



# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## A message from our school leaders:

It's been an active week in school as we promoted health, well-being and fitness throughout our Healthy Week activities.

Our local firefighters introduced the week with an important assembly on Water Safety. They discussed river dangers and how to keep ourselves safe. Children were super impressed with the fire equipment that was brought into school and showed a keen interest in the different types of challenges modern firemen face. Police dogs, Jet and Ben, also came to Middleton this week to meet our pupils

Children have been super energetic this week, practising in readiness for our annual sports day, which is being held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. On Friday, we took a KS2 football team to a World Cup competition, where they played alongside 21 other teams at Staindrop Academy. Our team played amazingly well, making it as far as the quarter finals and only conceding 2 goals in the whole competition.

A final well done to all the staff who took part in the Yorkshire Three Peak Challenge at the weekend. It was a successful day for the team who have raised almost £2,000 for The Solan Fawcett Trust. Thank you for your support, well wishes and sponsors. It really means a lot.

## ~ Friends of Middleton School (FOMS) ~

### NEW MEMBERS NEEDED URGENTLY

In July, three of our committee members will be 'retiring' as their children move on to secondary school. If you would like to see the Friends of Middleton School continue, to provide funding for extracurricular events and opportunities, we urgently need new members to come forward.

We have been a registered charity for almost 34 years, and we don't want to see it have to come to an end!

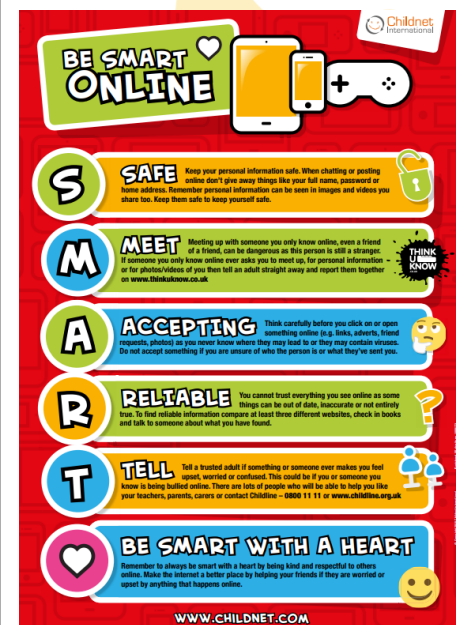
If you would be willing to join us please let the school office know.

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

### ~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	100.0%
Year 1+2	94.1%
Year 3+4	95.2%
Year 5+6	98.1%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

### NURSERY

This week, in nursery, we have been reading the story, 'Camping Out', and our wonderful words have included, camping and adventures. The home corner was transformed into a campsite, complete with tent, fire, picnic and torches. The children have had great fun camping out in nursery, cooking fish on the fire and having a picnic, not forgetting to wash up all the pots, pans, cups and plates.

We also talked about different types of holidays and different places we could go to on holiday, such as going on a plane, coach, ferry and caravan. The children have used the torches to explore light and dark and talked about what materials would be good to make a tent with.

The children used their fine motor skills to tear pieces of tissue paper to make their own campfire.

### RECEPTION

This week, Reception's topic text has been, 'Commotion in the Ocean'. Reception have learnt about animals from the story, including turtles, jelly fish and crabs. The children have written sentences about jellyfish and answered questions about the animals using reasoning from new facts.

In maths, we looked at weight this week. The children were introduced to weighing scales and had a go of using them themselves. They have also told adults which objects on the scale were lighter or heavier, and backed up their answer with reasoning.

In DT this week the children have made their very own jelly fish. They have used a needle and thread to stitch into bubble wrap and painted the head of a jelly fish, ready to put together for the final piece.

The children also had a wonderful visit from police dogs, Jet and Ben! They learnt all about what police officers do for their job and how they keep people in the community safe, with the help of their police dogs.





