



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

This week we welcomed families into school for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. We were delighted to see so many people join us for cake and tea. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated cakes, or came along to support our event. All in all, we raised an amazing £103.40 for this wonderful charity.

On Wednesday, we also held our first Open Day for Prospective Families. Again, we were overwhelmed by the attendance, and we were pleased to showcase some of the brilliant activities and events our school has to offer.

We have also been liaising with our friends at The Pathway this week, to plan our up and coming Harvest Festival. Harvest will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 1.15pm at The Pathway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Reminders and Messages

- **The new Winter lunch menu was sent home last week – please return these to the school office by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**
- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- The school uniform policy is on the website for reference: [Our School Uniform \(middleton-in-teesdale.durham.sch.uk\)](https://www.middleton-in-teesdale.durham.sch.uk)
- School shoes must be plain black – no additional colours, logos or other markings please.

## A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Pupils have now designed their own Christmas cards in school – a black/white copy is being sent home tonight with your child/ren. Please see the 'How to' information steps below, for parents ordering Christmas cards and other gifts from Cauliflower Cards.

- Go to <https://shop.cauliflowergroup.com> and register as a parent using the site with your name, emails address and password.
- On the Ordering page, you are asked for the School Code and Unique Code – both are found in the top left-hand corner of the form which has been sent home. There is a different unique code for every child.
- Once the codes have been entered, you can add the Pupils name and select a Class name from the drop down list.
- If you have more than one child at school, then now you can add another child, using the unique code on their artwork letter.
- No other children to add, then you can start shopping!
- Complete your order online and we will do the rest.

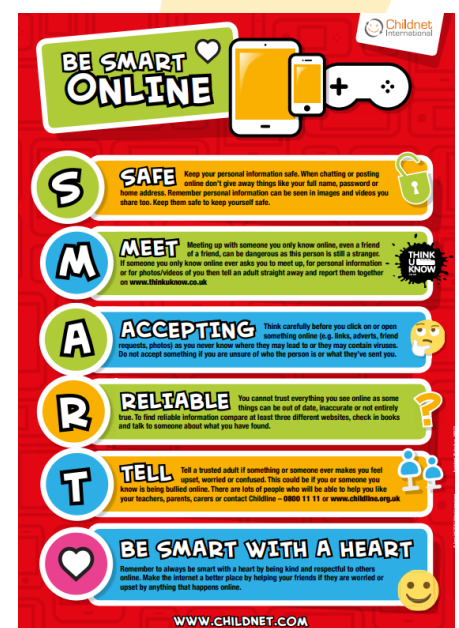
**Please place orders by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

Your printed order will arrive after half-term.

**Thank you for your support with this project!**

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.uk-saferinternetcentre.org/)
- [Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk)





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## More Exciting News from our Friends

As you are aware, the Friends are a huge source of support for our school events and fundraising activities. This year, with the cost-of-living crisis, our focus is supporting families with trips and visits. We are delighted to share that the Committee have agreed support families and to cover the cost of:

- A visit from famous author Adam Bushnell
- The transport costs of our school Christmas pantomime in Richmond
- £500 per class to subsidise class trips and activities
- Transport costs for the Y5/6 residential (more information to follow soon!)

I am sure you will agree, this goes a long way in helping families with additional costs.

Thank you to all our Friends for your time and committed to our school.



**FRIENDS  
OF  
MIDDLETON  
SCHOOL**

### **The committee currently consists of:**

**Chair:** Claire Tellegen

**Vice-Chair:** Sarah Hutchinson

**Honorary Treasurer:** Emma Spry

**Honorary Secretary:** Bethan Collinson

**Social Secretary:** Rebecca Rainbow

### **Members:**

Abi Collinson  
Brenda Turner  
Cat Bainbridge  
Kim Bainbridge  
Regan Mills  
Samantha Proffitt

If you would like to join the 'FOMS' or be added to our 'Handy Helpers' WhatsApp group, please let us know.

