

# Middlefield Community Primary School News



Dear Reader,

This is our first newsletter of 2018 and with this half term only being five weeks it is the only newsletter before we break up. Even though it has been a short half term, it has been a very interesting one in school, with many amazing things happening to ensure our children always have something to enhance their day in school. The staff have also been treated to some additional training from outside experts in math's and Philosophy for Children.

## Buddy Training

This month we have had two different groups of children completing two different types of buddy training. On 17<sup>th</sup> January 22 children from Year 2 up to Year 6 completed Hand of Friendship Buddy Training. This group of children are now trained in how to welcome new children into our school. They will continue to meet as a group throughout the year to discuss what has been going well and what we could improve. Our other completed training was the second session delivered by LSSP for our Playground Buddies. The children had a great day completing activities in class and then practicing games that they could deliver on the yard. All the children will now receive a special badge showing what type of buddy they are. Well done to all the children involved you were a real credit to yourselves.



## School of sanctuary

This year we have embarked on becoming a 'School of Sanctuary' and will be assessed in the Summer Term. There are three simple principles to being a 'School of Sanctuary' and we have already built up a large portfolio of evidence for all three; Learn what it means to be seeking sanctuary, take positive action to embed concepts of welcome, safety and inclusion within the school and wider community and to share our vision, practice and achievement. It is amazing to see all the incredible things that happen on a daily basis in our school to make sure **everyone** feels welcome and safe.



## Upcoming Events

### February 7

Y6 Colomendy trip

### February 19

Year 6 football match against Faith Primary

### February 23

Collective Worship led by Chaplain Andrew from St. Nicholas

## 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

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

In line by 5 to 9

## Levi Tafari

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> we were visited by writer, poet and performer Levi Tafari. Levi, who was born and raised in Toxteth, travels the world performing his poetry and helping the next generation of poets develop and improve their own writing. Levi was working with Y4 to create poems based on the theme 'Hand of Friendship'. The children had an incredible day; listening to Levi's poems and then creating their own examples. His visit was such a success that we have invited Levi back to work with a different year group during celebration week in July. Well done Y4 and thank you Levi.



## Attendance-January 2018

Our target for every class is 100% every week this year. Well done to Mr Lymath's class who achieved 98% this month. Reception and Mr Fewtrell's class need a bigger push to get their attendance up and over 95%.

Mrs Crone (Rec) : 92%  
Mrs Donald (Rec) : 91%  
Mrs Ellis (Y1) : 95%  
Ms Hunter (Y1): 95%  
Mrs Beresford (Y2): 95%  
Miss Foulkes (Y2) : 94%  
Mrs Niedzwiecki (Y3) : 95%  
Mrs Young (Y3) : 97%  
Mr Jones (Y4) : 95%  
Mrs Smith (Y4) : 95%  
Mr Lymath (Y5) : 93%  
Mrs Wood (Y5) : 96%  
Mr Fewtrell (Y6) : 92%  
Mr Bird (Y6): 95%

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

## School Uniform

I'm sure you'll agree that our children look incredible wearing their correct school uniform and showing that they are part of the Middlefield community. Since Christmas a number of children have been wearing 'hoop' earrings which are not allowed to be worn in school because of the risk of the earring being caught during break or PE and pulled through the earlobe. If your child is wearing such earrings please replace them with studs for school.

## Get away 'n' Get safe

This month we welcomed James Riley back into our school to deliver his 'Get away and Get Safe' message to our Year 6 children. James worked with Y6 each afternoon for a week discussing the dangers of gangs and how the children can ensure they make the correct choices. Olivia from Y6 said, 'I really liked the sessions as they have warned me about the dangers of being in a gang. James told us how dangerous it can be making such a bad choice.' We have decided to invite James back to deliver this message to our Y5 children before they break up for the summer holidays.



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GET AWAY N GET SAFE

## Basketball Tournament



Congratulations to Middlefield's A, B and C Basketball teams who competed at a tournament this month at St. Margaret's High School. Mersey Mavericks and LSSP coaches awarded the teams with the "Teamwork" award for their excellent display of the spirit of the games value. We are very proud of you! Well done to everyone who represented their school in the competition! Mrs Crone

## EAL Coffee Morning

This month we had our first coffee morning for the parents of children whose first language is not English. The meeting was attended by Gill Rowlands who works for EMAS and who has a first class understanding of supporting EAL parents. It was great to meet all the parents who attended and to discuss their worries or concerns over a cup of tea or coffee. We will be looking to hold another coffee morning later in the year and look forward to meeting everyone who attends.

