



# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## A message from our school leaders:

After a round of voting, followed by some tricky leadership tasks, we are delighted to announce our Head Boy this year is Ryan and our Head Girl is Annie. I am sure you will join us in congratulating the children on their recent success - *photo on last page.*

A reminder that we are hosting our **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September from 2.15pm, for parents, carers, grandparents and friends. We are asking for your help with cakes, tray bakes, scones and biscuits to help us raise as much money as possible for the event. Any donations will be greatly received into school next Wednesday morning. We respectfully ask for anything home baked, is accompanied with a list of ingredients.

Also, a 20-mile charity walk 'Ullswater Way' for **Macmillan** is being undertaken by staff from both Middleton and Browney Academies. If you would like to make a donation for their efforts for this worthwhile cause, please go to their Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/browneymiddleton>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## 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)

*Please keep a LOOK OUT for upcoming events, which are being organised by our wonderful Friends of Middleton School!*

## 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](http://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](http://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.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	95.1%
Year 1+2	82.7%
Year 3+4	93.1%
Year 5+6	93.7%



# NEWSLETTER

What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

### NURSERY

This week in nursery we have been reading and singing the story, 'There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly'. Nursery have enjoyed singing the song, looking at the different features of the animals that the old woman swallowed. Nursery made play dough cakes for the old woman instead of animals. Nursery have also designed a proper meal for the old woman to eat. They enjoyed drawing the different animals and feeding the old woman.

### RECEPTION

The pupils in reception have had a wonderful week! We have focused on our topic book, 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson, where pupils have explained how they know what is happening by using the pictures, made predictions about what might happen next, and identified initial sounds of the characters.

In phonics, pupils have learnt the new sounds m,a,s,d,t. We have practised the letter formation of these sounds and blended them to make words.

Our maths focus this week was accurate counting. We have counted using our fingers to touch each one, a pen to mark off the counted objects, and a magic wand to count large objects.

In science this week we looked at healthy eating. We have talked about eating fruits to stay healthy, how they give us vitamins which help our bodies and the importance of washing your hands before eating. We even tried 5 new fruits (pineapple, grapefruit, kiwi, peach and mango) and described the taste of each one to each other.

In PSHE we have identified sad and happy feelings. During circle time we shared things that make us happy or sad and what we do to feel better when we are sad. The children then took photos of each other giving the biggest smile.





# NEWSLETTER

What have we been up to?

## Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett and Mrs Aislabie

We have had another busy week in Year 1/2. The children have continued to focus on the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood', giving more emphasis to the Big Bad Wolf! We have gathered some great ideas about what the Big Bad Wolf's favourite food is, where he could live and what he has been up to.

In our maths lesson, Year 1 have continued to look at numbers to 10, focusing on counting back to zero and comparing numbers using the vocab greater or less than. Year 2 have continued learning about numbers to 100 in detail. The children have used place value charts and part, part, whole models to find different ways of making a given number.

Later in the week, the children were introduced to Jigsaw Jo, a character from our PSHE scheme of work. We talked about coming into a new class and any worries we may have. The children are aware of what to do and who they can speak to if they are worried about anything inside and outside of school. From this discussion, we designed our own worry monster and wrote any worries we had on the inside of him/her.

During history, we learnt all about Mary Seacole and how she made a significant impact with her medical work in the Crimean war, and as a brilliant woman who combated the racial prejudice she experienced in her lifetime.

The children are continuing to settle into Year 1/2 really well. We are certainly getting to know the routine of the class. Well Done!

A reminder that homework will be given on a Friday and to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Reading every night is also essential, especially for our younger children. Please remember to sign and comment once you have listened to your child/children read.

Have a lovely weekend!





# NEWSLETTER

What have we been up to?

## Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Miss Spenceley

This week Year 3 and 4 have been using figurative language in their story writing and have been adding similes and personification to their description to create a better image in the reader's mind of what is happening.

In maths, Year 4 have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, which we will be practicing a little more next week. Year 3 started to look at counting in 4's and 8's, to support their learning in their multiplications.

The children have begun to make connections in science about the water cycle and how water can change state from solid to liquid to gas and back again.

In art this week, the children were inspired by the 'Pop Art' work of Andy Warhol, looking at using contrasting and complementary colours to create vibrant eye-catching pieces of art.





# NEWSLETTER

What have we been up to?

## Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, we have finalised our setting and character description based on the picture 'Tommy', by Richard Harpum. Mrs. Emery and I have been blown away with the creativeness that children have put into their writing. Children have created imagery through their use of fronted adverbials, similes and personification. Here's a snippet of one of our lovely children's work.

*"On the battlefield, a quilt of misery spread over the lifeless bodies scattered on the wasteland. Planes flew over the battlefield like birds. Bombs dropped like leaves on an autumn morning and cannons rattled like a snake. The trees used to stand straight and tall like soldiers, but now they lean, their branches sticking out begging for mercy."*

As we recognised the poppies in the painting of Tommy, we created 3D poppies in Art, using paint, glue and egg cartons. Everyone had great fun painting and making their poppies.

In science, we investigated which activity raised our heart the most. This involved finding our pulse and completing different activities - running, walking, hopping, press-ups and burpees. Children had varied answers for which activity raised their heart rate the most, but all were able to answer the enquiry question.





# NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events:

	Event
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Flu Immunisation Day – Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, 2:15 – 3:15pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	NELT Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Netball Competition, Yrs 5+6
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Handball Festival, Yrs 5+6
OCTOBER	Black History Month
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival, timing tbc
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cross Country Competition
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent's Evenings, timings tbc
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	'Wear it <b>Pink</b> for Breast Cancer Now'
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Curling + Boccia Festival, Yrs 1+2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	FOMS Halloween Disco
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Games - NERF
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Breaks Up for Half Term

Middleton-in-Teesdale  
Academy

**HEAD GIRL**  
**HEAD BOY**

