



Middlefield Community Primary School News

Dear Reader,

As we approach Christmas school life seems to become busy than ever as we plan for performances, carol concerts and Christmas Fayres. November was a fantastic month in school as we saw Year groups perform their 'Play in a Day' to parents, our 'Mental Health Awareness' group of children complete the filming of their film to be showcased at Liverpool university, teachers from other schools visiting us for an EAL meeting and much more. Thank you to all the parents and children who in November helped with the incredible fund raising of £299.88 for Children in Need. We look forward to seeing many of you in school over the coming weeks for the many things happening in school.

Chaplain Andrew visits from St. Nicholas

On 3rd November Chaplain Andrew visited our school again to lead an assembly for KS1 and KS2. The focus of the assembly was the parable of 'The Good Shepherd' which Chaplain Andrew had a wonderful animated version to share with everyone. The children demonstrated great interest in the parable and showed great understanding when questioned by Chaplain Andrew. We look forward to welcoming Chaplain Andrew back to our school in 2018.



'Play in a Day' performance for parents

Our Year 5 children did an incredible job performing their British Values play to a large number of parents on 23rd November. Everyone involved put their heart into getting the story and message across to the audience. Thank you to everyone who came on the day to support the children in their performance.



No Dogs on the School Yard

In the past few weeks we have had a number of adults bringing dogs onto the yard at the beginning and end of the day. No matter what size or breed the dog is **they must not be brought onto the yard** as they pose a health and safety risk to other children. If you do bring a dog on the yard you will be asked by a member of staff to remove the dog from the school grounds. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter.



Upcoming Events

December 5

Christmas party at the Adelphi for 12 children

December 18

KS2 Carol Concert

December 19

KS1 Christmas Performance

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

Year 6 Football

This month our Year 6 team travelled to Faith Primary School near town for their next league game. We had never played Faith before so had no idea what to expect. The game was to be played on an astro turf pitch which was a completely new surface for our children. The game set off at a frenetic pace with Faith Primary scoring within the first few minutes. The first half saw us continue to struggle to get to grips with the playing surface and as a result continued to concede goals. Following the half time team talk the children made a few changes to how they were playing and this resulted in a much closer half. The return game has been booked for the end of January when we will be playing on our own grass pitch. Well done to everyone who represented their school superbly well on the night.



Future Kick Boxing Stars

This month we had a wonderful surprise when one of our Year 4 children, Cole, came to school with an enormous medal around his neck and carrying an even bigger certificate. Cole had been competing in the Under 12's G-Force open championship when he found himself against his classmate Philip for the bronze medal. Both boys I believe showed great skill and courage with Cole piping Philip to the medal. Keep up the hard work boys and well done.



Twitter Reminder (@middlefield_cp)

Our Twitter account has now been up and running for a few months and the number of people following us continues to grow. We aim to share as much as we can each week through Twitter so it is a fantastic way to see what the children have been doing in school. Thank you to all the parents who have posted positive comments about our Tweets.



Attendance-November 2017

Our target for every class is 100% every week this year. Some classes have made a good start achieving 100% on a number of weeks but for this month the closest class was Mrs Beresford's (98%). These percentages are a 4% improvement on last year but we still want to push for the first class to achieve 100% for an entire month.

Mrs Crone (Rec) : 95%

Mrs Donald (Rec) : 93%

Mrs Ellis (Y1) : 92%

Ms Hunter (Y1): 97%

Mrs Beresford (Y2): 98%

Miss Foulkes (Y2) : 92%

Mrs Niedzwiecki (Y3) : 94%

Mrs Young (Y3) : 93%

Mr Jones (Y4) : 97%

Mrs Smith (Y4) :96 %

Mr Lymath (Y5) : 92%

Mrs Wood (Y5) : 92%

Mr Fewtrell (Y6) : 89%

Mr Bird (Y6): 94%

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

Mental Health Awareness

A group of Year 5 and 6 children have this month completed their mental health awareness sessions with The Ariel Trust by creating a short film which will be screened at Liverpool University. The selected children enjoyed 8 weeks working with Cheryl and Luke and gained a greater understanding of what is meant by mental health.