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## **Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley**

What a lovely week we've had in school! The children have been thoroughly engaged in a plethora of activities to celebrate Healthy Week. To begin the week, the Fire Brigade came in to discuss safety, particularly focusing on how to stay safe near water, which is crucial for our community. The police paid us a visit as well, discussing personal safety and the various ways to ensure we're all kept safe in our environment. A real highlight was meeting Jet, the amazing police dog, who captured the children's hearts. They enjoyed learning about Jet's training and how he assists the police in their duties. Our assembly focused on mindfulness, where we took the opportunity to share thoughts on how we can manage any worries that might come up in our day-to-day lives. The children actively participated and shared their ideas, which was heartwarming to see. This conversation is vital in helping our young ones develop resilience and emotional awareness.

In English, we've wrapped up our writing project based on the, "Great Storm Whale." The children displayed immense creativity and understanding as they retold Grandma's story. They really brought the narrative to life with their imaginative retellings, and I couldn't be prouder of their progress.

In maths, we've been focusing heavily on revision, in preparation for assessment week. The children have been working diligently, and I've seen great improvement in their confidence as they tackle different concepts. It's wonderful to see their hard work paying off.

Additionally, we've expanded our knowledge of Tulum, where the children compared its physical and human features to those found here in Middleton. This geographical exploration has engaged their curiosity about the wider world and has sparked interesting discussions about culture and environment.

In P.E., the enthusiasm in perfecting skills for the upcoming Sports Day events is noticeable. The children are working hard and are excited to showcase their talents in front of friends and family. We're looking forward to this end-of-term celebration of fitness and teamwork.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's keep our spirits high for another fantastic week ahead!







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## Y3/4 – Miss McDonnell and Mrs Niven

What a fun week year 3 and 4 have had!

We started off Healthy Week with Bikeability, and an informative assembly led by the Fire Brigade. The children were off to an energised and positive start with some fabulous behaviour during Bikeability.

During time in the classroom, the children have continued with work on sound in science. Focusing, this time, on using different materials to try and inhibit the sound waves as they travel from the drum to our ears. The children used their scientific knowledge to create their own predictions and then a conclusion, based on their findings.

In art, the children had a fabulous time creating cards for someone special in their lives, we hope the recipients loved their creations as much as we did.

English has been a continuation of the children's work with figurative language. They are now starting to bring all of this learning together with their fabulous imaginations and write some super paragraphs, rewriting a piece of narrative from the class book, 'Secrets of a Sun King'.

The children have really embraced the slight change of routine this week and worked hard in all lessons, including their maths. Year 3 started a new topic on angles and Year 4 practiced positioning a little more, with some extra tasks to really test how well they have retained that knowledge.

Well done Year 3 and 4, another fabulous week with lots of hard work from all of you.





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## **Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery**

This week has been extremely busy in Year 5 & 6 as we have celebrated Healthy Week!

To begin the week, the Fire Service kindly delivered an assembly about fire and water safety – the session was informative, and children have a greater understanding of the ways in which they can keep themselves safe. Following on from this, we hosted a friendly football match between Y5/6 Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy and Year 6 Browney Academy – all children had great fun despite not winning the match.

Some of the class have also partaken in Bikeability over the course of the week, where they passed both their Level 1 and Level 2 Road Safety Skills Test. The instructors were blown away with the huge effort that all children showed (especially during the hot weather) and also how well they listened and followed instructions to stay safe on the roads around Middleton when riding their bike.

At the end of the week, a group of footballers represented Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy at Staindrop Academy, where they played in a World-Cup style tournament. Great fun was had by all and we are incredibly proud of them all!







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Upcoming  
Events:

	Event
<b>JUNE</b>	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Activities at TCR Hub, Barnard Castle
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Phototronics – Year 6 Leavers and Class Photos
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Yrs 5/6 Rounders Fest at Teesdale Leisure Centre, B.C.
<b>w/c 30.06.25</b>	Careers Week
<b>JULY</b>	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse, Gateshead
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	FOMS School Trip to The Forbidden Corner, Middleham, N.Yorks
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> + Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transitions to secondary school
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - am
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	FOMS All the Fun of the Fair - pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the Summer Holiday

