

MIDFIELD MESSENGER

October
Edition



Dear Parents/Carers,
What a very busy but wonderful first half-term we have had. The children have really settled beautifully into their new classes and year groups and the level of learning taking place in classrooms has been very impressive.

Thank you for those who gave positive feedback after the September issue newsletter. As you can see, this style has become a new feature!

We have had so many amazing things take place this term but I'd just like to list some of my favourite's of the year so far.

1. Listening to the wonderful reviews that children have been sharing about our curriculum and their learning.

2.) Seeing the children going on more outings and school trips.

3.) The wonderful Harvest collection and service at St Barnabus Church.

4.) The appointment of our new children's Junior Leadership Team members who are very important in helping us lead the school forward. They've proven already at our Open Mornings what an asset these children are to our school.

Staff have prepared some notices with photographs of things the children have been up to but before you read on, I just wanted to express my thanks to Mrs Ratcliffe and Miss Turner who are leaving Midfield Primary. Today is their last day and after half-term we will be joined by Mrs Sheahan who will be the new Beetles Class Teacher.

Miss Turner and Mrs Ratcliffe will be missed and we wish them them the very best of luck for the future.

Mr Osborn



Updates!

Earlier this term I shared with you the exciting news that we have had it agreed that the pathway leading to the school from Midfield Way will be replaced. I'm reliably informed that these works will be taking place during the October half-term period and so (fingers crossed!) we should have a new pathway by the time we return on the 30th October!



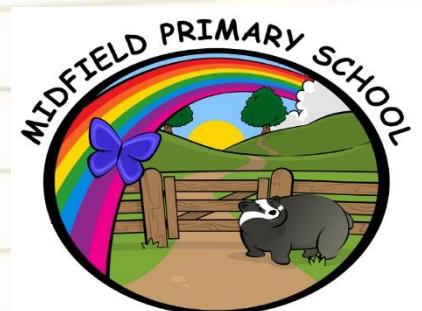
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Reception Bluebirds & Grasshoppers



We've had a busy term, learning all about Autumn, a trip to the library and our stay and play!



Year 1 Owls & Ladybirds

We have been working hard this half term settling into Year 1. In English we have used adjectives, written letters, found rhyming words, described characters and written instructions. In Maths we have ordered numbers up to 20, used number lines, identified 3-D shapes and learnt how to use our greater than, less than and equal to signs. In Science we have learnt about our senses, conducted experiments and looked at what happens in Autumn. One of our favourite books was called "Cave Baby" by Julia Donaldson.



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Year 2
Foxes & Rabbits

We have had a very busy start to the school year! In English we have looked at 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and 'The Paperbag Princess' we enjoyed reading them so much and even went on a school trip to the library to look at all things fairy tales.



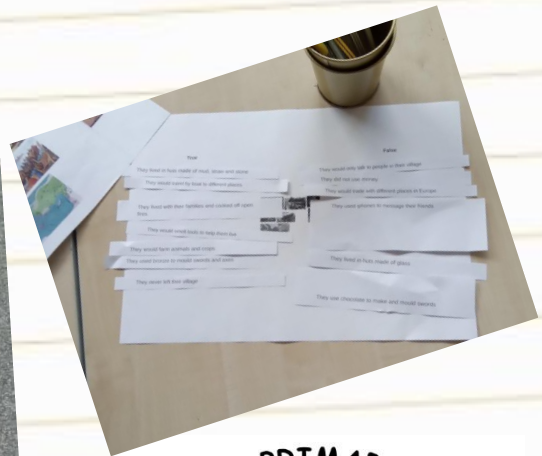
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Year 3 Dragonflies & Hedgehogs



From the stone ages to the land of giants. This term, we have been focusing on on getting ourselves used to school life in year 3 and working hard across every subject. In maths, we have been looking at the place value of 3 digit numbers readying us for addition and subtraction next term. The classes have loved reading 'The BFG' and particularly enjoyed making the Frobscottle drink, before writing up the recipe. In wider curriculum, we have looked at the human body including the skeleton and playing the 'food chain challenge'. In History we compared the stone ages and bronze ages and looked at how Hindus celebrate Diwali in R.E.. Don't forget to ask us how to draw a landscape using only shading as we are mini experts now.

