



NEWSLETTER

17th May 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

It has been a very busy week for our oldest pupils in Middleton as they undertook their KS2 SATs tests. Our pupils have worked their socks off this year, taking part in additional booster sessions, both at lunchtime and after school. We cannot put into words how proud we are of all of Year 6 children, who sat the test with confidence, maturity and diligence. The pupils gave the tests their all - we really couldn't ask for anymore. Well done Year 6 - thank you for being the very best role models for our younger children. A huge thank you to Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery for preparing the pupils so well for the tests and ensuring the week ran calmly and smoothly.

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)

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 so 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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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 in 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 report by anything that happens online.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	90.5%
Year 1+2	96.7%
Year 3+4	95.8%
Year 5+6	96.8%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Mrs Willington, Miss Niven, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

Nursery's text this week has been, 'Super Worm'. They have shown their creative side by making their own super worm and giving it a superpower, which they chose.

Nursery have continued to watch their seeds grow; their faces have beamed coming into nursery each day, seeing the stalks shoot through the soil and have compared the height of their seed to each others! We can't wait to plant these seedlings outside in our own patch.

Reception have been continuing their topic, focusing on animals you may find on safari. This week, Reception have been looking at animals from the ape family, such as gorillas and chimpanzees! They have done some research on Jane Goodall and found out that she moved to Africa to do her own research on chimpanzees; to our surprise chimpanzees are much like humans and we discovered that they use 'tools' such as leaves for spoons, to eat insects, and sticks to 'fish' for insects in the ground.

Reception have also done some fantastic maths work this week, focusing on subitizing numbers 1-10 and learning vocabulary such as subtract when taking away. We finished the week with a tens frame game, where reception needed to take turns rolling the dice..... the first one to zero won!





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

This week, we have noticed that the sunflowers that we planted are beginning to grow! The children have been really excited and are hoping that their own seedling grows to be the tallest sunflower! This had linked really well with our English topic, 'instructions', so we decided to write our own instructions that someone else could follow, for them to plant a sunflower seed too.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning about multiplying. We have been looking at how many groups we have and how many items are in the group. We have also looked at doubling, by understanding that to double we multiply by 2. Year 2 have been learning about fractions, in particular fractions of shapes. We have identified how much of a shape had been shaded – $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$. The children were brilliant at this!

During our history topic, we looked at artefacts from a Victorian classroom and discussed what the items were used for and compared them to what we use in the classroom today.

The children have enjoyed our computing topic this term – making an e-book. We have developed lots of skills when creating our own, including how to add animation, sound and text.

Towards the end of the week, in science, we identified and named a range of common flowers. To help us remember the name of the flower and what they looked like, we played a game of snap! Our competitive side really showed during this activity!





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Skilbeck

This week, in Year 3 and 4, the children have been practicing their reading in French and have been learning to read and identify the fruits and vegetables they have learnt, whilst also embedding their learning of colours and numbers. They really enjoyed reading the 'Hungry Giant' story this week and joining in with their fruit or vegetable.

At the start of the week, the children explored shadows in our science topic, 'Light' and used torches to make shadows with the different objects that were transparent, translucent and opaque, to find which object made the best shadows.

In English lessons, the children have started to write their own missing chapters out of, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', where the characters enter a new room and one of them gets into a sticky situation.

Towards the end of the week, in our music lesson, the children listened to different songs of disco music and compared them, noticing that two of the songs sang about dancing and feeling good. The children then learnt to play the notes and rhythm on the glockenspiels.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week Year 6 have completed their SATs! We are incredibly proud of all of their hard-work and determination that they have shown over the last year. As a reward for their dedication, Year 6 are going to ROF 59 next week (Thursday 23rd May).

Please ensure you sign the waiver form on ROF 59's website: [Waivers \(roller.app\)](#) - if this link does not work, please go to <https://www.rof59.co.uk> and scroll down to the 'waiver' button.

After completion of their SATs, Year 6 created some Japanese style art (Hirameki), where they used a few strokes of watercolour paint and a dash of imagination to create a new picture.

This week, the whole class have thought about their dreams, as we prepare to write a poem for the Young Writers Competition. We developed knowledge of figurative writing styles, applying similes, metaphors and personification to our poem.

Year 5 have investigated thermal materials in science, applying their knowledge of properties of materials to make predictions. They have also learnt a new skill of reading a thermometer to accurately measure temperature.

In geography, children explored different climates, biomes and regions and the effect this has on its topography.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
MAY	National 'Share a Story' Month Local History Month
Tuesday 21 st May	Phototronics – Class Group Photos and Yr6 Friendship Groups
Thursday 23 rd May	Yr 6 SAT's Reward Outing to Rof 59
Thursday 23 rd May	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens for Summer Term 2
Monday 3 rd June	Rounders Festival, Yrs 5+6
Tuesday 4 th June	Yrs 5+6 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 6 th June	KS2 Netball League (plus 13 th + 20 th June)
Friday 7 th June	KS2 Athletics Competition
Monday 10 th June	EYFS Trip to Wharton Park
W/C 17 th June	Healthy Week
Monday 17 th June	EYFS Father's Day 'Stay & Play', 2:00 – 2:45pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Years 1 and 2 Class Trip to Beamish
Wednesday 19 th June	Sport's Day
Friday 21 st June	Yr 3 Trip to Binchester Fort
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 th June	Careers Week
Tuesday 25 th June	Yr 4 Trip to Centre for Life
Monday 1 st -Fri 5 th July	Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 Show, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 10 th July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thursday 11 th + Fri 12 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Wednesday 17 th July	Leaver's Assembly, 9:15 – 10:15am