



NEWSLETTER

7th February 2025

A message from our school leaders:

Our celebration assembly on a Friday is always a highlight of the week, as pupils share their successes as a whole school. As well as celebrating in-school achievement, we always welcome awards achieved outside of school. If your child has a particular achievement they would like to share, please bring the certificate, medal or trophy into school on a Friday morning.

A reminder that our Valentine's Day Disco will take place next Friday afternoon, in school. Prices for Early Years and KS1 are £3.50, which include the entrance fee and a goody bag; KS2 will pay a £1 entrance fee, with the opportunity to purchase Tuck-Shop items and Toy-Stall items (20p-£1) during the disco. We ask children to wear non-uniform, which includes something of the colour, **pink** or **red**.

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.

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VALENTINE'S DISCO

Friday 14th February

Held during school hours with EYFS and KS1, followed by KS2

Please see Class Dojo for further details.

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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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	98.9%
Year 1+2	93.8%
Year 3+4	97.9%
Year 5+6	98.1%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week, in Nursery, we have been learning all about the country, Italy. The children have been very interested in some of the Italian landmarks, such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Colosseum; and went on to create their own replicas. We have also been designing our own pizzas, practising our fine motor skills. Finally, we had super fun making our own pizzas for snack time. We have learnt lots of new skills such as, chopping, grating and spreading.

RECEPTION

This week's maths focus in Reception was number 6, 7, and 8. The children have identified the numbers, subitized the amounts and recognised them within 10 frames. This morning, the children have put their new knowledge to the test and found number bonds of 6, 7, and 8 using part-whole models.

Our class story, 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School', was all about a child's first day in Reception and taking his dinosaurs with him. The children have answered comprehension questions about the story very well and ordered a sentence from the story in their workbooks. Furthermore, they have spelled words from the story using their 'Fred fingers' phonics technique.

In DT we have begun to make paper plate dinosaurs! So far, the children have learnt and applied a new printing skill with scrunched up paper to decorate the dinosaurs back with layered colours and textures. For our PSHE lesson we talked about things that make us special. The children shared things that they are good at and things that they enjoy with the class. We talked about what the word 'special' means, and how we are all special and unique in different ways, but we are still linked together as a class and as friends. The children then wrote on a paper chain link something that makes them special and we have hung it on our class display, to remind us just how special we are.

Another lovely week in EYFS! Have a nice weekend everyone.





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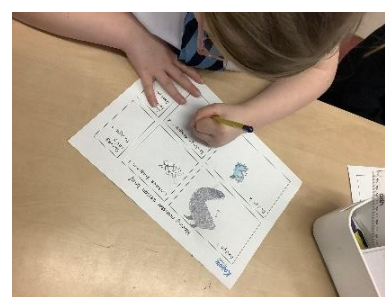
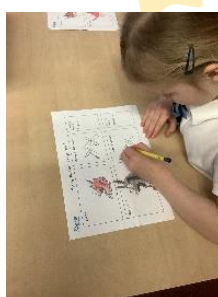
Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week, Year 1+2 have been planning an adventure story, based on 'My Magical Day at School'. We have thought about how we can begin our story and introduce our creature/animal, using expanded noun phrases to describe.

In maths, Year 1 have been adding and subtracting by finding 10. They have also been using a number line to support their understanding of counting forwards and backwards. Year 2 have continued to learn about mass – kg and g. They have answered a range of word problems in relation to how much more or less a particular object weighs.

During geography, we created a Venn diagram to show the differences and similarities between England and Uganda.

As part of DT, the children have been looking at linkages and pivots to design their own moving monster. Once the design is complete they will be using their skills to create their own moving monster.





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Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

Hello and what a quick week this has been! All of the pupils in Year 3/4 are now in the flow of learning and we are speeding to the half-way mark of the year!

Our little mathematicians in Year 3 have been busy with our measurement unit, although it is coming to an end soon. They have enjoyed pouring measurements of water into various containers and seeing what capacities they can measure. Year 4 have continued the fractions unit, where we are now converting mixed numbers to fractions before adding or subtracting, and we are now simplifying them too!

