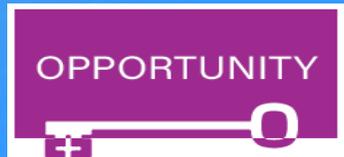




**Thankful  
Thursday  
Newsletter**

**21st  
October  
2021**





## Message from Mrs McGonigle and Mr Fry

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now arranging times for this term's Parent Consultations for week of 8 November, which will provide you with an appointment to discuss how your child has settled into their class, some successes they have had and some next steps in their learning which could be supported at home. In order to facilitate these, and maintain current safety measures, all consultation meetings this term will be 'online' - hosted through Microsoft teams. We will send out the technical and safeguarding details separate to this letter and the link for your meeting will be sent.

As a school, we are proud of our social responsibility to our families and we are aware that the end of the universal credit uplift has ended and the cost of living, including home fuel costs are due to rise. There is a Warm Home discount available from the Government for those on low incomes and several debt support charities such as Citizens Advice, Step Change and National Debt as well as [www.entitledto.co.uk](http://www.entitledto.co.uk) and [www.turn2us.or.uk](http://www.turn2us.or.uk)

As parents, you want to support your children grow and develop with the resilience they need to not only face the setbacks that inevitably will come (and not just pandemics), but also be able to thrive in life. Children can learn to deal with uncertainty, with your support helping them to develop the skills and strategies to thrive. Bounce Forward is a Charity who offers support for families and school staff. They are offering parents £5 per session starting on 4 November for 6 weeks (live and recorded). Please sign up on the link if interested and pay £5: [Raise Resilience - Bounce Forward](#)

**Year 7 Prospective Parents Evening 2021:** Jack Hunt School's Virtual Prospective Year 7 Information Evening.: [Read More »](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs McGonigle and Mr Fry



# DO THE RIGHT THING

SAY YES TO THE VACCINE AND GET A TEST  
IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



With Covid still in our communities, we all need to do the right thing to keep rates as low as possible.

⚠️ **Say yes to the vaccine. That's both doses.**

Everyone over the age of 18 can now get the jab.

Book online at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19) or by phoning 119. For walk-in centres and pop up clinics visit [www.thevaccinators.co.uk](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk)

Remember there must be an eight week gap between your first and second jab.

⚠️ **Get a test if you have symptoms.**

If you have symptoms of Covid-19 – a high temperature, a new or persistent cough or a loss in sense of taste or smell – book a test at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) and self-isolate.

⚠️ **Self-isolate if you are asked to by NHS Test and Trace.**

Lots of support is available for people who need to self-isolate including payments of £500 and help with accessing food and medicine.

For information visit [www.peterborough.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport)

## REMEMBER

- ✓ MEET PEOPLE OUTDOORS OR IN WELL-VENTILATED PLACES IF YOU CAN
- ✓ KEEP A POLITE DISTANCE FROM OTHERS
- ✓ WEAR A MASK IN CROWDED PLACES – OR WHERE YOU CAN'T KEEP A DISTANCE
- ✓ WASH YOUR HANDS WELL AND OFTEN



ⓘ For further updates and information check our website which will be regularly updated [www.peterborough.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Covid has not gone away. If your child has any of these symptoms please do not send them to school and book a PCR test:

A high temperature

A persistent cough

A loss of taste or smell.

PCR Tests can be booked at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119.

**Please visit a testing centre if you can, rather than getting a postal test, as these can take 2 weeks to return the result.**

**Lateral Flow Tests, the type you can collect from chemists, should not be used on children under 11.**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## PUPIL DETAILS

It is essential that we have up to date records for every child in school, particularly home address, email and mobile phone numbers. If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please call 01733 262696 or email [office@mps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@mps.pkat.co.uk)

## Medication

If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, you must complete a Medication form.

## Injuries (outside of school)

If your child has an injury, such as a broken bone, please do let us know as soon as possible. We will need to put a care plan in place before they return to school.

## Illness/Other Absences

If your child is ill, please call the school office on 01733 262696 and select option 1 to leave a message. The absence line is available 24/7.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Applying for free school meals is quick and simple to do using the online application form at [Click Here](#)



**Healthy snacks & water bottles**  
Children can bring in a healthy snack to have at break time. This **MUST NOT** be chocolate or nuts – we are a nut free school.  
Children **must** bring in a named water bottle.



**IMPORTANT**

## Year 6 Parents

### Secondary School Applications 2022

Apply online NOW  
Deadline 31st October

[Click Here](#)

Don't  
Forget!

### HALF TERM

Last Day of term Thursday 21 October  
Half Term – Monday 25 – Friday 29 October

## Reception – Yr6

**A response is  
required**

**Student Update Forms**  
sent home with your child this  
week.

**Please check/amend and  
sign. These must be  
returned to the class  
Teacher Monday 1  
November.**

**IMPORTANT**

There is a vacancy on our Local Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Would you like to volunteer your time and energy to make a positive difference for all children at Middleton?



