

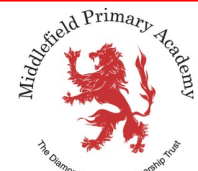


Middlefield Primary Academy

Head's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful week it has been! Sunshine for KS2 PE on Tuesday—what a treat! Please ensure your child has their PE kit for their PE days and please take your child's earrings out. We are not responsible for any earrings getting lost. Some of the children really struggle to take their earrings out and get them back in and it eats into their learning time and can often disrupt the lesson.

The week kicked off with Ceanna and Esther in Year 6 helping me present World Afro Day assembly. This day is dedicated to celebrating the beauty and versatility of Afro hair and promoting the acceptance of natural hairstyles worldwide. The day encourages individuals to embrace their natural hair, celebrate diversity, and promote equality. Thank you girls!

Online homework has started this week. We do offer a homework club which Ms Straker runs on a Monday lunchtime for any children who are struggling to complete homework at home.



Early Readers started yesterday and it was lovely to see so many parents coming in to share a book with your child. Please do not worry if you cannot attend



or if your child struggles with separation anxiety when leaving. They can read with the staff and their peers. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you so much to the EYFS parents for attending the phonics presentation with myself and Mrs Peckham yesterday. We hope you found it useful. We have sent the presentation out today for parents who were unable to attend. Thank you to the teachers for providing a crèche!

Celebration Assembly is back in full flow. We will be inviting EYFS children into this assembly in a couple of weeks starting on 4th October. You will receive an invite from school to attend. It starts at 8.55am and should finish by 9.20 a.m(9.30am if Mr Smith takes it :)) It's a really lovely start to a Friday.



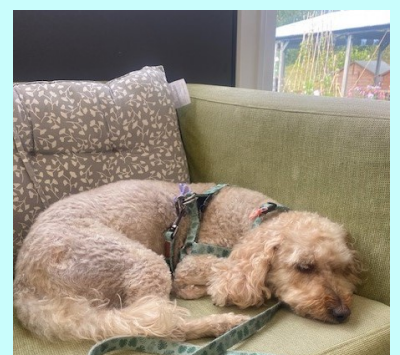
We no longer have a 'school/eco council'.

We now have Middlefield Parliament! In the parliament, we will have a range of ministers. (Eco, sports, Curriculum etc) The Year 6's have the most senior roles of course, with Jessica (Prime Minister), Edward, (Deputy Prime Minister), Millie, (Secretary) and Youssef (Treasurer). Here they are having a meeting in the sun.

We are now asking for a phone call/email to school by 9.15am regarding any children's absence. Absences will be recorded as unauthorised after this time. For further information, please see our updated attendance policy which reflects the new updates.

Best Wishes, keep safe

Mrs Besant and all Middlefield children and staff and, of course, one very sleepy Pippa.



Our Achievements



Diamond Learner Awards

Year	Name
EYFS	Starting soon!
Year 1	Leo N
Year 2	Amber
Year 3	Calie-Jay
Year 4	Toby
Year 5	Olivia
Year 6	Ellie-Mai

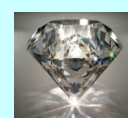
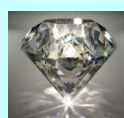
The Diamond Achievement

Award goes to...

Year 6

Eric

Well done!



Our whole school attendance is 97.7%

The Attendance Cup goes to...

	Class	%
1st	EYFS	100
2nd	Y1&2	98.7
3rd	Y6	98
4th	Y4	97.5
5th	Y3	96.2
6th	Y5	95.7



Flash, our 100%
Attendance Husky
goes to Reception
Class !

Well done and
Keep it up !!



OUTDOOR LEARNING



We have had a busy few weeks since returning after the summer holidays. We have been invited to host a Cambridgeshire County Council Forest School networking event in October. Local leaders will have the opportunity to look at around our different learning environments and later discuss how we look after them and measure the ecological impact we make.

Just before the summer break we were approached by Mears who were looking to support a green space project. They visited us and we discussed potential project ideas, we are please to share that we have been successful in receiving a grant with the potential of a further grant later in the year.



A new Middlefield Parliament has been established and the "ministers" have wasted no time at all in sharing their ideas and suggestions. They have completed an environmental review and we can see where improvements can be made this school year.

We have welcomed Year 1 and shown them all the different areas where environmental learning takes place outside...the allotment, the orchard, the compost area, the pond, the woodland, the chickens, the poly tunnel, the wormery and the big field.



Year 5 have continued their Forest School journey this half term. They are experiencing the woodland in a different season to when they were in year 4, that was a very cold and frosty wintery January.

Year 2, 3 & 4 have been investigating how we can grow plants for free. We have collected seeds, divided plants and we are hoping we can propagate from cuttings too.



Miss Jarvis



October

Thursday 10th—Individual School Photos

Monday 28th-Friday 1st Nov—October Half Term

November

Monday 4th—Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th—Children back to school

December

Tuesday 10th—EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2pm

Friday 20th—Last day of term

January

Monday 6th—Staff Training Day

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

May

Thursday 8th 2.45—Year 3 Class Assembly

26th- 30th Half term, (children return Tuesday 3rd June)

June

Tuesday 24th- Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July

Wednesday 16th—Friday 18th—Year 6 Hilltop Residential

24th—Summer holidays