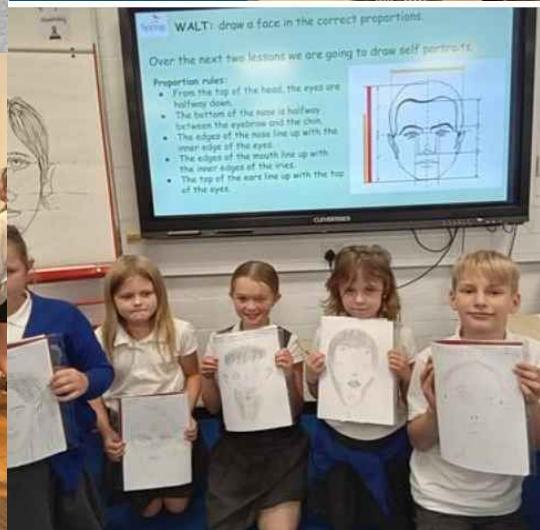


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Year 4 Squirrels & Beetles

Squirrels and Beetles have been working hard this term in all aspects of the curriculum. We have been practising our skills in PE to improve our agility and balance and learning about different roles people play in our school community.



We have had great fun at the Science Museum learning about Sound and Vision. In Art we have been developing our drawing skills and creating our very own self-portraits.



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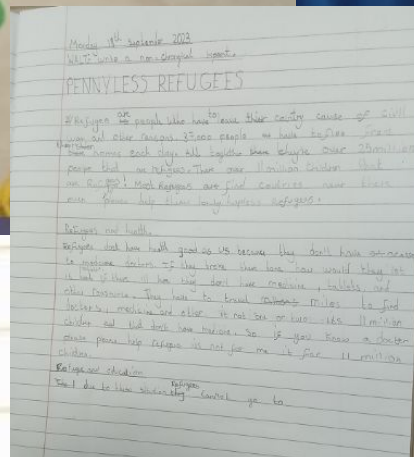
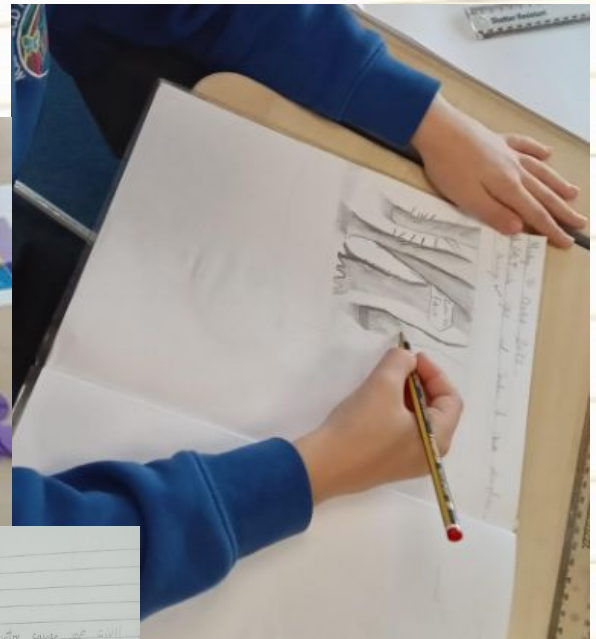


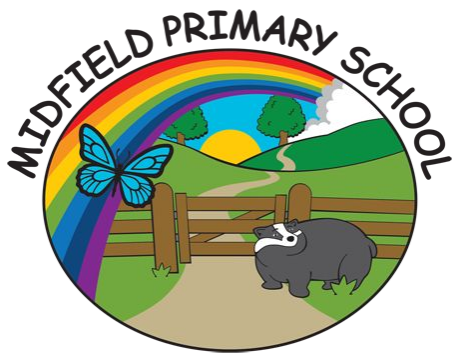
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Year 5

Robins & Woodpeckers

We have been working really hard in Year 5 this half term. In English we have been looking at refugees and have created some amazing pieces of work for this. In maths, we have been using our manipulatives to gain a better understanding of place value. Science has been very interesting and we have learnt lots of new facts about Space. One of our favourite lessons was creating artwork based on Anthony Browne.





Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Pupils who attend regularly and punctually, have the best chances of:

- Making friends and feeling included
- Feeling confident and happy about their school work
- Developing skills and learning new things
- Fulfilling their full potential
- Developing good relationships with their teachers and getting the support they need
- Forming good habits

Children only get one chance to attend school and to take advantage of all we have to offer.

THEIR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS...

Guess whos back?!

Guess whos back....
Back again....
Badgers are back....
Tell your friends....

Our attendance Badgers will be back next term to visit the classes with high attendance, Having fun and



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

2nd Sept 2022 - 3rd March 2023

Bluebirds	94.49%	Grasshoppers	96.42%
Owls	96.08%	Ladybirds	90.49%
Foxes	96.54%	Rabbits	95.29%
Hedgehogs	93.2%	Dragonflies	93.88%
Squirrels	94.86%	Beetles	95.48%
Woodpeckers	93.76%	Robins	96.66%
Kestrels	97.92%	Ravens	96.48%

Total	95.1 % (Midfield) 95.2% (National Average)		
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Our whole-school target is 96% and so we are disappointed with this outcome. Every day in school counts, let's work on a far improved figure next term!

Attendance Ladder



[WEEKLY MENU] Olivel Week 1

Weeks Commencing: Mon 4th Sept - Mon 25th Sept - Mon 30th Oct - Mon 20th Nov - Mon 11th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Main Dish of the Day	Butchers Sausage + Crushed Potato with Gravy (CE, G, MK, SO, SU)	Beef Burger in a Bun + Seasoned Potato Wedges (G, SE*, SU)	Roast Chicken + Gravy	Pasta Beef Bolognese (G)	Fish Finger + Chips (F, GI)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Veggie Sausage + Crushed Potato with Gravy (G, MK)	Vegetable Bean Burger + Seasoned Potato Wedge (G, SE*)	Vegetable Wellington (CE, E, GI)	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti (CE, GI)	Vegan Nuggets + Chips (GI)
Vegetable Choice	Seasonal Greens	Baked Beans or Coleslaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes + Medley of Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread + Green Salad (G, MK)	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Banana Sponge with Vanilla Sauce (E, G, MK)	Fruit Jelly	Apple Crumble + Custard (G, MK)	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, G, SU)	Chocolate Chip Cookie (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit

Allergens: CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds * = May Contain
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
Midfield Parent Survey

Please see link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5KWRXQQ>

[WEEKLY MENU] Olivel Week 2


Weeks Commencing: Mon 11th Sept - Mon 2nd Oct - Mon 6th Nov - Mon 27th Nov - Mon 18th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Main Dish of the Day	Chicken and Tomato Basil Pasta (G, MK)	Meat Feast Pizza (G, MK)	Sausage Roast + Gravy (CE, G, MK, SO, SU)	Butter Chicken Curry + Rice (G*)	Battered Fish + Chips (F, GI)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Tomato and Basil Pasta (CE, GI)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (G, MK)	Vegetable Sausage Roast (G, MK)	Vegetable Curry + Rice (CE, G*)	Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll + Chips (GI)
Vegetable Choice	Garlic Bread and Green Salad (G, MK)	Seasoned Potato Wedges + Sweetcorn	Rustic Roast Potatoes + Seasoned Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Apple Flapjack (G)	Fruit Jelly	Jam Sponge + Custard (E, G, MK, SO*)	Selection of Fruit Mousse (MK)	Chocolate Orange Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
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[WEEKLY MENU] Olivel Week 3

