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Newsletter –

Dear Parents and Carers,

What better way to start the New Year off than with the publication of the Ofsted Report for Middleton Primary School. We are delighted that they recognised the hard work of the staff and graded us as a 'GOOD' school. Moving from a 'Requires Improvement' judgement at the last inspection to a 'Good' judgement is a big achievement and we are all very proud of this. The report will be available on the Ofsted website next week but is already on the Yox Valley Partnership website so please take time to read it.

As always we are striving to increase attendance at our schools so that we are in line with National average (96.1%) This is always the hardest term to keep the attendance up, with coughs and colds going around, but please remember the importance of children being in schools whenever possible; obviously we prefer them to stay at home if they are full of cold so that the germs don't spread, but as soon as they start to feel better we would like to see them back. We all need to remember **'Everyone values attendance because every attendance matters'**.

I love this cold, frosty weather and I have seen some beautiful sunrises as I drive to school each morning. However, it does make us think about what we would do if we were to receive any snow and so it seems an opportune moment to remind you about our Severe Weather protocol. It is always our intention to keep the schools open as much as possible, even if there is skeleton provision. If we do have to make the decision to close the school, we will inform you all as soon as possible via text message. There is no much learning that can take place in the snow, and we would want to take every opportunity that we can, so please make sure children have appropriate clothing - warm clothes, hats, gloves, and wellies. It goes without saying that we must consider the health and well-being of the children, and the staff, but we always start with the 'how can we?' rather than 'we are not allowed'. Our view is that 'there is no such thing as an indoor playtime, just inappropriate clothing'

Many thanks

Gail Jerman
Academy
Headteacher

Celebration Assemblies

We will be continuing with our Celebration assemblies each Friday and we very much hope that you can join us to celebrate the achievements of the children. We will mainly be focussing on what they have achieved with their learning, but we also acknowledge positives behaviours and attitudes that are displayed throughout school. We have high expectations of the children during the assembly, asking them to sit quietly without talking to the person next to them. I would like to respectfully ask that you model those behaviours and show respect to those receiving the awards. Thank you

Never giving less than our best

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Yoxford and Peasehall News

OAK CLASS

Over the last few weeks, Oak class have been learning to divide using sharing and grouping. They have mastered this concept moving from using manipulatives to drawing their workings out. Amazing work produced.



SILVER BIRCH CLASS

Silver Birch class has recently started to listen to the younger students in Oak class read on a Monday afternoon. Both classes enjoy doing this and it is helping to promote a love of reading across the school.



Our topic is 'Under the Sea' and here Silver Birch are using their creative skills to decorate their topic board.



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have been reading Flotsam, which is a picture book that follows a camera that has been washed up on the beach. As part of this we looked at how camera film is developed and recreated the process using nail varnish and water to create colourful fish.



ELM CLASS

We have been learning all about Antarctica. We watched some of the BBC Seven Worlds documentary. The children were fascinated by the seal and its pup, they acted out being seals in a snow storm in their play and hid in the igloo until it had passed. We have started the story of 'The Blue Penguin.' The children have painted penguins and explored how to melt the ice that the penguins were frozen in.



SCOUTS

The Beavers and Cubs are working on their Communicator Badge this term. So far they have solved clues to relay messages in a code breaking exercise. Also made their own invisible ink using lemon juice.

The children also chose to raise money for the Australia fires with a sponsored five a side football match and a Kangaroo hop.

Many thanks Mrs Sutton and Mr Hopkinson

Southwold News

We love books!



Comets paid a visit to Southwold library and they all picked a book to bring back to school. The children really enjoyed looking at all the illustrations as well as listening to the stories.

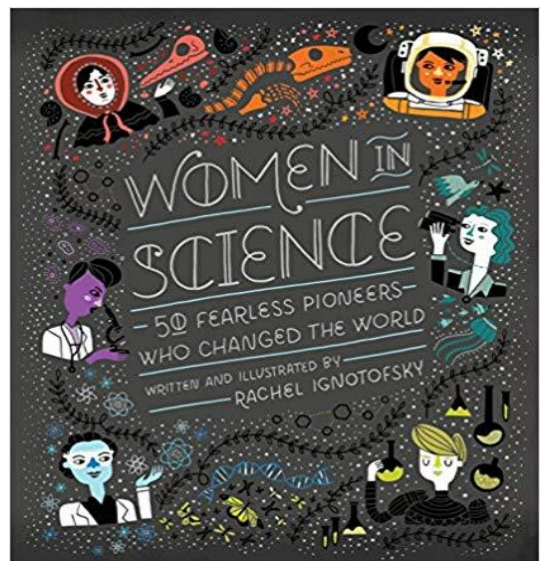
Making Collages

In Art and Design Mercury Class have been working on collage. They painted the background and used black and white paint to make lighter and darker tones of blue. They designed their collage thinking about what they would like it to include. They tore and crunched yellow tissue paper to create sand, cut and twisted green tissue paper to create seaweed and drew, cut out and then stuck on their sea creatures.

