



# NEWSLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## A message from our school leaders:

A huge thankyou to everybody for your kind donations to Macmillan, in response to our walk in the Lake District at the weekend. We have now raised over £2000.00 which has totally blown us away – thankyou!

Our Pupil Leaders have excelled themselves over the last few weeks, ensuring that our pupils have a voice and actioned suggestions that have been raised, so that we continue to have a happy school environment. Well done to our leaders.

Parent’s Evenings are being held next week – spaces are still available so please contact the school office to arrange your appointment.

Also next week, our Harvest Festival service is taking place at The Pathway on Wednesday 23rd October, at 1.00pm. The children have been rehearsing their lines and class songs in preparation for the event and we extend a warm welcome to parents, carers and grandparents to come along. Please can we remind you that we are kindly asking for food donations of tins, packets and non-perishables, to help us to support our local food bank. Donations can be brought to the school office prior to our Harvest Festival. Thank you in advance for your support.

It has been lovely to see our school making such a fantastic effort in supporting the ‘Breast Cancer Now’ charity today – everyone looked amazing in their **PINK** clothes. We have raised a **whopping £76.00!!**  
**THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Useful Online Safety Links

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



## 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)

## HALLOWEEN DISCO’S – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Please see posters at the end of this newsletter for further information.

The FOMS need a new

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	97.5%
Year 1+2	94.4%
Year 3+4	97.4%
Year 5+6	98.6%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

### NURSERY

We have had a very busy time in nursery this week. The children have been learning lots of different number rhymes, including, '1 2 3 4 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive', 'Three Little Speckled Frogs' and 'Five Currant Buns'.

We have put scales on fishes, made frog masks, practiced our cutting skills with cutting up grubs for the frogs to eat and we have looked at the life cycle of a frog. Our home corner has been transformed into a bakery and the children have had lots of fun playing at being a baker, making cakes and biscuits. We finished off the week by becoming real bakers - making our own currant buns to eat for snack time.

### RECEPTION

Reception have had a spooktacular week! Following our class books theme, we have had lots of fun based on witches. Our story this week has been, 'Room on the Broom' and the children have been doing some fantastic rhyming surrounding this.

In maths, we have continued to focus on number 3. We have made 3 in different ways and subitised numbers up to 3.

In PSHE we have been learning about dental hygiene. The children loved cleaning sugary syrups off teeth with toothpaste and a toothbrush.

The children have also loved working as a team to build witches houses in the construction area and playing in the witch's cafe roleplay area too.

Well done Reception, another lovely week.





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## Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett and Mrs Aislalie

This week, in English, we have looked at the key features of a non-chronological report. We read a report about Bob – the man on the moon. We discussed what Bob looked like, what his personality was like and the jobs he did on the moon. We focused on using expanded noun phrases to enhance the character description, which we will put into our own report next week.

In maths, Year 1 have been continuing to focus on adding within 10. They have been using the part, part whole model to find the missing parts of a calculation. Year 2 have also been focusing on adding numbers using the place value method. Lots of practical work was completed so that the children were confident with the concept.

In PSHE, the children have been talking about negative and positive behaviour - what might happen because of a bad choice and what might happen as the result of a good choice. The children were given scenario cards, where they identified the behaviour in the picture and explained what an appropriate consequence could be.

During our history lesson, we learnt all about another person who made a significant impact on the world – Rosa Parks. We read the story of Rosa Parks and then acted this out. The children loved dressing up and role playing the bus scene. We have some very good actors in Year 1 and 2!

The children looked fantastic on Friday wearing their pink outfits to highlight breast cancer awareness. We completed related activities throughout the day, including designing our own pink t shirt!





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## Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Miss Spenceley

Year 3 and 4 have had a great day today, dressing in pink to raise awareness for breast cancer and donating to the charity, we thank you all for your contributions.

All the children have been practicing hard for the Harvest Festival next week, making sure they are well prepared to give you a great performance and afternoon.

