

# Middlefield Community Primary School News



Dear Reader,

We hope you had a great Christmas, which may seem a long way away now, and that you have an amazing start to 2017. This month has been a wonderfully busy and productive month, with visits from Chris Ball who has worked with each year group to bring their new English units to life, Play in a day performances, Safe-Guarding sessions for parents and children, The Anthony Walker foundation worked with our children and our very own Junior Lord Mayor Izzy (Year 6) completed her term of office.

### 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.**



### Parent's E-Safety Training

On the 11<sup>th</sup> January we held three E-Safety sessions throughout the day in the school hall for parents to attend. The day was a great success with many parents attending each session and learning numerous new things about how to keep their children safe and what to do if they have concerns.

Lorreta Jones said, "I found it very helpful and my boys were so interested. I have told everyone I have come into contact with about the information. You think you have it covered but there is loads to learn."

Andrew Anson said, "I found the session very interesting and very real, helping us to be more aware of the dangers and how safe we need to make sure our children are when they are using the internet."

Nicola Storey said, "The awareness session was very insightful and all parents should attend. I came home and approached the issue with my son using the recommended links. 'Kayleigh's love story', was very powerful."

Jackie Roberts said, "I found the info really helpful, with lots of ideas about how to report and handle certain situations."

Thank you to all the parents who attended and the above parents for their positive comments about the session.



## Upcoming Events

### February 14

Parent's Evening

### February 17

Break up for Half Term and return on 27<sup>th</sup> February

### March 2

World Book Day

### 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

## Our Very Own Junior Lord Mayor

This month has been a very special month for our school as Izzy (Year 6) became our first ever Junior Lord Mayor for the city. Izzy was selected to represent the city back in October after giving a speech to over 100 people outlining her vision for the future of our city and what Liverpool means to her. It has been a very exciting and busy time for Izzy who has attended many events including the Freedom of the City for Bishop James at the Town Hall, the Holocaust Memorial Day Civic Service and the Chinese New Year celebrations in town. Well done Izzy representing your school so well in such a prestigious role.



## Year 5 Focus

Since returning from our Christmas break Year 5 have had an exciting and engaging few weeks in school. The children have shown great commitment to their swimming lessons and are making good progress in the pool. Our PE sessions have been delivered by our LSSP coach, Ian Kaufman, who is currently coaching us basketball. Our music lessons have been delivered by our amazing music teacher Rachel who strives to get the very best from each of us. Our current English unit was introduced with a BANG thanks to the creative and imaginative sessions delivered by Chris Ball. Both Year 5 classes have received their dojo prize for good behavior in school and class 5S have won the attendance trophy on two occasions.

## School Sport

On the 16<sup>th</sup> January our basketball team travelled to St. Margaret's Secondary school to compete in the first round of games. The team played three games in total, narrowly losing the first two and drawing their final game after conceding a basket in the final seconds. Well done to everyone who played and represented their school so well on the day.

Our football team have been training every Friday and now look forward to their next game against St. Christopher's on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at home and then we travel to St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School the following Friday.



## "It's Hip to Skip"!

All children are invited to bring their own skipping ropes to school. 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!

## 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) : 86 %  
Mrs Donald (Rec) : 89%  
Mrs Young (Y1) : 92%  
Ms Hunter (Y1): 93%  
Mr Fewtrell (Y2): 93%  
Miss Foulkes (Y2) : 87%

Mr Bird (Y3) : 96 %  
Mrs Wood (Y3) : 92%  
Miss Cashen (Y4) : 89%  
Mrs Wilson (Y4) : 89 %  
Mr Lymath (Y5) : 89 %  
Mrs Smith (Y5) : 95%  
Mrs O'Sullivan (Y6) : 91%

**Well done to Mr Bird's class (Year 3) 96% and Mrs Smith's class (Year 5) 95% who are our top two classes for the second month. With a bit more effort we will hopefully see some classes achieve our target in the coming weeks.**

## Parking outside the school

Please be aware that we have recently received a complaint from our local streetscene officer about parents parking on the grass verges opposite school at the beginning and end of the day. Please consider our neighbours when collecting your children from school.