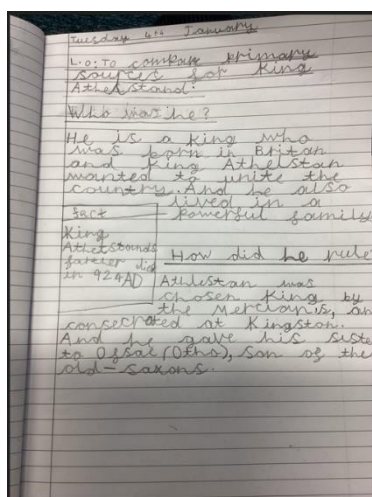
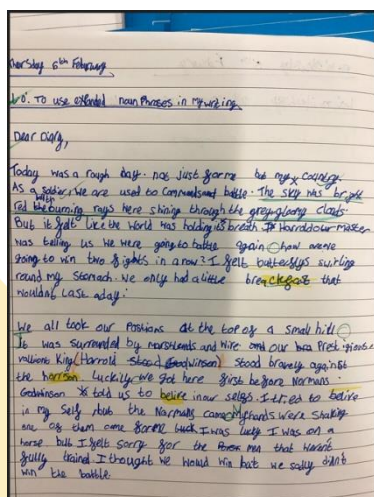
In English, we have moved onto a diary entry that tells of the horrors of the Battle of Hastings. The children are getting stuck in, thinking what it would be like as an Anglo Saxon facing down the mighty Normans.

In history, we have extended their learning to a time before England was a united country! The children can tell us all about 924AD and the lesser-known King Athelstan - the first King of England.

It has been Mental Health week here at Middleton and we have had some meditation sessions to help calm the children down - some of which are very useful before bed we decided, as lots of the children almost fell asleep!

We have continued to work on our weaving projects in art and we are very close to finishing them too.

Overall an exciting week!





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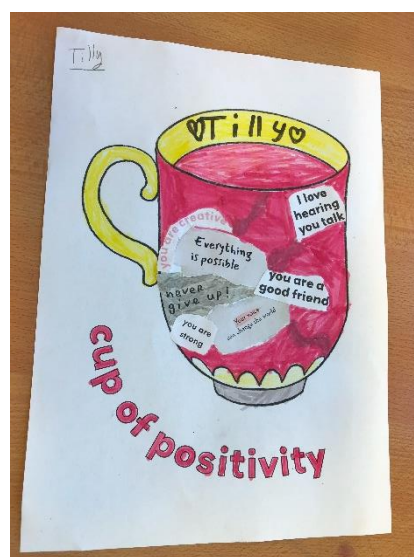
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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

Having good mental health is imperative not only as an adult but also as child, which is why we have spent time this week (Children's Mental Health Week) focussing on how we can have good mental health. We created cups of positive-tea filled with positive affirmations and notes to ourselves to remind ourselves to be kind to self. The session was followed by some mindfulness yoga whereby children were able to practise being calm.

The class have become hooked on our class novel, 'When the Sky Falls', which has influenced our writing – a newspaper report on the closure of London Zoo during World War 2 (making links to our history unit too). This week, children have spent time researching the closure of the zoo, as well as applying the skills of direct and reported speech to their writing.

In science this week, we have explored and researched the adaptations of peppered moths; understanding how its environment influenced their survival rate. We found that the white moths had a lower survival rate compared to the black moths, who thrived when trees became covered in soot produced by factories. We lightly touched upon Charles Darwin and we look forward to finding out more about his life in our next science lesson.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
FEBRUARY	
Monday 10 th Feb	Gymnastics Festival, Yrs 3+4
Tuesday 11 th Feb	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Friday 14 th Feb	FOMS Valentine's Disco
Friday 21 st Feb	School Breaks Up for Half Term
MARCH	
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
w/c 10 th March	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
Wed 19 th March	Scholastic Book Fair in school (until Monday 24 th March)
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day
Monday 24 th March	EYFS + KS1 Mother's Day Family Brunch
Monday 31 st March	Tennis/Racquets Festival – Yrs 3+4
APRIL	
Mon 7 th - Thurs 10 th March	Parent's Evenings
Tuesday 8 th April	KS2 Easter Crafts
Friday 11 th April	FOMS Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 11 th April	School Breaks Up for Easter Holidays
Monday 28 th April	School Re-Opens for Summer Term
Wed 11 th –Fri 13 th June	Residential Trip to Robinwood