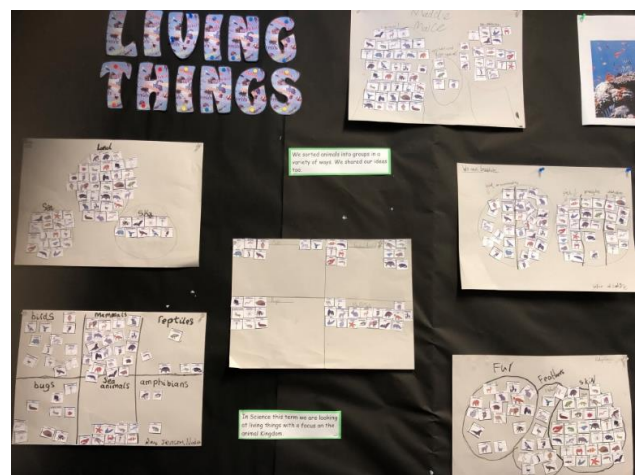


Our Biographies

Mars have been working hard on writing biographies since returning after Christmas. They have enjoyed reading about different prominent females in the scientific field from our Class book, before they start writing their own biographies, using the research they have collated about a family member.



The Animal Kingdom



In science this term Jupiter have been looking at living things, with a focus on the Animal Kingdom. We have been looking at different ways of grouping animals and making keys to identify different species.

Middleton News

Ash Class - Poetry

The children in Ash class have been learning all out poetry and poets. They have worked really hard and I am sure you will agree have come up with some fantastic poems of their own.

The poems are titled 'If I Had Wings'

By Kelsey Year 1 – If I had wings I would fly back in time to my swimming coach. If I had wings I would fly back to my swimming lesson. If I had wings I would splash into the pool and play with Jessie.

By Arthur Year 1 – If I had wings I would fly back in time to find my lego. If I had wings I would build it. If I had wings I would find my legobox and I would make an amazing model.

By Percy Year 2 – If I had wings I would fly to a helter skelter to play Atomick again. If I had wings I would go on the helter skelter to have lots of fun again. If I had wings I would put on a smart belt and ask mummy to buy me a hot dog. If I had wings I would fly to Atomick every day.

We are a 'Good School' - Ofsted Report

As you are all aware we had our Ofsted inspection on the 17th and 18th December 2019. We are delighted to announce that we have been rated as a 'Good' school. Thank you to everyone staff, parents, our locality committee and our representatives from CMAT for all your support and to the pupils who were fantastic as always and this shone through with the lead inspector saying in her report that -

'Middleton Primary is a friendly and welcoming community. Pupils are polite, eager to learn and excited to speak to visitors about their work. They learn to read quickly when they join the school. Pupils of all ages like reading. Key stage 2 pupils are especially enthusiastic about the new range of books available in the school library this year. Pupils enjoy singing in the local church, their after-school clubs and outdoor learning. The confidence younger pupils showed as they acted out their Christmas play and sang word-perfect carols was impressive'.

Stay and Play- Every Friday 10 – 11.30am

Please come and join us for stay and play toddler group, held at Middleton Primary School every Friday. A fun group for parents and their children with lots of fun activities and tea/coffee for the parents and juice for the children and biscuits



Norwood Care Home

On the 18th December Spruce and Maple went to Norwood care home for the elderly to sing Christmas carols. There was a vicar who introduced every song and reading. The residents joined in and they thoroughly enjoyed it too. "I really enjoyed it and love to go again and I hope the residents enjoyed it just as much as me" - Malik, "I really liked making the residents happy and bringing their memories back from their younger years." - Evie
In conclusion, Norwood Care home had a really good time - **By Emilia and Hannah**



Dates For Your Diary

SOUTHWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

6th January - PD Day

YOXFORD & PEASENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

6th January - PD Day

MIDDLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Monday @ 3pm - Book Buddy Reading Sessions - All Welcome
6th January - PD Day

Next edition emailed in March!

Updates from your Trust on matters such as :

- Investments
- Resources
- Successes
- Innovations
- Community Involvement



Horizons Home Time

A termly newsletter for parents, guardians and carers where we can share events, success stories and news from across our Trust



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