	Y1	97.3
3rd	Y5	96.6
4th	Y2	96.3
5th	Y6	95
6th	Y4	93.8
7th	Y3	92.4



Flash, our 100%
Attendance Husky
goes to Mr Witton!

Well done and
Keep it up !!



OUTDOOR LEARNING



What whirlwind of a week! We had a very exciting visit from ITV Anglia on Wednesday. They were reporting about schools taking part in the National Education Nature Park programme. Thank you to Mrs Lovelock and children for speaking in front of the camera- the children have been inspired, we could have some future Middlefield journalist! This should be aired on 30th October at 6pm.



The National Education Nature Park programme aims to embed nature-based learning in the curriculum, and encourage children and young people all over the country to take action to improve their site for people and wildlife.

To take part in the programme we will be following the 5-step process, we are currently at step one, getting to know our space.



This week, the children have taken part in the hidden nature challenge. They have really enjoyed this activity as it has made them stop and look closely at the environment around them. The challenges were to find:-

A plant in an unexpected place ; a place without nature; a repeated pattern in nature; the smallest sign of nature; something new to you.



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.

14th October 2024

13th January 2025

12th May 2025

11th November

10th February

9th June

9th December

10th March

14th 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.*



October

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th Parent Meetings

Monday 28th–Friday 1st Nov–October Half Term

November

Monday 4th–Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th–Children back to school

Friday 8th–Y3&4 Bikeability

Tuesday 12th–EYFS 2025 Parent Showaround 1.45pm

Monday 18th–PTA Disco

Thursday 21st–EYFS 2025 Parent Showaround 1.45pm

December

Tuesday 3rd–Xmas Fayre 3.13-5pm

Monday 9th–Thursday 12th–Y5&6 Bikeability

Tuesday 10th –EYFS/KS1 Nativity AM & PM

Monday 16th–MF Bake Off

Friday 20th–Last day of term

January

Tuesday 7th- Children back

Thursday 23rd–Year 6 Young Voices @ 02

February

Thursday 13th 2.45pm Year 5 Class assembly

17th–21st–Half term

March

Thursday 13–SEND Parent Meetings

Wednesday 19th–Thursday 20th–Parent Meetings

Thursday 27th -Year 4 Class Assembly

April

Mon 7th- Mon 21st Easter Hols

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



Middlefield Parent Survey

