



# Yox Valley Newsletter



Spring Term 2 | March 2024



Finally – there appears to be a few signs that Spring is springing. This half term has been very short and has gone extremely quickly, but as always it has been a pleasure observing the children participate in their classroom tasks and those other opportunities that have happened outside of the classroom.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our parent consultations this half term, if you did miss the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher please arrange to meet to see their wonderful progress after the Easter break.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter updating you on Class learning. The Summer Term is an exciting time with plays, sports days, class photos and assemblies coming up. Please keep an eye on the diary page and your emails for upcoming events.

We wish you a Happy Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 15th April.

The SLT Team



### Reminder

Please remember as the warmer weather approaches to send your child in daily, with a water bottle, sun hat and with sun cream applied.



## Important Diary Dates 2024

**Easter half Term 29th March - 12th April, returning back to school on the 15th of April.  
Easter Half Term 29/03-15/04**

### Middleton

Follow up Online GB Olympian Assembly  
15/4 1:30pm  
Yr 3 & 4 School Farm and Country Fair event on 17/4  
Phonics Workshop for KS1 Parents  
3:30pm 19/4  
Year 6 Residential 22nd-24th May  
Sports day- June (exact date TBC)  
21st June Class Photos  
Alde Valley Intake day for Year 6's  
10:00-14:30 9/7

### Southwold

Yr 3 & 4 School Farm and Country Fair event on 17/4  
Phonics Workshop for KS1 Parents  
16/04 @ 3:30pm  
Year 6 Residential 22nd-24th May  
Sports day- June (exact date TBC)

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**Please note- May the 6th is a Bank Holiday.  
May Half term is 27th-31st**



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## Message from The PTA

Anyone need a useful bag or Easter gift?  
We have some lovely cotton bags created with the children's own portraits. If you would like to purchase, they are £5 each.



Payments to Middleton School PTA – cash in envelope with order or BACS.



Middleton Parent Teacher Association  
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## Ash & Spruce Class



This half term as part of our curriculum enrichment, we got to meet the Olympian, Danusia Francis, who discussed the reasons behind representing the Jamaican National Team after her stint in the British National team. This was because after being at university in LA, she found a more direct route to represent a country due to her heritage (Polish, Jamaican, born in England).

Danusia's favourite event is the beam and she is an amazing performer. She showed the children her ariel cartwheel (no handed cartwheel). She has retired from gymnastics and is 29 years old. She enjoys baking in her spare time and she lives with her husband and ginger cat in Kent.

The children got to opportunity to discuss the problems that professional sports people encounter such as injury and politics and a rigorous training programme. The children were all also lucky enough to participate in a PE lesson lead by Danusia. Make sure you ask them to show you their skills of what they learnt.

We may see her very shortly presenting the gymnastics on television. She is currently a stunt artist (was a stunt double for Wonder Woman) and a gymnastics commentator. She is also a gymnastics coach and she has just begun a role of public speaking in schools. Middleton was the first school she visited and she loved it! She thought the children were very cute and she complimented all of the children for their exceptional behaviour, hard work and skills.





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## JUPITER

Our scientific minds have been positively buzzing this term! We had a trip to Sizewell B in relation to our 'Inventions' topic to find out about how energy is produced. It was a very interesting day which we very much enjoyed.

We have also been carrying out scientific investigations for our topic 'Sound'. We used decibel meters to find the answer to the question 'where is the quietest place in school?'



## MERCURY

In Mercury Class the children have been having lots of fun learning about Electricity in Science. They have been busy making their own circuits. They have enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and walking to the local library. At the library the children made masks and listened to stories. We are also very lucky to now have a team of volunteers who share stories with the children on a regular weekly basis.



## ASTRONAUTS

In Astronauts we take part in Drawing Club every day, the children love using their imagination and developing their language skills. This week our story was Jack and the Beanstalk, the children decided that the castle was going to turn into a bouncy castle with a special password!



## MARS

Mars and Jupiter class wowed the audience at Snape Maltings Celebration24 on 15th March. Pupils have been working with Daisy Williamson to perfect their vocal performance and took to the stage in front of a crowd of 800 people to sing a selection of songs: 'Naughty' from Matilda the Musical, 'Chocolate' and 'The Owls' by Peter Jenkins and 'Me' – a song which the children first performed at The Big Sing earlier this year. The children were incredible and made me immensely proud - I'm sure the grown-ups who attended would agree.





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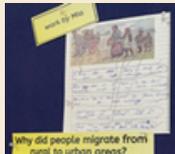
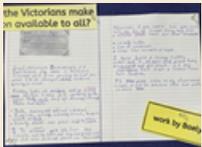
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### SILVER BIRCH

Silver Birch have continued to explore how the inventions of the Industrial Revolution in Britain prompted migration from rural to urban areas.

We have also considered why educational reform was necessary and what we believe is the greatest legacy of the Victorian era. In science, we have considered the dangers of electricity and have been building circuits to solve problems.



### ELM CLASS

Elm class have really enjoyed learning about the Japanese artist, Kusama. They have explored circles using different media. They have also enjoyed learning how to hopscotch for their Squirrels badge- Be Active Nursery have been doing lots of mark making, exploring pattern and shape as well as looking at their names.



### WILLOW CLASS

Wow! What a flying term this has been. Willow Class have been learning about keeping healthy and growing strong in PSHE and are able to talk about eating, moving and sleeping well and why this is so important. The children have been working hard on lots of different skills in swimming this term; thoroughly enjoying our water safety sessions to finish off a successful block of swimming lessons.

We are ending the term writing about famous women who changed the world; Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole and Amelia Earhart to name a few!



### OAK CLASS

In Science, Oak Class have been looking at and testing different materials and their properties. They had to decide what the best materials would be to use to make an umbrella.

Oak Class have been learning and experimenting in DT, with batteries, wires and light bulbs, to see if they could get the bulbs to light up. They have been learning about how to make a circuit and the different symbols that are used when they draw a circuit.

World Book Day was a great success, with Oak Class sharing their books they brought in. We enjoyed sharing 'The Cow that Laid an Egg' as a whole school and wrote character descriptions and newspaper articles.





# School Scouting Sessions

## Cubs & Beavers Spring Half Term



The beavers have been working towards their Air activities badge. The beavers were very creative and determined to make whirly birds which fly downward.

The beavers enjoyed testing the whirly birds outside in the bandstand. The beavers also worked collaboratively to match up air crafts to the clues and identify the aircraft's.

Week 3 the Yoxford and Pesenhall beavers were treated to a video call from Second Officer Ben Rourke.

Ben is a determined young man and a pilot for Jet2 he is 24 and gained his pilots licence at 17.

He was pleased to join the beavers for a video call to answer all their questions. The beaver found the session fun informative and learned a great deal about planes, flying and how to be a pilot.

The Beavers were curious and very grateful to Ben to give us his time and knowledge.

This term the cubs have been earning their global issues badge. In order to earn the badge the cubs had to discuss issues such as racism, global waste problems and poverty.

They also made makeshift dens out of materials they could find to simulate building a home after a natural disaster.



# Dates for the Academic Year 2023/2024

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| PD DAYS |                    |
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| 01/09   | Statutory Training |
| 04/09   | School Directed    |
| 30/10   | School Directed    |
| 03/01   | Trust Directed     |