



# MIDDLESTOWN JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

## JULY NEWSLETTER 2014

Once again we have had a very successful year and there have been lots of things that the children have achieved. We will end the term with a picnic lunch, hopefully the weather will be kind and we will be able to enjoy this on the field. I hope you all have a lovely summer break and we will see you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September ready for another exciting year.

Golden Pupils	21 <sup>st</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> July
 <p data-bbox="236 846 400 880"><b>Well Done</b></p>	<p>Lower Foundation – Niamh Gombocz            Upper Foundation – Amber Kirby            Year 1 – Chloe Render            Year 2 – Alicia Dean            Year 3 – Luke Swallow            Year 4 – Kiera Tasker            Year 5 – Emily Harrop            Year 6 – Isabelle Lindley</p>	<p>Year 1 – Molly Jessop            Year 2 – Bradley Benson            Year 3 – Alfie Pickering            Year 4 – Oliver Wilby            Year 5 – Nathan Byford            Year 6 – Hannah Hardy</p>

### 100% Attendance

- Year 1 Emily Bray
- Year 2 Mia Barton, Bobby Hutchinson  
Lottie Oldroyd, Ellie Ormerod  
Grace Welburn
- Year 3 Isaac Butler, Tobias Murphy  
Isabelle Rouse
- Year 4 William Gascoigne, Zach Scholefield
- Year 5 Harrison Barton, James Fagelman
- Year 6 Hannah Hardy, Alex Rouse  
Liam Thomas

### SUMMER FAYRE

Friends of Middlestown School (FoMS) would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions to the Summer Fayre. We managed to raise a whopping £1,186.34. We will keep you updated as to how this money is spent in future newsletters. If you are interested in being part of the FoMS team, please contact the school office as we would love to see more of you on board to help in any small way you can.

### SCHOOL MEALS IN SEPTEMBER

During the summer holidays we will be having a kitchen installed in the school to enable school meals to be produced on site. You have been sent information about the introduction of the Universal Infant Free School Meals which starts in September. This means that all children in Key Stage 1 (Upper Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) will be entitled to a free school meal. To enhance the choices offered in September we will also be offering a sandwich option, which will also include unlimited salad from the salad bar, a hot pudding or a selection of seasonal fresh fruit and low fat yoghurts. If you have previously indicated that your child would not be taking a school meal in September but wish to change this please let the school office know.

### COOKERY SUITE

The schools cookery suite will be ready in September to teach the children basic cookery skills. The equipment for this has been purchased using money raised by the school during non-uniform days and the Morrisons and Sainsbury's vouchers.

### Diary Dates/Events

#### September 2014

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Inset Day  
School Closed
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Opens
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Parent Helper  
Coffee Morning
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – FoMs Meeting 6pm

#### October 2014

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Harvest Festival  
(KS1 – 9.30am, KS2 – 11.00am)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Assessment Week
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Halloween Disco
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – School Closes

### WANTED

#### Volunteers needed in Foundation Stage

We are looking for volunteers to come into foundation stage to listen to readers or do different activities. Please see Mrs Woods or Mrs Gwilliam if you are interested.

## FOUNDATION

This half term we have been learning all about mini beasts. We have talked about them, written all about them and even made our own mini beasts.

We held a garden party for parents where we all dressed up as mini beasts and performed 'Caterpillar Boogie'. We also enjoyed sharing the outside learning area and lots of buns.



We have become little scientists and we have experimented with magnetism, osmosis, hydrophobic sand and even made our own volcano erupt.



Next half term we are going to learn about animals. Our role play area will be transformed into a jungle for the children to explore.

## YEAR 1 & 2

World Cup fever took over year 1 and 2 this half term....

In literacy, we have been writing a story about a boy who mysteriously receives tickets to the World Cup in the post. We also learnt about the World Cup host, Brazil. Our topic in Science was health and growth.

We have also been designing our own types of bread and had great fun baking our creations, they were delicious!!



In September Year 1 and 2 will be learning about the seasons and the weather. We will be making rain gauges and creating our own weather forecasts. There will also be a Year 1 and 2 Benchball Tournament in the Autumn Term.