Weeks Commencing: Mon 18th Sept - Mon 9th Oct - Mon 13th Nov - Mon 4th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Main Dish of the Day	BBQ Chicken	Chicken + Tomato Basil Pasta Bake (G, MK)	Roast Turkey + Gravy	Sweet and Sour Chicken (CE)	Fish Fingers + Chips (F, GI)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Quorn BBQ Fillets (GI)	Mac + Cheese (G, MK)	Vegetable Parcel (GI)	Vegetable Chow Mein (CE*, E, G, MU*, SO)	Cheesy Calzone + Chips (G, MK)
Vegetable Choice	Rice + Peas with Seasonal Vegetables (CE)	Green Salad + Coleslaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes + Seasonal Vegetables	Steamed Rice + Stir Fried Greens	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Winter Berry Traybake (E, G, MK*)	Shortbread Biscuit (GI)	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, GI)	Fruit Jelly	Ice Cream (MK)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit

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Midfield's Voluntary Hardship Fund

Further to the recent parent surveys, some of the feedback collected highlighted a decline in off-site school trips, visits and experiences at Midfield and we are keen to address this and make it better.

We are working collectively with different stakeholders to improve this, but one of the key factors of why trips teachers plan aren't able to go ahead, is because of projected cost implications and a short-fall in parent contributions. We do appreciate that everybody is feeling the affects of the cost-of-living crisis, but equally, we recognise there are some children and families who this affects more.

Sadly, the funding we receive as a school to support with things like this is now being stretched across other areas (e.g. resources in school, supporting children with additional needs, pastoral support, PIT Stop etc). Largely this is in response to the pandemic which has resulted in many children needing a greater response in terms of their emotional mental health and wellbeing. We don't regret this decision because this is incredibly important and our services provide such a positive impact. It's just unfortunate there's not always enough within our money pots to go around!

To help us overcome this barrier though, we have commenced a voluntary hardship fund. This is a fund where parents/families can make a donation, effectively sponsoring a child at Midfield who's family may be unable to help with paying the full cost of school trips and events. If everyone contributes just a little, it could make a huge difference to some of our most vulnerable children and families and will hopefully mean far more opportunities for all of our children to enjoy.

In order to make a donation, please visit Parent Pay - the Voluntary Hardship Fund has been setup for parents and staff to make contributions, as little or as much as you like and can afford.

Any donation received, would be gratefully appreciated.



MIDFIELD NEWS

Did you know that school funding is linked to eligible free school meal families?



The Mayor of London has announced all primary school children will receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS for the full academic year, Whilst being able to provide free school meals this school year is fantastic, it's really important that those who are eligible for means-tested free school meals still apply.

As your child may also be eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. This is extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development, and targeted support for the children that need it most. This may also entitle you to other benefits like food vouchers during the holidays

Not only does this affect our school budgets and staffing, but it also means that after the Mayoral offer concludes next summer, your child will continue to receive free school meals for the remainder of their time with us.

[Apply for free school meals online](#) today or you can [download and print a copy of the application form](#) or speak to a member of the school office or pupil support lead team who will help you complete the application form.



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW?

EVERY CHILD IS NOW ABLE TO RECEIVE A
FREE SCHOOL MEAL IN **BOTH** KS1 AND KS2



SUPPORT CALLS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS & YOUNG PEOPLE

We will continue to make support calls available to parents and carers who are looking for some support and advice. This month we will also expanding them to young people too. If anyone you are working with has a concern that would benefit from being talked through with one of our practitioners they can email us sws wellbeing support@bromley.org and a practitioner will be in touch within 5 days to arrange a telephone call at a suitable time. It would be helpful for anyone who contacts us to let us know their name, their school and the best times for a phone call so that we can allocate call accordingly!

Kind Regards, **SWS TEAM**



MIDFIELD NEWS

Parking Statement and Road Safety

It is imperative that children are kept safe and **the road outside school is no exception.**

Midfield Primary School is entirely committed to improving the local environment by encouraging staff and pupils to use sustainable modes of transport whenever possible to limit the amount of traffic in the local area.