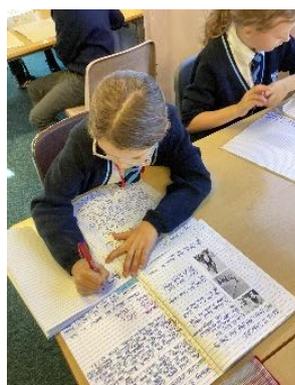
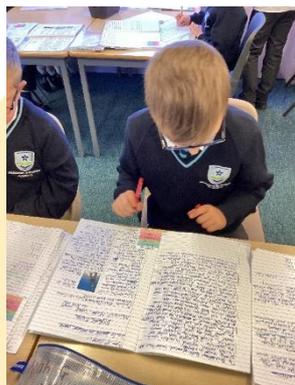
At the start of the week, the children completed publishing their newspaper reports, they made sure to include all the correct features and lay it out the same as a real newspaper. We then moved onto our next piece of writing, which is a narrative based on our class text, 'The King of the Cloud Forests', which we have been enjoying reading each day.

We have continued to look at the water cycle this week in science, and understand how it works. We have set up our own little experiment to recreate a natural water cycle to help us to understand how it works on Earth, and are looking forward to seeing the results after the weekend.

We started to look at some inspiring black musicians in our reading lessons this week, to support our learning in line with Black History Month. It was interesting to see how well some of the artists had done when it would have been more difficult for them to achieve their goals during the time.

We have been consolidating our learning of addition and subtraction in maths this week and have begun to look at how we can use our knowledge to solve words problems and use different strategies.

Hope you all have a great weekend





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## Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, we have had our final rehearsal in music of our Halloween pieces. Children have used an assortment of percussion instruments over the half-term, ready to share their performances with Y3&4 next week.

In art this week, children have used a range of watercolours and oil pastels to create an overlaid poppy design, layered on the famous poem In Flanders Field. It has been great to see and hear so many children share their generational stories of family members involved in wars with their peers as they have been producing the artwork, showing respect and gratitude to our servicemen.

Our writing this week, has led us to our final discussion text. All children have really weighed up the pros and cons of animals being used in World War 1, and have used factual language in their writing to create such a fantastic piece of writing. I have been in awe at the level of passion all children have shown to this unit of work.

In R.E. this week, we have learnt about Bar and Bat Mitzvah - the rite of passage in the Jewish religion of 13 year-old girls and boys becoming of an age where they can show commitment to God. We recognised that these young people showed their commitment to God by knowing right from wrong and having morals, being kind and charitable, leading services and reading scripture from the Torah. We had great fun writing a sentence from the Torah to Hebrew, as well as writing a postcard explaining what Bar and Bat Mitzvah is.





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## Upcoming Events:

	Event
OCTOBER	Black History Month
w/c Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Parent's Evenings – please contact the school office
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Curling + Boccia Festival, Yrs 1+2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival – whole school to The Pathway, 1:15
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FOMS Halloween Disco - £1 entry for Fancy Dress/Non-Uniform <i>please see posters below for further information</i> ↓
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Breaks Up for Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School re-opens to all pupils
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Multi-Skills Intra School Event for EYFS/KS1 - Superheroes
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	'Open Day' at 9:15-10:15am and 2:00-4:00pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Gymnastics Festival, Yrs 3+4
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Phototronics in school for individual photos + sibling photos
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at The Hippodrome, D'ton
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School breaks up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School re-opens to all pupils

FRIENDS OF MIDDLETON SCHOOL

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
for KS1 & EYFS with DJ Vasey!

During the School Day!

**Friday 25th October**

**£3.50 PER CHILD**  
INCLUDES A SNACK & GOODIE PACK  
NON-UNIFORM/ FANCY DRESS

We'll be games with prizes, as well as a prizes for the BEST fancy dress!

BOO!

SPOOKY

FRIENDS OF MIDDLETON SCHOOL

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
for KS2 with DJ Vasey!

During the School Day!

**Friday 25th October**

We'll be games with prizes, as well as a prizes for the BEST fancy dress!

**£1 PER CHILD FOR NON-UNIFORM/ FANCY DRESS**

Items on our 'Trick or Treat' Toy and tuck shopStall will be priced from 10p to £1!

**FRUIT & WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE**

BOO!

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