



# NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## A message from Mrs Harris...

A warm welcome back to school following the summer break. It is wonderful to see the children happy and ready for the year ahead. We have very much enjoyed listening to the children's adventures and their hopes for the year ahead.

This week we welcome Mrs Willington to our team. Mrs Willington will be teaching Reception class and will also be part of our Leadership Team and our school SENDCO.

There has been extensive work taken place in school over the holiday period, both in school and around the school grounds. A huge thank you to Mr Burnip for all his hard work to ensure the building is tidy and clean, ready for our pupils to begin another academic year.

We also have lovely news to share with you. During the holidays, Miss Douglas married in Corfu, in a beautiful ceremony. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Aislabie. We wish you the very best for the future.

This term, we will be updating our pupil Celebrations and Rewards, which we will share with you on a weekly basis. We have been working with the children on new certificate designs for our first Celebration Assembly, which will take place next Friday.

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- The school uniform policy is on the website for reference.
- After-school club letters to be returned to school next week.
- Care Plans need to be returned, ASAP, to the main school office.

## A message from Mrs Willington...

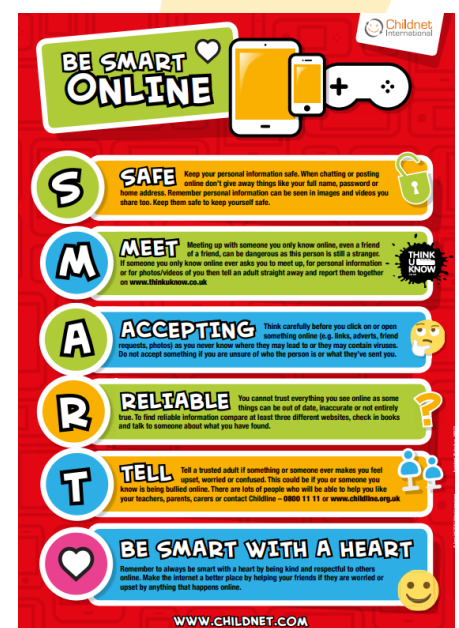
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, parents and staff for their warm welcome as I begin a new and exciting role here at Middleton in Teesdale. I am very much looking forward to the new academic year and my role as Associate Headteacher and SENDCO.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, I would like to invite parents of children with SEND to a coffee and biscuit afternoon. This will give me the opportunity to introduce myself properly and get to know you all. I will also be making telephone calls if you are unable to attend.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to meeting you soon.

## Useful Online Safety Links

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





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been up to?**

## **EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson, Miss Spenceley & Mrs Halliley**

What a fantastic start to our new academic year Nursery have had! They have settled in brilliantly, getting stuck in with activities based around our topic of the term 'Amazing Autumn'. They went on their very own leaf hunt, finding natural material outdoors to stick onto their leaf, along with leaf hand painting. We are so impressed with their eagerness to explore and create in all different areas and can't wait to see what the rest of this year brings.

Reception have had a wonderful first week! This week we have been getting to know each other through our topic 'Magical Me' and enjoyed reading Monkey Puzzle. We have created self portraits, made paper plate faces using a range of materials, drew pictures of our family and created houses. Well done on a fabulous first week!



## **Year 1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Mrs Niven**

We have had a lovely week settling into our new school year and we have all got to know each other really well by playing lots of fun games!

This week, the children have completed their own jigsaw puzzle as part of our class charter, made an 'All About Me' flag and created their own self-portraits using a range of materials.

The children were also introduced to our new P.E. coach, Ben, who delivered our invasion games sessions. All of the class participated really well and had lots of fun!

In Science, we began our topic, 'Are All Animals the Same?' The children discussed different types of animals and were introduced to some of the classification groups. I wonder if they remember the 3 groups we have learnt about so far.....

Overall, a brilliant first week back at school, well done Year 1/2!



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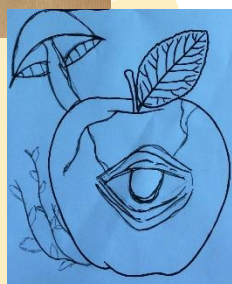
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## **Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock**

We have had such a brilliant start to the new year! The children have settled in amazingly and have been ready to start their learning. This week they have been reminding themselves of our school rules and creating our new Class Charter. The children enjoyed their P.E. lessons this week, with their new coach Ben, doing gymnastics and ball games.

This week, the children performed some Haiku poetry to the class, and such a great job they all did with such confidence and clear voices. Later in the week, they had the opportunity to plan and write their own Haikus, making sure to follow the correct structure carefully, counting their syllables.

In Maths, they have been refreshing their knowledge of place value. Year 3 have been working with numbers up to 1,000, while Year 4 are going up to 10,000.



## **Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery**

Welcome back Year 5 & 6 - we have enjoyed hearing stories of fun adventures, days out and relaxation! Mrs. Emery and I have been blown away by the maturity and positive mindset that the class have returned back to school with – we can't wait for this to continue in the year ahead, and for our children to be positive role models to the younger children in school.

This week, we have completed our Class Charter, where the class have decided upon rules to follow so that we are ready, respectful and safe. We have also been developing our imagination, by characterising fruit into superheroes! We have created the character, written a comic and designed the front cover.

During this week, a curriculum information leaflet was sent home, please view this to find out what we will be covering in Year 5/6 this half-term. As previously mentioned on Class Dojo, there will be a 'Meet the Teacher' session on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 15:30 – 16:00, which will give you an opportunity to meet Mrs. Emery and I in person, to discuss the learning and expectations for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you then!

We are keen to have parent helpers to support with trips in the coming year – if this is something that you are able to help us with, please contact the school office.



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Upcoming  
Events:

Date	Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	After-School 'Multi-Skills' Club begins, Yrs 1+2 Reception 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30pm Y3/4 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm	Parents/Carers of SEND pupils - Meet Mrs Willington for coffee and biscuits
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	After-School 'Tennis' Club begins, Yrs 3+4 Roald Dahl Day (no prep needed from home) Y5/6 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	After-School 'Dodgeball' Club begins, Yrs 5+6 Y1/2 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/6 Swimming Lessons commence
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - donations welcome
October	Black History Month
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-uniform Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Break for Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school