



NEWSLETTER

8th December 2023

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

A huge thank you to our KS2 children for their wonderful singing and beautiful reading in the carol concert today – it was the perfect way to start the Christmas festivities! We would also like to say thank you to The Pathways for their welcoming and continued support. *(photos on last page)*

Rehearsals for our Key Stage One and EYFS nativities are well underway and we are excited for the final productions next week. Families of those children will have received their tickets from their class teachers.

Friday night was a huge success for our Polar Express experience which was arranged by The Friends of Middleton. The effort, creativity and support made the night very special for our lovely children and definitely got everyone into the Christmas spirit. On behalf of the school, pupils and parents, we thank you, our FOMS, for organising such a fantastic event!

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- School photos have been sent home tonight with your child/ren. Please can any orders be returned to the school office by Wednesday, 13th December, ready for collection. Thank you.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Any remaining raffle tickets which are due in, please hand them in to the school office early next week.

Thank you.

Useful Online Safety Links

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



Attendance Matters!

Statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. Children who are absent will develop gaps in their knowledge. It is vital that we do all we can to prioritise children's attendance at school so they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers!



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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

We have continued our advent calendars in EYFS, ensuring each child gets to open a door. All children have loved dressing up in our Christmas clothes, saying, "Look it's Santa Claus!", "Me an Elf", "Let's put the Alexa Christmas song on", the children all exclaimed.

We have practiced their fine motor skills and enjoyed decorating their own Christmas trees, in both Nursery and Reception classrooms.

We've been reading so many Christmas stories, looking at the pictures and expressing what we can see. There have been some fantastic story retells that have impressed all staff.

On Thursday afternoon, EYFS had explored items that float and sink; their faces lit up to see if their predictions were correct.





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Aislabie and Mrs. Niven

This week, we have been working hard completing our end of term assessments, showing how much we have learnt so far this term!

We have also been focusing on perfecting our Christmas Nativity, ready to perform to you all next week! We have been busy making props and trying on our costumes.

In History, we created a timeline of significant events that led back to the 1950's. We then focused on the 50's, finding out what it was like at this time. We looked at: how people were entertained; what it was like to shop; what jobs were like and what school was like. They particularly liked listening to rock and roll music, and dancing like it was 1950! The children then made a poster to show how people in the 50's were entertained.

In PSHE, we have been looking at celebrating our differences. In previous sessions, we created a gingerbread character and have been adding different clothing items to it. On these items, we have written lots of similarities and differences that we have with a range of people in our class.



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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

It has been a very quick week in Year 3 and 4.

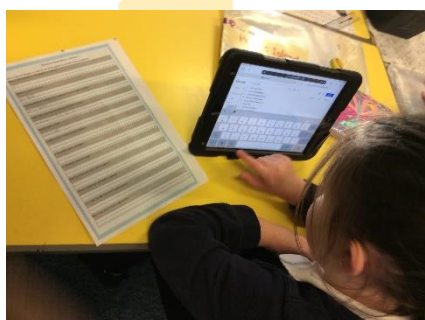
The children have been working hard getting through their end of term assessments as well as preparations for their Christmas Carol Concert on Friday.

They have been learning about adverbials in English and experimented with different ways to use them in a sentence. The children came up with some brilliant sentences related to our book 'Stig of the Dump'.

Starting the week at scientists, to conclude their forces topic, the children conducted their own comparative tests to see if the size of a magnet impacted on its strength of attraction.

In computing, the children have been learning about how to conduct effective searches on search engines like Google.

Finally, in PSHE, the children have been talking about bullying and how they could help someone who is being bullied to feel better and made a chain of helping hands.





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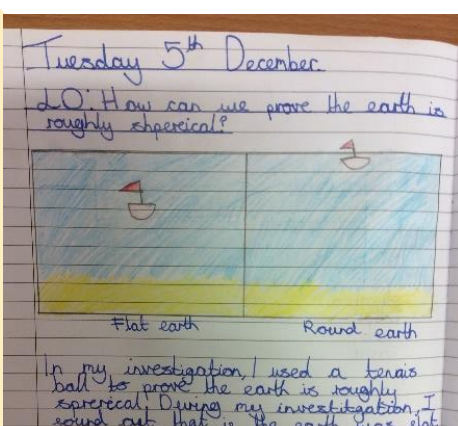
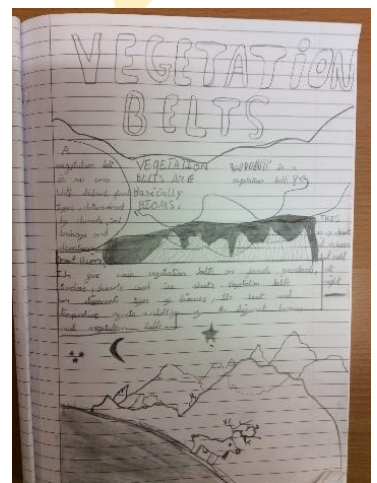
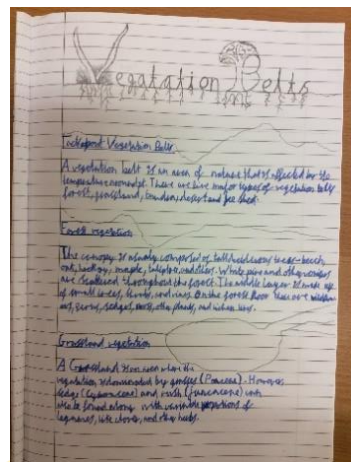
Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week we have been focussed on completing our assessments, though there was still room for some fun!

In geography, we have continued to expand our knowledge on the five main vegetation belts of the world, creating a factfile to present this. It was delightful to see how much care each child has put into presenting their factfile.

Despite the pouring rain, all children had great fun putting their tag rugby skills into practice, with mini games of tag rugby in the hall. The weather certainly didn't put a dampener on the P.E. session!

In science this week, we carried out an investigation using a small toy, round object and table, to prove that the Earth is roughly spherical. Why not get your child to explain why!





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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Play – 9.15am EYFS Nativity – 10.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Author 'Adam Bushnell' visiting school
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime at Georgian Theatre, Richmond, 10am
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day

