



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past week I have attended the Harvest Festivals for each of our schools. There has been some fantastic poetry read out, some fabulous singing and sharing of art work. It is always lovely to see them perform in front of an audience, and to see their confidence grow over time. I was very proud of them all.

I hope you were all able to meet with your child's class teacher last week, and had the opportunity to review the progress they have made, and to celebrate the good work they have done. I know the teachers have found these meetings really valuable, especially where they have moved class, and I hope you found it beneficial too. One of the areas for us to develop which came out of the recent parent surveys was about providing further information about your child is doing and so as we reach the end of this term we will be sending out a behaviour and attitude report; this will focus on the attitudes and behaviours children display and towards others children and adults around school.

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):** As a Trust we take our responsibilities under GDPR very seriously to ensure we meet and comply with the obligations in the use of, processing and holding of personal data. All our staff receive annual training as part of our statutory training in September and all our schools have an audit carried out at least once a year, by the CEO as the Data Protection Officer, to ensure we are following the procedures, and also ensuring that as parents you are kept up to date on the policies and the privacy notices. GDPR can be a complicated process and so to help our pupils understand a little more about data protection, we recently had an assembly, where we looked at what data we keep in school, who has access to that data and how we keep it safe.

For those that are new to our schools, or for anyone who wishes to revisit the information, all our policies and privacy notices around GDPR are on the Trust website and can be found on the link. The link also has access to the Pupil privacy notices which you may want to look at with your children

<https://www.consortiumacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Data+Protection&pid=90below>

**Medicines in school:** Please can I remind you that if your child requires any medicine during the school day, that a consent form is filled in, and that the medicine is handed over to an adult. We have had a few instances lately where it has been put into child's bag and then hung on pegs - fortunately it did not get into the wrong hands.

**Toys in school:** We would like to respectfully ask that your children do not bring toys or games into school. When things get lost or broken it can cause upset and arguments between the children and can interrupt and impact on learning time. Thank you for your support with this.

**Congratulations:** We have recently had several members of our staff graduate and we are very proud of each of them. Below are photographs of Amity Harrision, Amanda Peck (and Freddie), Leanne Brunning and Tom Messenger. Huge congratulations to everyone.



That just leaves me to wish you all very happy Half Term and we will see you back at school on Monday 31st October.

Best,

Gail Jerman

Please remember to also check our Horizons newsletter- <http://createsend.com/tj-4991C58B4905043A2540EF23F30FEDED>



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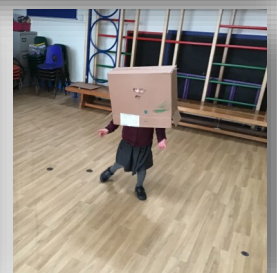
## Spruce Class

As part of their work preparing for the Harvest Festival, Spruce Class have been looking at the different countries that some of our food originates from. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring an array of different giant sized maps to locate countries and continents. We couldn't help but have a little sing along to a couple of our favourite oceans and continents songs while we were at it. With this growing awareness of our place in the world and our wonderful visit from two Tasmanian girls (who showed us and told us about where they live) even little Middleton Primary has been feeling very much part of the Global community!!



## Ash Class

In Ash class we have been celebrating black history month. We have learnt a lot about different people from Black history. Our favourite has been Mae Jemison, who was the first black woman in space. The Early years, children have been reading the book 'Look up!' all about a little girl who would like to become an astronaut. Early years then made their own rocket and helmets and went off on adventures through space.



Our new outside equipment for Early Years and KS1 has started to arrive, we had many little helpers whilst assembling the equipment. We hope the rest will arrive over half term, ready for lots of outside learning when we come back to school. Please make sure coats are remembered so we enjoy outside learning and keep nice and warm.





# Southwold News



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## Debating in History

As part of our topic on slavery Mars class have been learning about the legacies slavery left in Britain. We learned that many parts of Britain prospered due to the Atlantic slave trade and looked at lots of evidence left behind like road names, large houses and statues. We discussed whether it is still appropriate to have statues of former slave traders like Edward Colston or if they should be taken down. The children were thoroughly engaged in their debate and presented some well thought out arguments both for and against. In the end when they voted, the majority decided that it was an important piece of history and we should learn from it. I can see a few future politicians in here.



## Sharing and Kindness

This week in Astronauts we have been exploring sharing and kindness alongside harvest time. We shared the story of the little red hen and worked together to make bread and enjoyed thus together at snack time.



## Maths and Literacy in Mercury

In Mercury Class we have been having lots of fun in Maths learning about number bonds to 10 and 100. We explored this using numicon, looking for number patterns and using the part-whole method. In Literacy we have loved reading and learning the story – The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We sequenced the story and then used the ideas to write our own stories. We enjoyed acting out our stories outside.



## Making Connections

The children in Jupiter are really enjoying their topic of World War Two and have found it a very good subject for linking their learning. For example, in science we are learning about diet and nutrition and the impact of rationing can be linked to this. Also in English diaries are used as a source of entertainment and information from a historical view. We have read Anne Frank's diary which is harrowing and Flossie Albright's, which is also harrowing but written in a more informal and amusing way. In maths we have thought about what we could buy for a certain amount of money- helping with their addition and subtraction. Building links in the children's learning really helps their engagement. We are also looking forward to the educational visit on this topic.



