



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 24th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Year 5 had their re-arranged bikeability session and as I explained in celebration assembly this morning, the instructors went out of their way to make sure they spoke to me and told me how amazing our Year 5 children were, not just with their cycling but their manners, can do attitude and they were an absolute delight to teach. Thank you Year 5 for representing our school in this way, we are really proud of you!

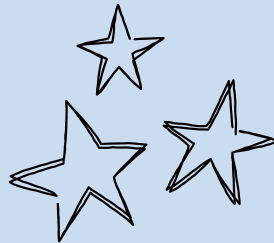
As our OPAL project continues to develop, our children's coordination, problem solving skills and social and communication skills are also developing. I am thoroughly enjoying my lunch times spent outside at lunch time watching everyone being so creative. Make sure you look at the picture in the newsletter.

Mrs Pilkington

★ **Stars of the Week** ★

Nursery - Ella-Mae
Rec - Sophie & Brodi
Y1 - Sienna & Emma
Y2 - Paige & Ashton
Y3 - Yash & Emma
Y4 - Ethan C & Kora
Y5 - Diyan & Scarlett
Y6 - George & Mia R

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	90.4%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	98.1%
Total	96.3%

This half term our focus will be on: Advent and Christmas

This week in worship we focused on Luke 1.39-45 when Mary visits Elizabeth. As Mary and Elizabeth share their special experience of carrying babies their joy is multiplied. We discussed how it is a joy that comes not just from the prospect of becoming a mother, but a special joy that comes from seeing God's spirit so powerfully at work in their lives and believing God's promises about the future impact these children will have on the world.



TAKEHOME



In the news this week



Who is responsible for Antarctica?

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows. Polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has been so concerned about the radical changes to Antarctica that he founded the 2041 Foundation, with the aim of ensuring the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability to combat the effects of climate change. The charity, 2041 School, encourages young people to learn more about the initiative.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- > Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates

- Monday 13th November** - Odd Socks Day
- Friday 17th November** - Children In Need
- Monday 20th November** - KS2 Parent Reading and Writing workshop
- Thursday 14th December** - EYFS inc Nursery Nativity 9:30 and 2:30
- Monday 18th December** - Key Stage 1 Nativity 1:30 and 3:30
- Tuesday 19th December** - Christmas Parties
- Wednesday 20th December** - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and **KS2 Carol Concert** 2pm and 4pm at Church

PTFA Dates

- Friday 24th November** - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Hand In Date
- Friday 1st December** - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale 3:30pm.
- Thursday 7th December** - Christmas Disco
- Tuesday 12th December** - Movie Night Y2-Y6
- Thursday 21st December** - Christmas Raffle

School Parliament

Last week we had our first cabinet meeting. The children were very enthusiastic, sharing their ideas for Fundraising Events, School Events and just general ideas on how we can improve school. During our meeting the children expressed their interests for which area they would like to represent.

We have:

- Behaviour MPs:** Freya, Eva and Neave
- Eco MPs:** Oliver and Andreas
- Inclusion/Well Being MPs:** Freya, Eva and Neave
- OPAL MPs:** Listy and Theo
- Teaching and Learning MPs:** Jimmy and Harriet
- Worship MPs:** Isaac and Harriet.



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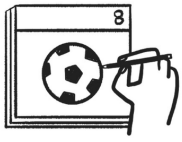
OPAL FUN!



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New Ways November 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

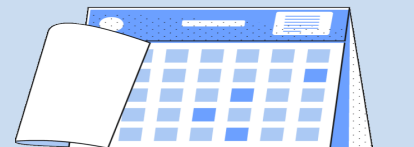
- 1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month
- 2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way
- 3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you
- 4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community
- 5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel
- 6 Try out a new way of being physically active
- 7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
- 8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week
- 9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"
- 10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea
- 11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way
- 12 Find out something new about someone you care about
- 13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax
- 14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
- 15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."
- 16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective
- 17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself
- 18 Connect with someone from a different generation
- 19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site
- 20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before
- 21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
- 22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them
- 23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love
- 24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently
- 25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way
- 26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show
- 27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
- 28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card
- 29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen
- 30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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School term and holiday patterns



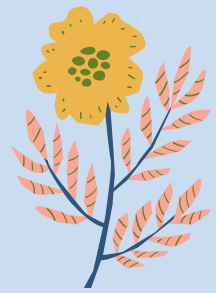
Autumn Term 2023 Re-opened on Monday 4th September 2023
Mid-term closure Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023

School re-opens on Wednesday 1st November 2023
School closes on Friday 22nd December 2023 at 2.00pm

Spring Term 2024 Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024
Mid-term closure Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

School re-opens Monday 19th February
School closes on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2.00pm

Summer Term 2024 Re-open on Monday 15th April
Mid-term closure Monday 27th May- Monday 3rd June 2024
School closes on Friday 19th July 2023 at 2.00p



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