



NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2024

A message from our school leaders:

Christmas is on its way at our lovely school. The stage is up, and the costumes are making an appearance for our children, for the up and coming nativity, play and performance. More information will follow from class teachers in the coming weeks.

Today, we welcomed Mr Sam Rushworth, our local MP, to school. During the visit, the pupils had the opportunity to ask Mr Rushworth their own questions which the children thoroughly enjoyed. As part of Parliament Week, our Y5/6 pupils also have learned debating skills and the importance of good communication and clear discussion. Children debated about zoos, longer weekends and electric cars which made for some extremely valuable discussion. Mr Rushworth listened to the children's reasons and was impressed with their knowledge and respect towards each other. He also made several comments, highlighting the children's exemplary behaviour! What a super way to round off Parliament Week. Well done Y5/6 - we are very proud of you all!

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	97.5%
Year 1+2	94.1%
Year 3+4	95.2%
Year 5+6	94.7%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

In Nursery this week we have been reading the story, 'Owl Babies'. The children have made their own owl baby using different coloured feathers, and they found a branch outside to sit the baby owls on, as in the story. The children have looked at the life cycle of an owl and learnt new words including, talons, hatch and owlet.

RECEPTION

This week in maths, Reception have been learning how to find one less. We have played games in groups to roll a dice and find one less by covering one spot.

Our class story this week was, 'Master Track's Train'. We centred our learning around trains as we follow the 'Are we nearly there yet?' topic. Pupils have looked at the development of train technology and have loved describing the Creeps family from the story.

Reception have had the lovely opportunity to participate in a forest school session this week with Mrs Emery. They learnt about owls, listening for the owl whistle, and built a habitat for a nocturnal animal. The children even gathered together to have a nice hot chocolate at the end!





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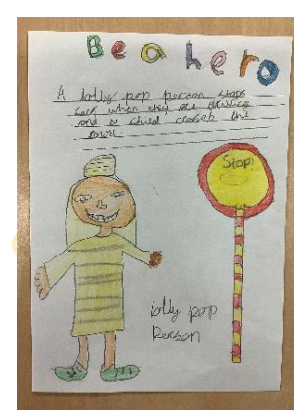
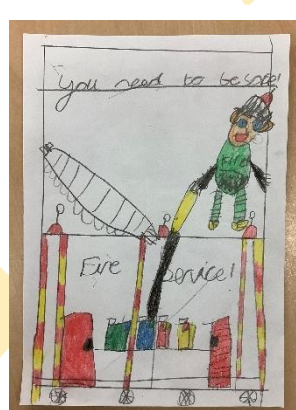
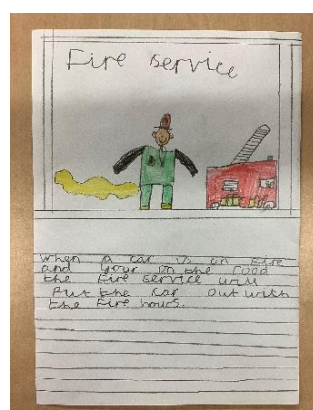
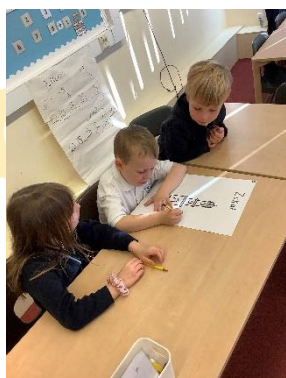
Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislalie and Miss Spenceley

We are currently extremely busy in Year 1+2, practising for our Christmas performance. The children are doing a great job learning their lines and songs. Please continue encouraging the children to practice at home, as it really does make a big difference! We are also in the process of sorting the children's costumes; we will update you with any costume requirements for your child next week.

In computing, we have been looking at algorithms and collision detection. The children were challenged to complete a programme where they had to lead a princess to her prince without colliding.

During R.E. lessons, we have discussed what the five pillars are in Islam. We learnt that Muslims live their life by following these. The children discussed how Muslims may worship Allah at each pillar.

We have also taken part in Road Safety Awareness Week, by talking about how we can be safe near roads and who can help keep us safe. We also thought about road heroes and why they are seen as heroes. The children then created a poster of their road hero, explaining what important job they do to help and keep everyone safe.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

With this week being Road Safety Week, we discussed how to be safe on the road during our PSHE lesson, where the children came up with some great ideas, including making sure they are visible on these dark nights with lights and high-vis. We then looked at who were our Road Safety Heroes in society; people like: the police, parents, ambulances, road designers and many more. These people all help to keep our roads and us safe. The children then completed their 'Road Safety Hero' post cards to take home.

As this week was also UK Parliament Week, we watched a video to help explain how parliament works and that for new laws to pass there needs to be lots of debate and lots of people need to agree that it is what is best for society. The children then did a fun quiz to check their knowledge of parliament.

In English, we have started to look at our next piece of writing, which will be a narrative linked to Lucy meeting the Creakers and entering the Woleb; the upside-down, stinky world of the Creakers and discovering that they have taken their parents. The children are loving this text and are really looking forward to writing their next narrative, and finally finding out what will happen to the parents.

In PE, the children have continued to practice their gymnastic routines, making sure to include all of the elements needed to perform a good routine. They are making sure to connect their moves, using different travels, such as rolls, balances and shapes.

The class continued to learn about the features of rivers in their geography lesson, and how rivers have shaped our environment and continue to do so through erosion and deposition, thus creating different features within rivers such as waterfalls and ox-bow lakes.

During our science lessons, we have been looking at teeth as part of the digestive system, and this week we set up an experiment using eggs, to see how different drinks would affect them. The children have been shocked to see how certain drinks have caused the eggs to change.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week has been rather busy with UK Parliament Week and Road Safety Week. Children have learnt all about what the government is and how it is run, distinguishing between the House of Commons and the House of Lords. To enhance our experience of UK Parliament Week further, we hosted several debates where children practised arguing for and against a notion, as well as chairing a debate. On Friday, we had a visit from our local MP, Mr Sam Rushworth, who spoke to the children about his role as a member of parliament and listened to them debate a range of topics.

We have also explored ways in which we can stay safe when being near or on the road. Children had the choice of making a poster or leaflet to inform others on how they can stay safe too.

In science this week, Year 5&6 were investigating how voltage affects the brightness of a bulb. Children found that the number of components added into the circuit reduced the brightness of the bulb, due to the sharing of electrical voltage. It is fantastic to see so many scientists who are engaged in this unit.

We continued with gymnastics in our PE unit, where children created a routine which consisted of rolls, shapes, movement and travelling. All children who participated in the lesson enjoyed creating their own routine.





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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