



NEWSLETTER

29th November 2024

A message from our school leaders:

There is a festive buzz around school this week as the preparations for concerts and plays continues. Our choir will be singing at several venues throughout the community over the coming weeks, which the children are very much looking forward to. There are also quite a few festive activities coming up too so please check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter, to ensure you don't miss any key dates.

This week we welcomed Mr Ross Frazer to our school team. Mr Frazer will be teaching Y3/4 over the coming months to cover Miss Humpherson's maternity leave. Miss Humpherson and Mr Frazer have been working collaboratively this week to ensure there is a careful hand over. We wish Miss Humpherson all the very best as she begins her maternity leave today.

Thank you for your support for the Royal British Legion **Poppy** Appeal. The total amount raised was £112.50.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

We **URGENTLY** need new members, to ensure the group can continue on past next year, as 3 of our 7 members will leave in July when their children move on to Secondary School!

You can get in touch with us by dropping us a message on: 07905004299 or via our Facebook page: [@MiddletonFOMS](#), which will keep you up to date with all we have planned!

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)

BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](#).

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check to books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](#)

BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	95.1%
Year 1+2	95.4%
Year 3+4	93.7%
Year 5+6	92.3%



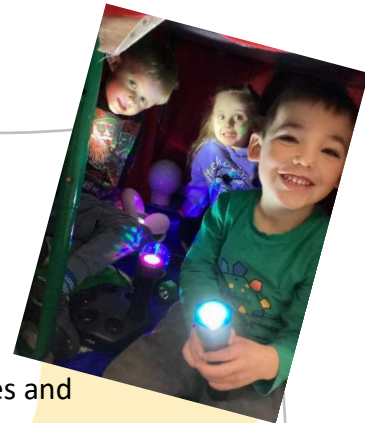
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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been exploring light in line with this week's book, 'The Dark'. Together, we have looked at different types of light sources such as, streetlights, car lights, candles and lamps. We set up a dark space in the classroom where our Nursery pupils have loved exploring, using torches, battery operated candles and other objects that light up.



RECEPTION

This week in maths, Reception have been adding one more to numbers 1 to 5. They have enjoyed playing a board game with their friends, where they added one more and sorting number blocks into the correct order.

Our book of the week, 'The Blue Balloon' has been our main focus in English. The children have enjoyed predicting where the balloon will take the boy and what will happen next.

In science, Reception have been looking at magnetic properties. We made magnetic sensory bottles where the children put magnetic objects into the bottle and used a magnet from the outside to move them around.

During history, we compared old vehicles to new ones. We looked at the similarities and differences before matching images of the old vehicles to the new.





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Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabe and Miss Spenceley

This week, Year 1 + 2 have been reading the text – 'The Pirates Next Door'. We discussed how we would feel if pirates moved next door to us. The children had a range of opinions about this.

In maths, we have come to the end of our addition and subtraction topic. The children have completed these methods well and will be moving on to multiplication (Year 2) and position (Year 1) next week.

In our history lesson, we looked at a significant person who has made an impact near to our area - Alan Shearer. We found out all about him and what he has done for football and North East communities with his charity work. The children created some fantastic posters all about Alan Shearer.

During science, we looked at what humans need to stay alive. This included oxygen, water, food, shelter, sleep and medicines. We thought about how this compares to things we 'want' but don't necessarily need.

During computing, we continued with our algorithms to make an object appear and disappear, using programming skills.

At the end of the week, we looked at still life paintings and the different hues we could see in them. We then mixed powder paint to make the hues that we could see.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

Year 3 and 4 have been welcoming their new teacher, Mr Frazer, this week and are really looking forward to spending the rest of the year with him as part of our school.

In writing lessons, the children have been working on their narrative about Lucy entering the Woleb in the Creakers, and ensuring to use fronted adverbials, pronouns and conjunctions in their stories.

During maths lessons, the children have been learning how to multiply 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number and learning a column method to support their working out.

