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10th October 2025

A message from our school leaders:

We look forward to welcoming you to The Pathway next Friday at 9:30am for our **Harvest Festival Celebration with the whole school performing at the event**. If you would like to support our local food bank, we kindly ask that donations of tinned and non-perishable food items be brought into school by **Wednesday 15th October** in preparation for our event.

We are also excited to announce that our **Halloween Disco** has now been confirmed! It will take place in school on **Friday 24th October**. Tickets are priced at **£3 per child** and will be available to purchase via **ParentPay**. During the afternoon of the disco, there will also be Halloween accessories available to purchase. Pupils can bring money into school for these on 24th October, but we ask that children bring a maximum of £5. Pupils are invited to come into school on the last day of term in their **Halloween outfits**.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring correct uniform is worn for school each day. We have seen a huge improvement this week.

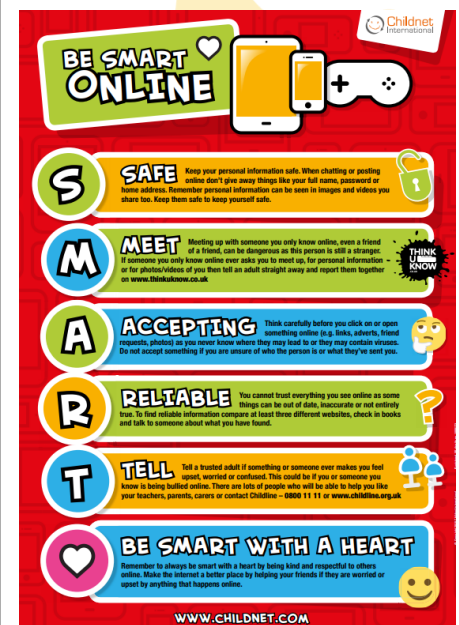
~ *Friends of Middleton School (FOMS)* ~

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.

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	98.5%
Yr 2/3/4	97.7%
Yr 5/6	96.9%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, our nursery play area was transformed into a bustling Bakery and the children absolutely loved it! Through imaginative play, they took on the roles of bakers, customers, and servers - whipping up pretend cakes and practising important social skills like sharing and turn-taking.

We've also been having lots of fun with counting songs! The children sang along to **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive** and **Five Speckled Frogs**, helping them build their number recognition and counting confidence in a joyful and musical way.

Our Wondrous Words this week were:

Grubs, Fin, Scales and **Speckled** – all inspired by our songs and play. We explored what these words mean and used them in our conversations and storytelling.

It's been a week full of creativity, learning, and laughter!





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

This week has been full of joy, learning, and celebration across Reception and Year 1. On Friday, we marked World Mental Health Day by inviting the children to wear yellow and take part in a variety of activities designed to support their wellbeing. The children enjoyed calm colouring, got moving with some fun exercise, and spent time outside connecting with nature. It was a lovely way to reflect on the importance of looking after our mental health.

Reception have been thoroughly enjoying the story *Funny Bones*. They've been acting out the Wonderful Words from the book and exploring skeletons in creative ways, using craft materials and natural objects to bring their ideas to life.

In maths, the children have begun learning about shapes, starting with circles and triangles. They've been investigating the properties of these shapes and spotting them in the world around them.

Year 1 have been working hard on their writing skills, learning the difference between a caption and a sentence. They've shown great understanding of sentence structure and have written some brilliant examples of their own.

In geography, the children have been exploring the different climate zones around the world and learning about the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

Meanwhile, in science, they've been investigating how animals use different body parts to help them find and eat food—sparking lots of curiosity and thoughtful discussion.

We're so proud of the children's enthusiasm and creativity this week. Thank you for your continued support.





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Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week, the children have been busy crafting their own three-part stories designed to fill readers with a sense of awe and wonder. They've been working hard to use adjectives to describe their settings, adverbs to bring action to life, and speech to give their characters a voice. The creativity has been incredible.

In maths, we've been developing our number sense by practising rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and ordering numbers as well as comparing them. The children have enjoyed using number lines and place value charts to help them understand how rounding and ordering numbers work.

Our science lessons have taken a tasty turn! We've been comparing the amount of fat in different foods and ranking them from most to least. The children were fascinated to learn which everyday items contain more fat than they expected—and they've been thinking carefully about healthy choices.

In PSHE, we explored the idea of a "dream school" and discussed what rules would help make it a safe, happy and respectful place for everyone. The children worked together to decide which rules were most important and explained why. Their thoughtful ideas showed great teamwork and understanding of fairness.

To end the week, we celebrated World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow to show our support for mental wellbeing. The children took part in mindfulness activities and shared ideas about what helps us keep a healthy mind. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect, relax, and recognise the importance of looking after ourselves and each other.





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 5/6, full of learning and creativity across the curriculum!

On Monday, we welcomed a special visitor, PCSO Preet, who spoke to the children about anti-social behaviour and how to stay safe online. The session was both informative and thought-provoking, encouraging excellent discussions about the importance of making good choices and looking after ourselves and others, both in person and in the digital world.

In R.E., we delved deeper into our learning about Judaism by analysing the key differences between orthodox and progressive synagogues. The children showed great curiosity and respect as they explored the ways in which beliefs and practices can vary within a religion.

Tuesday was full of colour and creativity as we began painting the shoeboxes for our biome projects. Popular choices included the icy landscapes of the tundra and the vibrant life found in aquatic biomes. It's been fantastic to see the children bringing their scientific knowledge to life through art and design!

In science, we continued our work on human development by identifying the changes that occur during late adulthood. The children asked thoughtful questions and reflected maturely on the physical and emotional aspects of this life stage.

Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of learning! Have a lovely weekend,





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
OCTOBER	
1 st – 31 st Oct	Black History Month
Wed 15 th Oct	Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy Open Day 9.15-10.15am – 2.00-4.30pm
Fri 17 th Oct	Harvest Festival at The Pathway, 9.30-10.30am
Mon 20 th – Thurs 23 rd Oct	Parent's Evenings
Fri 24 th Oct	FOMS Halloween Disco, pm
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st Oct	Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER	
Wed 5 th Nov	Open the Book Assembly with The Pathway, am Football League, King James Academy
Wed 12 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 19 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 26 th Nov	Football League FINAL , King James Academy
DECEMBER	
Tues 2 nd Dec	School Individual Photographs, by Phototronics
Mon 8 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carols FOMS Movie Night
Wed 10 th Dec	Pantomime at The Hippodrome, Darlington



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