



NEWSLETTER

19th April 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

We delighted to welcome the pupils back following the Easter break and hear about their full filled adventures with their family and friends.

As you are aware, the school conversion took place during the Easter break and we now are officially a NELT school and will be known as Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience during such a lengthy process.

Children have returned to school buzzing with enthusiasm and have already impressed me this week with their thirst for learning and brilliant behaviour in class and around school. Well done to our super pupils!

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](#)

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 not 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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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	83.9%
Year 1+2	92.9%
Year 3+4	92.3%
Year 5+6	96.4%



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What have we been up to?



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

What a fantastic week Nursery have had back, starting our new topic, 'The Garden Of Life'. We got stuck in with exploring soil and plant pots, carefully planting beans in these. We are impressed to see that we have some budding artists as we watched the amazing observational paintings they completed. Nursery could not wait to get into our new 'garden centre', where they took it in turns using the till and money to buy items such as seeds.

Reception have started their journey 'On a Safari' this week. We have been learning about African cats such as lions, cheetahs and leopards. The children are enjoying the Safari role play area, taking it in turns to drive the safari jeep, book visitors on the trip and feed the animals!





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

We have had a lovely week back after the Easter holidays. We got straight back into our routine by introducing our new English topic, 'Bubbles'. The children watched a short film clip and created a setting description using their senses.

In maths, Year 1 have been looking at number patterns, finding the rule and the missing numbers. We have also been doing lots of counting. Year 2 were introduced to money this week. We identified the different coins and notes we have and how to write the..... using the £ and p symbols.

Our topic for science this term is plants. To engage the children, we went to the sensory garden with a magnifying glass to look at different plants closely. The children spotted daisies, buttercups, tulips, bluebells, dandelions and a gooseberry bush!

In PSHE we have been talking about families and how families can be made up of a range of people. We watched a clip of an alien family to demonstrate the diversity within families. The children then drew and labelled the people that are in their family.

As part of our history topic, we have been discussing schools in the past. We focused on the history of Middleton School. Mr Burnip found some photographs, blueprints and archives from when Middleton was first built, as a secondary school. We shared these with the children who found them really interesting. The children have been tasked to ask people in their family if they went to, or know anything about Middleton School. It would be lovely to hear all about your experiences!





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Skilbeck

The children have had a lovely start back to school this week. They were introduced to their new book that they will be using in reading and writing lessons, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', by Roald Dahl. Many of the children already know quite a lot about this story, as it is one of their favourites, and are excited to be using it as a starting point for their work. Over the next few weeks they will be creating their own 'Wonka invention' and writing their own instructions on how to make it.

In maths, Year 3 have started to learn about money and have been finding different ways to make the same amounts using different coins.

The children have been artists this week and have had a closer look at the urban landscape of Newcastle, to inspire their own artwork based on our local city.

In PSHE the children consolidated their learning on being safe and healthy, by designing an infographic to help others know what they can do.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

Welcome to the Summer Term!

We have had a great first week back, starting our new P.E. unit – cricket, as well as completing some surreal mixed media art.

Children had lots of fun creating their artwork, tearing magazines and newspapers apart to create some surreal pictures and collages.

We have also started our new class novel; Kensuke's Kingdom. Although children were sceptical about the book at first glance, we are hooked after reading the first chapter! Michael's parents have both lost their jobs, his dad wants to move South yet his mum wants to stay at home. We have explored the emotive vocabulary that Michael may be feeling before using this in our informal letter to his best friend, Eddy, who moved away from home, and Michael's football team 'The Mudlarks'.

In geography, we have begun our unit, 'Sow, Grow and Farm'. We validated the different types of farming in the UK before explaining which type of farming we would expect to see in Teesdale.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd April	Earth Day
MAY	National 'Share a Story' Month Local History Month
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	Tri-Golf Festival, Yrs 3-4
WC 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 21 st May	Phototronics – Class Group Photos and Yr6 Friendship Groups
Thursday 23 rd May	Yr 6 SAT's Reward Outing
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	D-Day
Thursday 6 th June	KS2 Netball League (plus 13 th + 20 th June)
Friday 7 th June	KS2 Athletics Competition
W/C 17 th June	Healthy Week
Monday 17 th June	EYFS Father's Day 'Stay & Play', 2:00 – 2:45pm
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 th June	Careers Week
Mon 1 st -Fri 5 th July	Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Wed 10 th July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thurs 11 th + Fri 12 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School