



NEWSLETTER

29th September
2023

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

Children relished the opportunity to explore different languages as we celebrated European Languages Day on Tuesday. Children in each class were given a secret European Country to study throughout the day. Each class made clues for other classes to guess the country they had been learning about. Children enjoyed learning about the culture of country, the language spoken and even had a chance to taste some of the food they eat. Lots of learning and a thoroughly fun day was had by all.

Save the Dates

Due to adverse weather the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon has been postponed until next Tuesday, 3rd October, at 2.15pm. We ask pupils to bring in cake donations for the event on the morning. We look forward to seeing you there and raising lots of money for this wonderful charity.

We are delighted to let you know on Thursday 19th October, we will have our Harvest Festival at 1.15pm, at The Pathway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Reminders and Messages

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

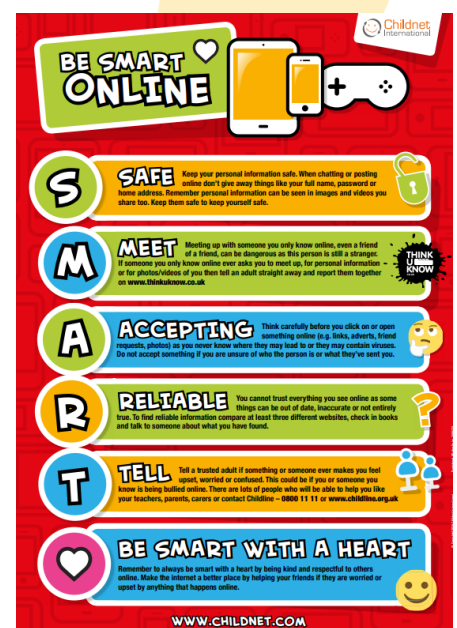
A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Our AGM is an ideal time to find out who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved. We are looking for new members to join our committee, as well as new volunteers to our group of 'Handy Helpers'. We'll be presenting a summary of our past events, but you'll also be able to have your say about our plans for 2023 / 2024. We have lots already planned for the children this year - come join us, and be a part of it!! If you can't come along in person we have the option for you to join by zoom using the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86877878022>

Useful Online Safety Links

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





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What have we been up to?



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

Nursery's story of the week has been 'We're Going On A Leaf Hunt'. The children have done some fantastic cutting of leaves and they listened carefully to the sound the leaf made when they cut through it, "it sounds crunchy", "like crisps", "it's loud", they shouted!

EYFS have also celebrated European Day of Languages this week; our chosen country was France. We got stuck in by decorating the French flag and we learnt some French language such as Bonjour, Je m'appelle, Au Revoir, making sure we explained what these words meant in English. EYFS showed off by using this language in convocation, modelled by staff.

This week Reception have been reading 'Funny Bones'. The children have loved learning about the skeleton and were excited to make our very own skeletons using cotton buds. Our role play area was set up as a vet for children to learn about X rays and how to care for animals. All the animals were well looked after with the right dose of medicine, and wounds bandaged correctly.

As part of European Day of Languages, we learned where France is in the world, the capital city, and some basic greetings. In our snack time, we tried some delicious croissants, brioche, madeleines, and crepes! Tres bien, Reception!





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

This week, the children have had lots of fun learning about the European country – Spain. We took part in a range of fun activities, including: making fans, flamenco dancing, creating drawings of King Felipe and finding where Spain is on the map. Our work was then presented to another class, who had to guess which country we were!

In our English lessons, we have continued with our Dogger story. The children have planned their own retell, using a story map. We are now in the process of using this to help us create sentences with the correct grammar and punctuation that we have learnt so far.

In PSHE, we were introduced to 'Jigsaw Jack' through a circle time activity. We all told Jigsaw Jack how to keep safe in school. We then created a picture showing a time that we have felt safe and special, and shared this with the class.

During our Science lesson, we have looked at what animals eat and then classified them into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. I wonder if the children can tell you what each of these mean...





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

This week the children celebrated European Day of Languages by investigating the country of Italy, and creating clues for the other classes to guess. They thought about famous places, the food and its location in Europe, and created a poster to present to the other classes.

The children have worked so hard in Maths and English this week, they have produced some lovely recounts of a day in The Stone Age - some work to be really proud of for their published work folder.

In PE, they had a go at some new invasion games, they had a go at Curling and Boccia - working as a team to get closest to the target or Jack.

In their RE lessons, the children have been learning about the Hindu God Ganesh, they learnt the story of how he came to have an elephant head and wore the masks they made while listening to the story.



Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week in our writing lessons, we have begun by analysing the features of a diary entry, before ordering the events of Sunflower's day and the emotions in which she will have been feeling, in preparation for writing our own diary entry.

On Tuesday we had great fun exploring and researching our 'secret country' – Germany. We found lots of facts and wrote these in a postcard to another class, for them to guess which country we had researched. We also had a short German lesson where we learnt basic German greetings.

It is also great to see that all children are showing great confidence and enthusiasm in our swimming lessons!



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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
October	Black History Month
Tuesday 3 rd October	Curling + Boccia Festival, Y1/2
Tuesday 3 rd October	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm – donations welcome
Wednesday 4 th October	Open Day for Prospective Parents, 9:15-10:00am and 2:00-4:00pm
WC 16 th October	Parents Evenings – see Class Dojo next week for timings
Thursday 19 th October	Harvest Festival at The Pathway, Middleton in Teesdale, 1.15pm
Friday 20 th October	Non-uniform Day
Monday 23 rd October	Multi-Schools Festival, held at Middleton in Teesdale Primary
Wednesday 25 th October	EYFS Trip to Hamsterley Forest – more details to follow
Friday 27 th October	Break for Half Term
Monday 6 th November	Pupils return to school