## YEAR 3 & 4

We have studied mountains this term and learnt about mountains around the world, discovering how mountains were formed and thinking about the wildlife that inhabits mountains. In particular, we have looked at the dangers on mountains and created posters and information leaflets to ensure tourists are aware of these dangers. In art, we have completed mountain perspective paintings, which are on display outside our classroom.

We have worked on play scripts and diary entries in our literacy work. We have also thrown ourselves into a busy half term of sport and we were thrilled with all their effort during sports week, sports day and world cup day!

During sports week, Year 4 also turned into CSI officers as they solved an unexpected crime committed in the year 4 classroom. The children discovered all about forensic science during a morning of finger print taking, investigating blood spatter and piecing together different pieces of evidence to figure out just who had attacked Mr Peltzer's new assistant. Together with Mrs Smallman (Mr Smallman's mum) the children discovered that it was Jackie Jackson who had committed the crime. They even witnessed the suspect being sentenced and together decided how long he would be sentenced for!



In the new school year, we will be learning about the first people that lived in Britain, and what it was like to live in the Stone, Bronze and Iron age! In addition to our topic, we will also be going on a trip to Rydale Folk Museum in November. We will also be researching what it was like to live without any electricity, and how useful it is now.

### YEAR 5 & 6

We have continued learning about the Ancient Greeks, creating mythical beasts and legendary stories! To complete our Ancient Greeks topic, we have made Mod Roc statues of athletes competing in different Olympic sports.



We researched the different countries competing in the World Cup and the children all chose a country to support. They also produced some fantastic factfiles!

Year 5 showed their spectacular talents during their Samba performance on Wednesday Afternoon. They completed a piece with a specialist instrument, followed by outstanding solo performances, then the Samba performance and finally great singing of the

song 'Raise My Voice'. A special mention to Reece Sykes, who for the first time, shared a beautiful piece with us on the piano. Also we would like to say a big thank You to Miss Spalding for her hard work with the class this year.



In the new school year, we will be looking at the Mayans, who they were, what they did and why. We will also be studying the earth, sun and moon and have a planetarium visiting.

The year 6 children showed their brilliant acting capabilities in 'a play in a day'. Isabelle starred as Hercules and Tiya was a great Minotaur! They are now using the skills they have learnt in improvisation and miming to put on a fabulous Year 6 performance.



This half term has been very rewarding seeing all the hard work that Year 6's have completed over the year producing some fantastic SATs results.

We wish them all the best at High School! A fantastic Class that will be greatly missed at Middlestown!

# MIDDLESTOWN SPORTING NEWS

## Sports Day



Another fantastic Sports Day! All children took to every event with great enthusiasm and resilience! It was brilliant to see the support offered by parents, congratulating children on their successes and cheering them on in the races!

Thank you to all the Year 6, students and Staff that helped to make another enjoyable sports day at Middlestown J & I School!

## National Sports Week

June 2014

Middlestown was amongst many schools participating in the exciting National Sports week. During this week children took part in a range of sports provided by outstanding professional coaches. The children had a taste of golf, martial arts and athletics and thoroughly enjoyed wheelchair basketball, archery and hockey!

## Mini Olympics

Year 5 and 6 took part in a Mini Olympics competition at Thornes Park on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This was against 4 other schools and overall Middlestown came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Year 5 girls and Year 6 girls also won in their groups.

## Sporting Events – Autumn Term

Sporting events in the Autumn Term include: Cross Country, Touch Rugby, Football, Benchball and Basketball.

## ROUNDERS CHAMPIONS

Year 5 took part in a rounders competition at Horbury Academy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July against 2 other local schools and came first! We also won the Fair Play award.



**Activ8 Kids Summer Holiday Club** – these sessions are packed full of games and energetic activities to keep your child busy, stimulated and happy during the summer holidays. For ages 5 to 11, £18 per day from 9am to 3pm. For more information or to book a place please contact Laura or Esther on 07703 501106 or email [activ8kids@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:activ8kids@hotmail.co.uk). You can also visit [www.activ8kidsyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.activ8kidsyorkshire.co.uk)