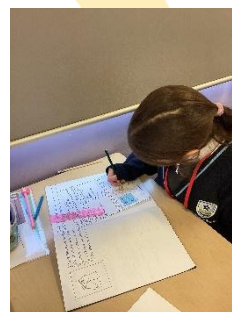
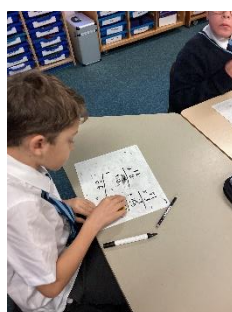
In geography, we looked at the different ways which rivers are used and created some leaflets to show what we had learnt from our research.

The children are all looking forward to making their treasure boxes, which they have designed this week in DT.

We have been looking at 'Online Safety' again this week and understanding how to have safe online relationships by being respectful, and understanding how to avoid unsafe situations or how to deal with them if they occur.

It has been an absolute joy teaching this class over the last few months/years, and I am sad to be saying goodbye for now, but I will keep touch and look forward to returning in the next academic year. Thank you for all of your amazing support and well wishes for me and the baby, I will try my best to pop in when I can. I wish you all the best and thank you again,

Miss Humpherson. X





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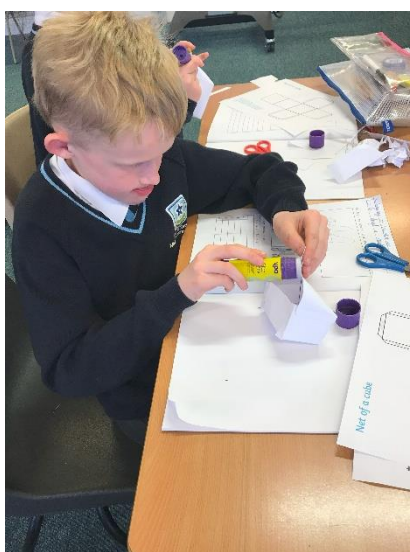
Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, we have continued to read our class novel, 'The Explorer', captivating the class about the adventures of the stranded children in the Amazon Rainforest. We have used this text to inform our next unit of writing; an explanation text. In this, children have planned the piece of writing (how to survive in the jungle), learnt how to use semi-colons correctly, and written their first draft of their explanation.

In DT, we had an invaluable lesson, learning how to construct nets. This will be of benefit to the class when they come to create the base of their electronic game, which must be of a sturdy 3D design next week.

At the end of the week, children became geographers, identifying the physical and human features of Moscow, Russia, as well as exploring world time zones.

We are incredibly proud of the independent reading of the class, who have collectively managed to exceed reading one million words! **Well done Year 5&6!** Please continue to encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis with a signed diary – our next target is two million words!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
Monday 2 nd Dec	Gymnastics Festival, Yrs 3+4 - POSTPONED
Monday 2 nd Dec	Postbox in foyer for Christmas Cards – please clearly label cards
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	Phototronics in school for individual photos + sibling photos, a.m.
Wednesday 4 th Dec	School Choir singing at The Luncheon Club, Middleton
Thursday 5 th Dec	School Choir singing at The Luncheon Club, Mickleton
Friday 6 th Dec	School Choir singing at Utass, Middleton
Friday 6 th Dec	FOMS Christmas Movie Night, 3:15-5:15pm
Monday 9 th Dec	KS1 Nativity, 9:30 – 11:00am
Monday 9 th Dec	School Nurse – Height + Weight for Reception and Year 6 pupils
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Christmas Circuits with Ben from Education Enterprise Ltd, 9:00-11:30am
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at The Hippodrome, D'ton, a.m.
Thursday 12 th Dec	EYFS + KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon, parents invited, 2–3pm
Friday 13 th Dec	EYFS Nativity, 9:15 – 10:15am
Monday 16 th Dec	Christmas Carol Concert at The Pathway, 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th Dec	EYFS + KS1 Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th Dec	School breaks up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 7 th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils