

Middlefield Community Primary School News

Dear Reader,

I hope you all had a great half-term and enjoyed Pancake Day! Last week's half term marked the half-way point in the academic year. The children have already had the opportunity to learn and experience so many new things and can now look forward to the second half of the year. Thank you for your continued support with correct uniform and PE kits which help give our children a sense of pride and belonging.

In Line by 5 to 9

Please remember our school day begins at 5 to 9 and any children in school or in line at this time will be given a sticker. These stickers are added to your child's individual chart and for every multiple of 10 they receive a prize. Sadly any child arriving after 5 to 9 will not receive a sticker so please ensure they are on time so they don't miss out on their prizes. Arriving at **5 minutes late** means that your child misses **3 whole days** over the year and arriving **10 minutes late** means that they miss out on **6 full days** over the course of the academic year. Our attendance target this year is 97% so we need every child to make every effort to be in school every day.



School Playground

Just a few polite reminders about the school playground, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day.

- Dogs should not be brought onto the playground (even if they are being carried) as they are a health and safety risk.
- Many of our children come to school on bikes and scooters, which is a fantastic way to keep healthy. We ask that the children refrain from riding their bikes or scooters on the yard and walk them to the bike-shed.
- Finally, we would like to ask that parents/carers closely supervise children on the yard, especially if they are climbing on equipment before or after school.

"It's Hip to Skip"!

All children are invited to bring their own skipping ropes to school and can ask any adult for a skipping passport to record the number of skips on.

They can take their ropes outside at every playtime.

The challenge is on!

How many skips can you do without stopping??

Mrs. Crone will announce the winners in assemblies!

Let's skip to get fit!



Upcoming Events

March 3

Visit from Nick Hennesey
(Story teller)

March 9

Cross-country at Sefton Park

March 15

Year 6 School Councilor's at
the Town Hall

Lateness = Lost Learning (figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day = 6 days lost!
15 minutes late each day = 9 days lost!
20 minutes late each day = 12 days lost!
30 minutes late each day = 18 days lost!

Attendance . . . something to think about (figures are approximate to illustrate the impact of poor attendance)

Attendance over the course of one school
year

98% Attendance = 4 days absent from
school

95% Attendance = 10 days absent from
school

90% Attendance = 4 weeks absent from
school

85% Attendance = 5½ weeks absent from
school

80% Attendance = 7½ weeks absent from
school

Music Club Performance

On Thursday 16th February Miss Diop's music group performed to staff and parents. The performance was an opportunity for the children to showcase their singing, rapping, guitar, piano and clarinet talents. The show was a great success with children performing several well-known pieces and several pieces that were unknown to the audience. A huge congratulations to all the musicians who made their parents and staff very proud of the wealth of talent we have in our school.



Year 6 Trip to Colomendy

The week before half term saw our Year 6 children travel to Colomendy for their annual residential trip. The three days were a great success with staff commenting on the wonderful behavior of our children during the entirety of the visit. Katie (Year 6) said how the trip was, 'Fun, fantastic and amazing!' Her favorite activities were; the Giant Zip Line, Nightline, Abseiling and climbing. Katie said her funniest moment was, 'When everyone fell into the tyre during Nightline.' The trip was described by Macy (Year 6) as, 'Mind Blowing and the best trip ever!' Macy said that she would definitely recommend the trip to the younger year groups and, 'They'll love it!'



School Sport

Just before half term our Year 6 football team played St. Christopher's at home in a league game. We knew this was going to be a very tough game as not only are St. Christopher's one of our local rivals but they are a team that we have only beaten once in the past ten years. The game was played at an amazing pace with end to end action throughout. Both teams came close to scoring, with one of our shots cleared off the line and an unbelievable double save from point blank range by our goalkeeper Raulis (Year 6). The game finished 0-0 with both teams agreeing that a draw was a fair result for such a fantastic match. We now look forward to playing Carleton House on Friday 3rd March. Well done to everyone who represented their school so well.



Attendance (December to January)

Our target for every class is 97% which means that every child must aim to attend school every day. A child missing 1 day of school each week will finish the year with 80% attendance which over 5 years totals 1 whole year missed.

Mrs Crone (Rec) : 91%
Mrs Donald (Rec) : 88%
Mrs Young (Y1) : 93%
Ms Hunter (Y1): 88%
Mr Fewtrell (Y2): 93%
Miss Foulkes (Y2) : 91%

Mr Bird (Y3) : 96%
Mrs Wood (Y3) : 86%
Miss Cashen (Y4) : 91%
Mrs Wilson (Y4) : 91%
Mr Lymath (Y5) : 93%
Mrs Smith (Y5) : 94%
Mrs O'Sullivan (Y6) : 93%

Well done to Mr Bird's class (Year 3) 96% who for the third month in a row are the best attending class in the school. We need everyone to help THEIR class reach the magic figure of 97%.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Holidays taken during term time will not be authorized by the school.

5 to 9 Super Stars

Congratulations to the following children who have now achieved **100** '5 to 9' stickers;

Sophia Willock, Darcy Bate, Elicia Sweeting, Raya Roberts, Daniel Caveney, Lewie Winter, Darius Bucalaete, Cole Clark, Lexi Morgan, Kieran Wong-Morgan, Katelyn Denam, Maddie Jones, Evie Neill, Darja Logcka, Tammy Sambrookes, Ruby Smith, Robert Stewart, Lexi Morgan, Cain Jones, Katelyn Denham, Alexia Adeleye, Sofia Bejan, Kamrom Lythgoe, Macie Burton, James Gill, Matthew Gill and Asher Vinodh.

