



# Middlefield Community Primary School News

Dear Reader,

We hope you've all had a great start to 2019 and any resolutions you have made are going well. We may have only been in school for 3 weeks but we have managed to squeeze a lot in that short space of time. We also have some incredibly exciting events coming up including; our 'Ready, Steady, Cook assembly', Year 2 visiting John Lennon Airport and Year 6 visiting Colomendy for their residential trip.

## New playground equipment

Following a successful bid placed by Mrs Crone we have had lots of new equipment on our playground since the beginning of January. Several of our 'Young Leaders' have done an incredible job sharing the equipment out, leading activities and checking all the equipment back in at the end of lunch. It is fantastic to see so many of our children being active in a wide variety of activities each and every day while in school.

## Our newest arrivals

Just over 2 weeks ago, our duck eggs that had been keeping warm in their incubator, hatched and we now have 4 very fluffy and cute ducklings. It has been a wonderful experience for our children to see the ducklings hatch and watch their rapid progress and growth over a short space of time. The ducklings even **enjoyed** their first experience of paddling in water last week and even though it took some of them a little longer to figure out what to do they all managed a little swim around the paddling pool.



## Chatterbox

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January the incredibly talented Chris Ball joined us for 3 days to help launch our new English Chatterbox units. Chris works with each year group to give their new English units a real 'Wow' start and to help bring the genre to life for the children. Not only do the children love their Chatterbox sessions but this fully immersive approach with text and role play always has a positive impact upon the quality and quantity of writing they produce at the end of the unit.



## Upcoming Events

**February 13**

Y6 trip to Colomendy

**February 15**

Y6 return from Colomendy

**February 15**

Break-up for half term

**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**

## Awards assembly

Every other Friday we have a KS1 awards assembly and this is then followed by a KS2 awards assembly. These assemblies are an opportunity to share success from every class and celebrate individual achievements with a whole Key Stage. Here are a few pictures of some of our winners from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January.



## Year 5 Spaceport trip

We had a really fun day at Spaceport. We did lots of great things and we watch a movie called, 'Are we alone?'

We learnt many things about Mercury including that some people believe that there was once water on the planet.

We also played a quiz, which was brilliant (I won with 14 points). After the quiz we went into the 'Glow in the Dark' room. This was great fun exploring everything that glowed.

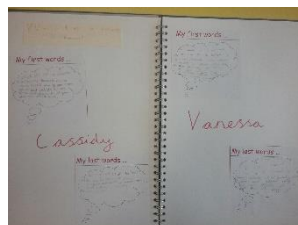
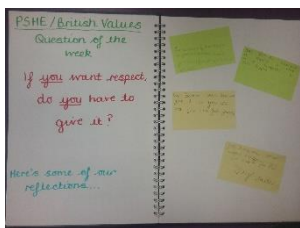
My favourite fact of the day was that Pluto is no longer classified as a planet.

Written by Darius (Year 5)



## P4C through the curriculum

Our journey to hopefully become a Silver P4C school by the end of the year continues with staff and children experiencing new philosophical inquiries linked to areas of their curriculum. Each year group displays examples of P4C activities in their year group floor book and these books showcase some truly outstanding philosophical work taking place in our school. In the Summer Term we will be inviting parents in to take part in a P4C session to experience the first hand the sort of enquiries our children are participating in each week.



## Attendance-January 2019

Our target for every class is 100% every week this year. Some classes have made a good start achieving 100% on a number of occasions. Our whole school attendance for January was 94% which is well below what we aim for every day. Hopefully, now that the snow has cleared we will see a much improved attendance percentage for February. Well done to 3N and 5W who had our best attendance during January.

Mrs Crone (Rec) : 90 %

Mrs Donald (Rec) : 92%

Mrs Ellis (Y1) :93%

Ms Hunter (Y1): 92%

Mrs Beresford (Y2): 92%

Miss Thomas (Y2) : 90%

Mrs Niedzwiecki (Y3) :97 %

Mrs Young (Y3) : 95%

Mr Lymath (Y4) : 93%

Mrs Smith (Y4) : 95%

Mr Jones (Y5) : 94%

Mrs Wood (Y5) : 97%

Mr Fewtrell (Y6) : 94%

Mrs Crichton/ Mr Harrop (Y6): 93%

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

## Open Door

Every morning Mr Potter and members of the pastoral team are available at the main entrance if you have any concerns or need to discuss an issue with a member of staff. This is often easier than trying to pass information to our class based staff in the morning as they have planned activities that start at 9:00am.