### **Contact Us...**

Call, text or email

**Claire Tellegen** on 07875 086 291 or [clairetellegen@gmail.com](mailto:clairetellegen@gmail.com)

**Emma Spry** on 07905 004 299 or [mrsespry@gmail.com](mailto:mrsespry@gmail.com)  
or message us via the facebook page @MiddletonFOMS

## **NEWS FROM OUR**

# **AGM**

Our AGM was a very positive meeting, thank you to those parents who came along to support the meeting and hear all about our future plans.

Special thanks must also be given to Ruth Kneller who sadly stepped down after almost 10 years on the committee. Thankfully she will still be around as a 'Handy Helper'!

## **Spending pledges agreed that will benefit all the children while supporting the curriculum...**

each class will have £500, that's £2,500 in total, to subsidise the cost of school trips for all children during this school year!

up to £600 to cover the cost for an author to visit school this term!

we'll cover the cost of transport for the whole school to go to see a pantomime at Christmas.

we'll contribute to the transport for a residential trip for years 5 & 6.



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

Nursery have had a fantastic week, with our story of the week being 'Leaf Man'. The children made their own leaf man and leaf girls, using natural materials such as leaves, conkers and pinecones. We have also celebrated 'British Food Fortnight', where we tasted Yorkshire Puddings, Scotch Eggs, Mashed Potato and Cheddar Cheese.

Reception have worked to make repeated patterns as part of our maths work. We have made creative pictures, handprints and cubes to make different patterns, using shapes and colours. We have also been using our senses this week - sniffing the cups to guess what was inside and then match it to the picture. The children could identify the different smells such as, chocolate, vinegar and mint. "It is mint, like toothpaste".







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

We have had a busy week in Year 1/2! First of all, we attended the Kurling and Boccia Festival at Wolsingham Academy. The children had fun taking part in a carousel of Kurling and Boccia activities, which helped develop their aiming and throwing skills.

In our Geography lesson, we were introduced to positional language using a compass (North, East, South, West). The children then followed instructions, using compass directions, to navigate around a map of a safari park.

To celebrate Black History Month, we learnt all about Althea Gibson – the first black tennis player to compete and win at international level, despite the colour of her skin limiting her opportunities. Once given the chance, she became a champion and she also became a role model by opening up people's minds, showing that the colour of one's skin should not limit your dreams.

Later in the week, the children brought in their favourite teddy to share with the class. It was lovely to see everyone's teddy, and for them to explain why their teddy was special to them.

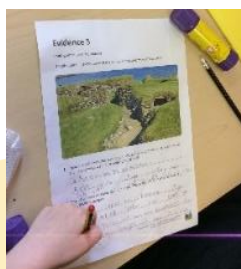
Finally, in our Science lesson we continued with our topic, 'Animals including Humans' where we focused on the human body naming and identifying a range of body parts.





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

A wonderful week in Year 3 and 4 this week, learning the Ukulele with Mr Soler, who also brought in his electric guitar to show the children what they could be learning in his private lessons.

In History, they explored Skara Brae and used primary and secondary evidence from the site to deduce how people lived and what life was like there in the Stone Age.

In PSHE over the last few weeks, the children have been thinking about what makes a 'Nightmare school' or a 'Dream school'. They then thought about what our school was like and the most important thing that helps them learn, which they decided was 'being cared for'.

The children have learnt about what animals and humans need to eat to be healthy and to grow. They learnt about the 5 different food groups and how much of each they should be eating to be healthy.

In Forest school the children have been learning to whittle sticks and how to be safe when doing this.

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

What a wonderful week Year 5 & 6 have had, starting the week off with our science lesson, where we have been making connections between the size of an animal and its gestation period, and recording this in a scientific manner.

In writing, we have learnt what fronted adverbials and parenthesis is, including examples of these in our recount – a diary entry, written about Sunflower's day.

During our MFL lesson this week, we have been learning numbers in French.

In P.E, we have started to play basketball, acquiring the skills of dribbling and defending.





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Upcoming  
Events:

Date	Event
October	Black History Month
WC 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings – see Class Dojo for timings
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at The Pathway, Middleton in Teesdale, 1.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-uniform Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Multi-Schools Festival, held at Middleton in Teesdale Primary
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Trip to Hamsterley Forest – letters going home Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Cross Country School Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Break for Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school