



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 3rd February Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday this week we took 33 of our Y4/Y5/Y6 children to the AO Arena in Manchester to sing alongside over 8000 other children taking part in Young Voices . It was an amazing experience for each and every one of them and our children were incredible, I am sure if you went you would agree what a huge success it was. Well done everyone!

Thank you very much for all your support with attendance, our attendance numbers have continued to rise following our raised profile across school, keep it up!

We have had a lot of discussions about books across school this week and found out that a lot of children are not members of a library. Our local library is Kingsfold Library, why not take a trip this weekend and open a free account. They also host lots of activities during half terms and holidays.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Stars of the Week

Nursery - Eric
 Rec - Jasmine & Theodore N-T
 Y1 - Harper & Ashton
 Y2 - Sean & Sophia
 Y3 - Dolly & David
 Y4 - Lexi & Jody-Rose
 Y5 - Emanuil & Raya
 Y6 - Helena & Darcey

WELL DONE



Target 96%

Reception	96.7%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	98.3%
Total	96.4%

Collective Worship

As our value this half term is: Perseverance

On Monday we talked about how we can encourage one another to keep going. James M in Year 6 volunteered and came to the front to try and complete some 'Keepie Uppies.'

To start with he couldn't do it but with words of encouragement from everyone and some handy tips from Mr Noblett he persevered and completed more than 6 in one go.

Challenge - Home School Challenge

Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of perseverance. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture. All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.



TAKEHOME



In the news this week

The Welsh Football Association has announced that the national men and women's football teams will be paid equally moving forward. Wales joins a list of other countries including Australia, USA, Norway, and Brazil, who pay their men and women football players the same amount to play for their country's national team. In order to reach the deal, the Wales men's senior team agreed to a 25% pay cut, thus enabling a 25% rise for the women's team, which now brings them both equal on pay.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts with someone at home on the news that the Welsh women's football team are going to be paid the same as the men's. Do you both feel the same way?
- > Do you feel the men's team should have to take a pay cut? If not, how else do you think the extra money could be funded?

Should men and women's sports teams be paid the same?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 8th February - KS1 Disco 3:30-4:30. KS2 4:45-5:45

Monday 27th February - Year 6 SATS and Robinwood Parent Meeting

Wednesday 1st March - Parents Evening 3:30-6:00

Thursday 2nd March - Parents Afternoon 1:30 - 4:00

Subject Focus - Geography



Year one have been learning about different seasons, focusing recently on 'Spring'. Year five have loved their 'Water World' topic - they have recently explored where water comes from and the water cycle. Year Six have researched 'The United Kingdom' using maps, atlases and technology as resources.

Walk and Talk



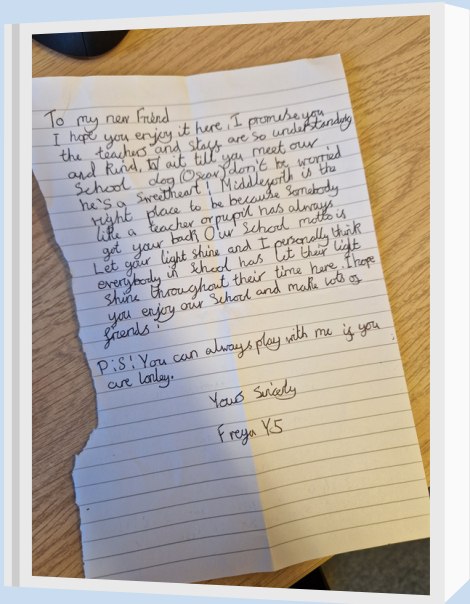
Walk and Talk is about inspiring families to go outside and communicate with each other. Talking to young children during everyday activities can help them learn communication skills such as; listening, attention, turn taking in a conversation, learning new words.

Being outside is good for their wellbeing as well as your own and in Lancashire we have lots of beautiful places to walk and talk. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/walk-and-talk/>

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MENTIONS



Freya in Year 5, wrote this fantastic letter as an idea to help new pupils to the school feel more welcome. We are typing this up on our letter head and adding it to our welcome pack.

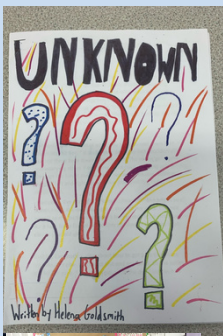


Isla in Year 1, made a mosaic from cereal boxes, birthday cards and magazines. This was our collective worship - Home School Challenge and we absolutely love it.



Theodore in Reception raised an amazing £305 for the Preston Nicu and Baby Beat charity. Theodore had his certificate presented by Katie, who looked after him when he was a baby in the NICU. What a star!

National Story Telling Week



This week we have celebrated National Story Telling Week by sharing new stories everyday and having adults from other classes also sharing stories with us. We have also written our own stories and had a pyjama day, where we all brought our favourite book from home to enjoy with our friends. Oscar even made it to most classes to share a story with them and listen to some of your new stories from home.



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Friendly February 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

THURSDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

FRIDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

SATURDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

SUNDAY

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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School term and holiday patterns

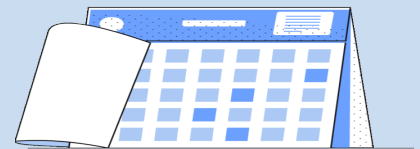
Spring term 2023 Re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School closes on Friday 10th February 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

School re-opens on Monday 20th February 2023

School closes on Friday 31st March 2023



Summer Term 2023 Re-open on Monday 17th April 2023

May Day & Coronation Monday 1st and 8th May 2023

School closes on Friday 26th May 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 29th May – Wednesday 7th June 2023

School re-opens on Thursday 8th June 2023

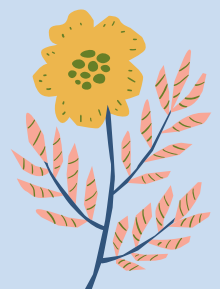
School closes on Friday 21st July 2023

Autumn Term 2023 Re-open Monday 4th September 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023

School re-opens on Wednesday 1st November 2023

School closes on Friday 22nd December 2023



Spring Term 2024 Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024

Mid-term closure Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

School re-opens on Monday 19th February 2024

School closes on Thursday 28th March 2024

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