

Middleton Primary School NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023



Year 5 Bikeability

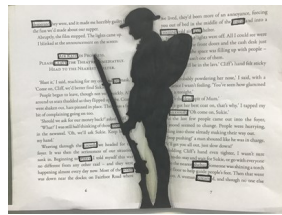
In early October, Year 5 took part in the Bikeability courses run by Milton Keynes Council. The courses covered riding on the roads, overtaking parked cars and signalling where the children intended to turn. We were so pleased to hear the instructors comment on how advanced the children were on riding their bikes and how well behaved they were when out on the roads. We are very proud of our 77 children who completed their Level 2 Bikeability award and the 2 children who completed their Level 1 award.



The Bikeability Trust



Year 6 World War 2 Day



Year 6 had a fantastic day dressing up as evacuees for their WW2 day and participating in a range of exciting activities. They learnt about what might have been in a child's suitcase if they were evacuated, used basic rations to make carrot cookies as well as creating superb 'Blackout Art.' The children were full of questions and really enjoyed learning about WW2. They will be continuing to build on this knowledge throughout the year.

Jeans for Genes

We raised a fantastic £538 last month and would like to pass on a huge thanks to everyone for their generous donations.



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the small hall reception area on Tuesday 5th December from 8.30am - 8.50am and on Wednesday 6th December from 3.10pm - 3.40pm. Access will be through the main playground gate by the small hall. Please come along and support this event if you can, the school receives 60% commission on everything we sell at the fair which enables us to buy books for the library and classrooms.

Cold Weather

As winter approaches, please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather and that they are sent into school with named coats, hats, scarves and gloves. We all know the benefits of children going outside during the day but some children are coming to school without the appropriate clothing. **If any un-named items are lost they will be placed in the lost property boxes situated in the main playground.**



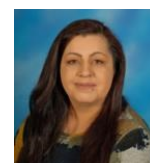
Staff Update

We are pleased to introduce some recently appointed staff.



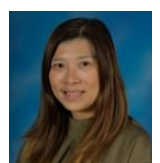
Mrs Lisa Impy

Teaching Assistant (Year 2)



Miss Catherine Karia

Teaching Assistant (EYFS)



Mrs Gillian Wong

Teaching Assistant (Year 3)



News from FOM



The Friends of Middleton 'Cash for Clothes' collection last month raised £311.80 and a further £287.75 was raised from the cake sale, many thanks to everyone involved. Thank you also to the parents/carers that joined the first ever Foundation Coffee Morning. It was heart-warming to see everyone chatting and forming new connections.

FOM have some more exciting news for the Middleton School Community! They will be organising a 'Festive Grotto' event on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December. It will be the perfect opportunity to create cherished memories and celebrate the holiday season, more details will follow in due course.

Playscheme

Please see below the playscheme dates for the rest of the academic year:

February half-term: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February

Easter break: Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April

May half-term: Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May

Summer break: Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July
Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August

Further details about each playscheme will be issued in the half term before the relevant week.

Lost Property

We are aware how much parents pay for school uniform and would like to reunite as many items as possible when we find them. To help us to help you, please ensure **all items of clothing, lunch boxes, snack pots and water bottles are named with your child's FULL NAME.** Please also regularly check the labels of your child's clothing to ensure they have not accidentally been wearing another child's clothes.

Even though we are only in the second half term of this school year, we already have a large amount of un-named clothing items in the lost property boxes.

All these items will be displayed on tables at the main entrance during the two parent consultation days, **anything that has not been claimed by the end of this week will be donated to charity/FOM.**

Dates for Your Diary

Please make a note of these important dates in your diaries as it is not always possible to send out additional reminders for events that are taking place at school.

Tuesday 7 November	4pm-6pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 9 November	5pm-8pm	Parent Consultations
Monday 13 November	All day	Foundation/Year 6 health screenings
Tuesday 14 November	All day	Foundation/Year 6 health screenings
Wednesday 15 November	All day	Foundation/Year 6 health screenings
Thursday 16 November	All day	Foundation/Year 6 health screenings
Friday 17 November	All day	Children in Need - non-uniform day
Friday 17 November	1.30pm-2.30pm	Friends of Middleton AGM in the family room
Thursday 16 November	9.30am	Open morning for prospective new parents - September 2024 admissions
Friday 17 November	9.30am	Open morning for prospective new parents - September 2024 admissions
Friday 24 November	Various times	Foundation visit to the Central Library
Tuesday 5 December	8.30am-8.50am	Book Fair in the small hall foyer
Wednesday 6 December	3.10pm-3.40pm	Book Fair in the small hall foyer

Thursday 7 December	All day	Charity Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7 December	All day	Whole school flu immunisations
Thursday 14 December	All day	Year 6 Falcons trip to Bletchley Park
Friday 15 December	All day	Year 6 Kestrels trip to Bletchley Park
Monday 18 December	All day	Year 6 Hawks trip to Bletchley Park
Monday 18 December	2pm	Foundation Ducklings nativity performance
Tuesday 19 December	2pm	Foundation Chicks nativity performance
Wednesday 20 December	Lunchtime	Innovate Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 December	2pm	Foundation Goslings nativity performance
Friday 22 December	PM	School closes for Christmas break
Monday 8 January 2024	All Day	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 9 January	AM	School opens after Christmas break
Friday 12 January	PM	Foundation trip to MK Theatre