# Yoxford and Peasenhall News



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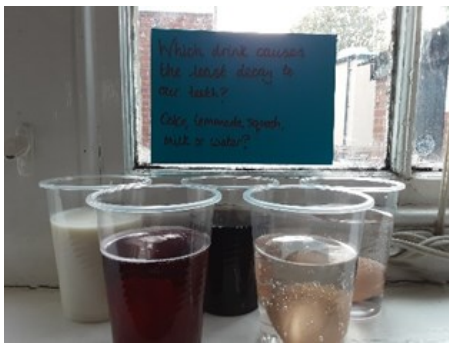
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## WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have been learning about healthy eating, digestion and looking after their teeth in their science work and scouting work. To examine the effect of drinks on our teeth we have set up a fair test experiment and are looking forward to finding out if our predictions are correct.



## SILVER BIRCH CLASS

Having discussed and debated in English whether Banksy is an artist or a vandal, in our art lessons we have again been inspired by the messages he gives through graffiti. The class independently came up with the slogan 'You don't need money to be kind', and have proceeded to create their own stencil art for the



## ELM CLASS

Elm class have begun learning their sounds. They have been writing, painting, using chalks, shaving foam and lots of different media to practice them. They have been learning about Autumn and making beautiful stained glass leaves. Elm class has also painted Big Red Combine Harvesters whilst learning about Harvest. They took these to the church and sang harvest songs. They were all amazing.



## OAK CLASS

Over the past few weeks Oak class have been learning about what a collage is and how to make them. We have been learning a wide range of skills to make our collages stand out. These include: cutting, tearing, folding, crumpling, overlapping, twisting, curling and thinking carefully about how to arrange the shapes/paper to make the most impact!







## Yoxford & Peasehall and Middleton School Scouting Sections

### Yoxford Cubs

The Cubs at Yoxford have been working towards their Chefs badge and made fresh pasta from scratch.

They used flour and eggs and worked collaboratively to make the pasta which they took home to cook and enjoy.



### Yoxford Beavers

The Beavers at Yoxford have been learning how the human body works, they learned what happens to the blood in our body and how it pumps around our body.

The beavers have also been baking bananas on the fire to enjoy, all the children enjoyed the bananas.



### Middleton Cubs

The Cubs have been making hot chocolate using Trangias to heat water.

They enjoyed working collaboratively and resilience in waiting for the water to boil.



### Middleton Beavers

The Beavers have been exploring the Trangias and worked on building their resilience wiring with Mr Hopkinson to boil the water for hot chocolate.

The Beavers also played a game of human fruit machine.

They enjoyed guessing what fruit will come next and matching the fruits.





# Dates for your Diary



Dates	Events	Who
21st October 6pm-7:30pm	Middleton Halloween Party- Hosted by Middleton Parents/carers	Middleton Students
24th-28th	Half Term	All
Friday Mornings Autumn Half Term	KS2 Middleton Swimming at Yoxford	Middleton KS2 students
2nd November All Day	KS2 Time & Tide Trip	KS2 SW
2nd November 9am- 11:30am	Southwold Primary School Open Morning	Current & Prospective Parents
4th November 8:45am-9am	Yoxford Celebration Assembly	Y&P Students & Parents
10th November 9am -11:30am	Yoxford & Peasenhall Open Morning	Current & Prospective Parents
11th November 2:45pm-3:15pm	Southwold Celebration Assembly	SW Students & Parents
14th November 8:30am-10:30am	Southwold Individual Photos	SW Students & Staff
18th November 2:45pm-3:15pm	Middleton Celebration Assembly	MID Students and Parents
21st November 12:30pm-3pm	Southwold Flu Vaccinations	SW Students
24th November Mid 9am	Y&P and Middleton Individual Photographs	Y&P and Mid Students & Staff
25th November 8:45am-9:15am	Yoxford Celebration Assembly	Y&P Students & Parents
2nd December 2:45pm-3:15pm	Southwold Celebration Assembly	SW Students & Staff
Monday 5th December 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Yoxford	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Wednesday 7th December at 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Middleton	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Thursday 8th December 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Southwold	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Friday 9th 2:45pm-3:15pm	Middleton Celebration Assembly	MID Students & Parents
Monday 12th December 11:30am	Yoxford Flu Jabs	Y&P Students
Monday 12th December 1:30pm	Middleton 2nd Flu Jabs	MID Students
Monday 13th December	Middleton KS2 Carol Service	MID KS2
Tuesday 13th December	Yoxford KS2 Carol Service	Y&P KS2
Tuesday 13th December	Middleton Christmas Dinner	MID All
Wednesday 14th December	Southwold KS2 Carol Service	SW KS2
Wednesday 14th December	Southwold Christmas Dinner	SW All
Thursday 15th December	Yoxford Christmas Dinner @ Village Hall	Y&P All
Friday 16th December	Last day of term	All Students