As the roads gets congested during school times, please keep an eye on your children when walking into school making sure they walk sensibly on the pavement. Remember to model exemplary road safety behaviour in front of your child.

The School has limited parking onsite and we are not able to expand our parking facilities. We recognise that this can lead to members of the school community parking in local roads and we wish to alleviate the impact of this in any way we can. If you can walk, please do so. **If you have to drive, please park with the utmost consideration for our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways or roads.**

Advice to Local Residents:

As you can see above, we try to make every effort to avoid problems created by parking and congestion in the local area. Should an issue arise that you suspect may be as a result of actions by a member of the school community, please feel free to contact the School to see if we have their vehicle registered with us in which case we will contact the owner.

Thanking you for your support.





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e-scooters and the law

What is the law on e-scooters?

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land. The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirements as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I am stopped by the police? The police will advise you on the law and may ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may, however, still penalise you depending on the seriousness of the offence. If caught riding an e-scooter, fines you may receive can include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three-six penalty points

Other offences which may result in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

To find out more, visit www.met.police.uk/e-scooters

E-Scooters are not permitted on the school premises



Friday 3rd November

MONSTER MASH DISCO

RECEPTION,
YRS 1 & 2
3:30 - 4:30pm

YRS 3, 4,
5 & 6
4:40 - 5:40pm



TICKETS **£5**
available on ParentPay
incl. a drink & snack

If you've got it, **haunt** it! Costumes encouraged



OCTOBER

4th - 29th
30th

HALF TERM
Back to School

NOVEMBER

3rd
13th & 16th
27th & 28th
29th @ 9:30am & 5pm

PTA Monster Mash Disco
SEN Surgeries
Reception Class Trip
Prospective Parent Open Event

DECEMBER

8th
12th & 13th @ 2pm
14th
15th
18th
19th

Reception Class Trip
Reception Class Nativity
Tree House Christmas Disco
PTA Christmas Fayre
Tree House Class Trip
Reception Class Trip
Tree House Christmas Feast

OUR VALUES:

Ambition
Collaboration
Fairness
Respect


Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

Our vision is for Midfield Primary School to inspire, challenge and nurture the individuality of the next generation. We aim to prepare pupils for all stages of their education as well as equip them with high aspirations for their future and lifelong learning.

Be a part of...

MIDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS SAY:



- *Midfield has always exceeded our expectations. It is an amazing school with amazing staff*
- *My child has made excellent progress since attending this school. She is very proud of her school and talks enthusiastically about her experiences*

OPEN DAYS

Thursday 21 September '23 @ 9.30am
Thursday 12 October '23 @ 9.30am
Thursday 12 October '23 @ 5.00pm
Wednesday 29 November '23 @ 9.30am
Wednesday 29 November '23 @ 5.00pm
Monday 8 January '24 @ 9.30am

**Call or email the office to
book your place TODAY!**

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 **CONTACT US:**
TEL: 0203 837 8637
CONTACT@SPRINGPARTNERSHIP.CO.UK



Uniform

We have a school uniform at Midfield Primary School.

The school colour is Royal Blue and pupils should wear either a school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.

Winter Uniform, PE Kit & School Bags

White polo shirt/shirt
Grey Trousers, grey skirt or grey tunic dress
Year 6 burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan
Black flat sensible school shoes
Book Bag or Small Rucksack (no handbags)

PE Uniform

Blue logo t-shirt
PE shorts (black/blue)
Tracksuit (Winter black)
Plimsolls
Black trainers
PE Bag

Shoes & Accessories

Suitable black shoes_– Avoid 'boot' style shoes and trainers
School colour hair accessories
Hair tied back
No jewellery permitted except for small plain, stud earrings

Uniform can be purchased at:

Graduates Schoolwear
201 High Street
Orpington, BR6 OPF

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform every day and to wear their uniform with pride.