



The Times Newsletter

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~ ATTENDANCE ~
THIS FORTNIGHT

Reception	93.9%
Year 1/2	90.4%
Year 3/4	90.5%
Year 5/6	95.1%

Our attendance target is 96.6%
This fortnight's attendance: 92.5%

Summer Term:

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Friday 13th May 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE - I can't miss the opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to the Year 6 children for coping so well with the challenge of their SAT tests this week. It has been lovely to see them rise to the occasion and we hope that they get the results that they deserve after all of the effort they have shown. A special thank you to the staff for supporting the children, within school, and for providing opportunities for additional sessions after school and during the holidays. Thanks too to our Friends of Middleton School (FOMS) for organising and providing a lovely breakfast each morning - this ensured tummy's weren't rumbling while the children were concentrating hard. An enjoyable rest of summer term ahead for Year 6 we hope!

Everyone also had a great day last Friday during the skipping workshops and it's definitely promoted a healthy and enjoyable playtime activity. We have ordered some additional skipping ropes for use at break times and I look forward to watching their skills develop over the coming weeks. Check out the photos in this newsletter and on the website next week.

OFSTED - I am sure many of you will be wondering what has happened to the report following our Ofsted inspection on 1st and 2nd March. We too have been frustrated with the length of time it has taken to receive it from Ofsted. I can confirm that the draft report has been agreed and that I am expecting the final report to be released in the next few days. The Governors and I will ensure it gets to you at the earliest opportunity.

Additional Bank Holiday for Queens Platinum Jubilee

As the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee falls within half-term week, schools have been asked to identify an additional day at some point during this year. We have chosen to make the day Thursday 21st July our additional Bank Holiday and, therefore, **school will close for the Summer Holidays on Wednesday 20th July at 3.00pm.**

VANDALISM - We were very disheartened this Monday morning to find that our school grounds had been the subject of vandalism yet again. Play items from the nursery garden had been broken and scattered all over their garden along with one of our thick plastic goals. Also, part of the wooden roof from the wooden shelter had been ripped off and broken. The incident has been reported to our local police authority and we are looking at our CCTV for further evidence as to the perpetrators of the damage. Our school gates will be locked at all times and we kindly ask members of the public to report any sightings of trespassers within our green fencing. We thank you for your co-operation.

KEY STAGE 1 SAT TESTS - Over the next couple of weeks, Year 2 pupils will be having their teacher assessments in school. These will be low key and are not anything the children need to worry about. The tests are no different to our usual end of term assessments.

SLANJAYVAH DANCE WORKSHOP - This morning our Year 5 & 6 pupils had lots of fun during their dance workshop. Please visit our school website, next week, to view photos. The Slanjayvah Dance company are hosting a show at Mickleton Village Hall tonight, at 7.30pm, for families to enjoy. Ticket prices are: Adult £10, Child £5. For further information please call 01833 640909 or to book online: <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/6-feet-3-shoes/>

PLANTS ON THE EDGE PROJECT - On Monday, 16th May, Years 5 and 6 will be travelling up to Cow Green (Year 5 in the morning and Year 6 in the afternoon) where they will learn all about our unique flora as part of the PLANTS ON THE EDGE project (Teesdale Special Flora Trust). The pupils will learn all about the rare flowers that grow in our community and what makes them so special, including the Spring Gentian, which our school logo is based upon. The pupils will be joined by a botanist along with Mrs Sara Cox, a local artist.

Years 3 & 4 pupils will continue their involvement in this project next Wednesday when Sara Cox visits the class to assist the pupils in completing their artwork.

DAWN TILL DUSK SOCIAL EVENING - Come and join us at Middleton-In-Teesdale Sports and Social Club, on Friday 27th May 2022, for an evening of prize bingo. All money raised in the evening will support us in purchasing new toys, resources and equipment for our toddler group which is held every Thursday morning in the school hall. £1 entry and the doors open at 7pm. Raffle tickets can also be purchased from Gemma in Dawn till Dusk prior to the event.

COLOUR FUN RUN 2022 - We are very excited to be announcing this year's Colour Fun Run which is being organised by our Friends of Middleton School (FOMS), and will be taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 26th May 2022 for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6. A letter with all relevant information has been emailed to parents and it is also available to view in the documents section of the school app.

MESSAGE FROM MR JULIAN ROBINSON

I would like to extend my thanks to all parents, both past and present, who donated to my wonderful retirement gifts. I would especially like to thank Mrs B Hodgson, whom I believe was chief organiser of the collection. Many thanks, once again.

SKIPPING FUN



On Friday 6th May, Gail from Skipping School Ltd spent the whole day with our pupils. The pupils were taught new skipping techniques and games they could play with each other using the skipping ropes. It has been lovely to see the children using their new skills in the playground, at playtime, and getting active.

