



Middlefield Primary Academy

Head's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

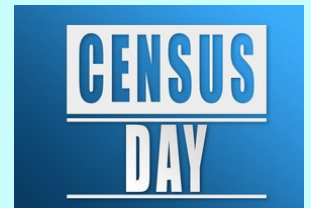
Another week has flown by and what a difference in the weather! We kick started the week with an assembly on Monday to celebrate International Sign Language day. Jenna, Yr 5, shared her knowledge of the alphabet in sign language to the whole school and we heard from a little girl whose parents were both deaf.

It was National Fitness Day on Wednesday and the whole school did some form of exercise. I took KS1 and KS2 to do some Xer5 (5 minutes of exercise). The younger children were fascinated by how much my heart rate increased in 5 minutes. They were absolutely fantastic and they loved the slow squats...I didn't! I got my steps in that day!



On Monday 30th at 7.30 pm the PTA will be holding a meeting at the Ferro Lounge in St Neots. Mr Smith and I will be dialling in on Zoom. **New parents are most welcome to attend!** If you are unable to make the meeting in person, please dial in on the link at 7.40pm <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73178456560?pwd=bbPhkhkvWeQh28NZipbPmMHts0aDLQ.1>

PLEASE HELP US INCREASE OUR SCHOOL FUNDING!! We would love it if EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 could enjoy a school lunch on Thursday 3rd October. Once a term, as part of a census, we are asked to provide the number of children that have a school lunch on a particular date. We are then given funding for the term based on this number. **For every child that does not take up their complimentary school meal, we lose funding.** We are keen to encourage all children in KS1 to have a school meal on this day. *If you are unsure if your child will eat the meal, we are happy for them to try it and bring their own packed lunches too.* Remember KS1 meals are ALWAYS free!



Next Thursday, Actios, a group who regularly tour schools to deliver Christian-based assemblies, are coming to Middlefield to share their Harvest assembly with the children. We welcome you to donate food gifts (tins and packets with a decent best before date) for our harvest table, to arrive in school any day next week before Thursday. The goods will be distributed locally to those in need of support via the Food Bank. Many thanks in anticipation of your contribution.

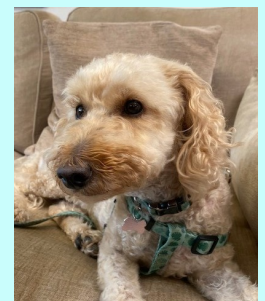


I know I sound like a broken record...but please could you keep an eye on your children (especially toddlers) before school starts. We are still seeing children running up and down the steps. Mr Matthews has seen many nasty accidents on the steps over the years and we really don't want to see anymore. If I could remove the steps I would!

We are offering a termly parents forum where parents decide on the topic to discuss as a school community. The first one is at 4.15-5.15pm on Thursday 3rd October. Parents only to the forum please. We'd like to use this as a chance to build even better relationships between the school and the parent body.

Best Wishes, keep safe

Mrs Besant and all of Middlefield Children and staff and, of course, Pippa



Our Achievements



Diamond Learner Awards

Year	Name
EYFS	Starting soon!
Year 1	Mia
Year 2	Olivia
Year 3	Emily
Year 4	Lily
Year 5	Cora
Year 6	Callum

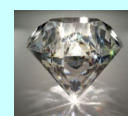
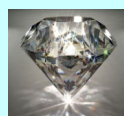
The Diamond Achievement

Award goes to...

Year 5

Joe

Well done!



Our whole school attendance is 96.5%

The Attendance Cup goes to...

	Class	%
1st	Y4	99.1
2nd	EYFS	99
3rd	Y3	98.2
4th	Y6	97
5th	Y2	94.7
6th	Y1	94
7th	Y5	93.3



Flash, our 100%
Attendance Husky
goes to Mr
Moore's!
Well done and
Keep it up !!



OUTDOOR LEARNING



At the end of last week year 4 planted just over 50 strawberry runners. They found a strong runner growing from the mother plant and planted it into a pot. They anchored the runner into the pot using a repurposed paper clip, this is to make sure roots grow strong. Next year we can extend our strawberry patch, replace some older plants and maybe have some extra for the honesty table. The onions have been harvested and will be used in the school kitchen, and we might even make some French onion soup!



This week has been a little unpredictable with the rain so we have taken shelter under the cover. Year 1 and 2 have sown some broad beans in pots, these are now in the poly tunnel where they will slowly grow until we plant them out into

our vegetable beds later in the year. Between the rain showers, we harvested a cauliflower and delivered to Mrs Winn. The children also spotted a cabbage that will be harvested ready for next week's roast dinner on Wednesday.

Miss Jarvis





October

Thursday 3rd—Census Day EYFS& KS1 Eat with Teacher

Thursday 3rd—4.15pm—Parents Forum

Thursday 10th—Individual School Photos

Thursday 17th—SEND Parents Meetings

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th—Parents Meeting

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—New EYFS 2025 Parent Showaround Tour 1.45pm

Thursday 21st -New EYFS 2025 Parent Showaround Tour 1.45pm

December

Monday 9th-Thursday 12th—Y5&6 Bikeability

Tuesday 10th—EYFS/KS1 Nativity Am & Pm

Friday 20th—Last day of term

January

Tuesday 7th- Children back

February

Thursday 13th 2.45pm Year 5 Class assembly

17th—21st—Half term

March

Thursday 27th -Year 4 Class Assembly

April

Mon 7th- Mon 21st Easter Hols

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

23rd—25th Year 4 Grafham residential