Why should I become a Parent Governor?

Governors have an important part to play in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Headteacher and school staff to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all children. As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience for all children at Middleton.

What does a Parent Governor do?

You will join a team of Governors and school leaders at Governor meetings (currently on Microsoft Teams – no more than 5 meetings per year) and you will be invited to visit school to talk to staff and children about school priorities. As a Governor, you can also bring your own skills to the team and support with finance, HR, premises and community work. If you become a Governor, there is induction training with more training available throughout the year.

For more information/  
to express your interest,  
please email  
[office@mps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@mps.pkat.co.uk)



# *Wednesday Wiggle*

Need a mid-week boost?

Try Wednesday Wiggle! A lunchtime disco alternating between key stages.

Ask your teacher to email Mrs Barnes with your favourite song.

Everyone welcome – there are no bad dancers (except for Mr Burrows).





# Halloween half term activities



**South Bretton Family & Community Centre**

**Join us for FREE spooky Halloween pumpkin carving and crafts activities!**



**Wednesday 27 October, three time slots available, between 1pm & 4pm**

**Call 01733 396404 to book your time slot or scan the QR code to complete the booking form on our website.**



SCAN ME



# CKH Careers Club



Looking for work or a way to further your career? We can help you to gain all the practical skills you need to find the job of your dreams!

Our work coaches will devise a personal plan for you, identifying your skills and any training you need.

Plus you'll get help with finding job, writing your CV, completing application forms and interview skills.

**Help is available over the phone, by email and in person. We also have online support available through CKH Learning. Call 01733 396404 to find out more.**

**South Bretton Family & Community Centre  
Every Tuesday  
10.00am -12.00pm**

**Westwood Community Hub  
Every Thursday  
10.00am -12.00pm**

Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Call 01733 396404 to book. Social distancing rules apply.



Follow us on Facebook to find out about all our events

[www.crosskeyhomes.co.uk](http://www.crosskeyhomes.co.uk)

For more information about this event you can email [community@crosskeyhomes.co.uk](mailto:community@crosskeyhomes.co.uk) or call 01733 396404.

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Rutland  
Outdoor  
Education  
Centre

## Holiday half-term family groups!

Are you looking for something to do with your family & friends during October half-term....?

Why not visit us for one of our family sessions... no age limits - everyone welcome; parents, children, grandparents...!

During your session you will visit our forest & farm school, trying your hand at the following activities:

- Exploring our woodland and Den making
- Outdoor Cooking on an open campfire
- Getting messy and creative in the 'mud kitchens'
- Climbing trees
- Exploring water through pond-dipping
- Learning about insects, animals, plants and trees through investigation
- Meet some of our farm animals, getting up close and being able to feed them



October 2021



Contact us now to make your booking  
(limited places)

[www.roec.co.uk/contact-us](http://www.roec.co.uk/contact-us)

### Group Information:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
10:00-12:00

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
10:00-12:00

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
10:00-12:00

Or

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
10:00-12:00

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
10:00-12:00

@ £10 per person per  
session



# Middleton



Marvin has a new home in the school reception area.



# Middleton



Cooking pasta  
with year 5



Off to first Aid  
training



Practicing CPR



# News from the classes.

Year 6  
Science week

LEARNING

This week, year 6 were learning about forces. We investigated air resistance by creating our own parachutes and testing them. We used the I pads to film them falling and to time how long they took to reach the ground.



Year 6 also learnt about simple mechanisms and made their own gears!

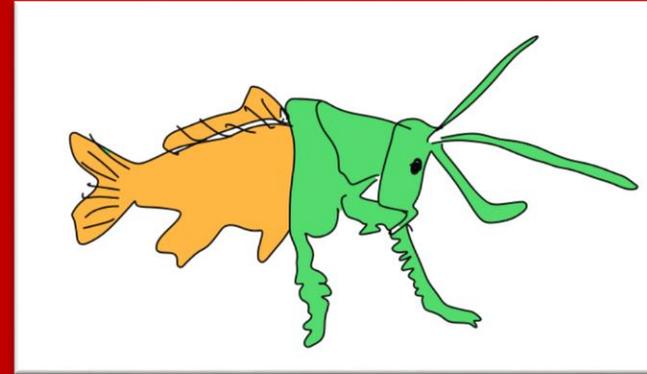
# News from the classes.

Year 5  
Science week

## Life-cycle of the frog



We started the week by looking at the life cycles of birds, insects, mammals and amphibians.



We created new creatures from different animal classifications. We had some very strange ideas!



We finished Science week by making an insect biscuit in Golden Time.

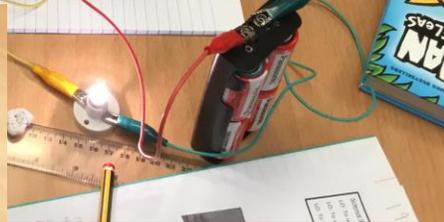
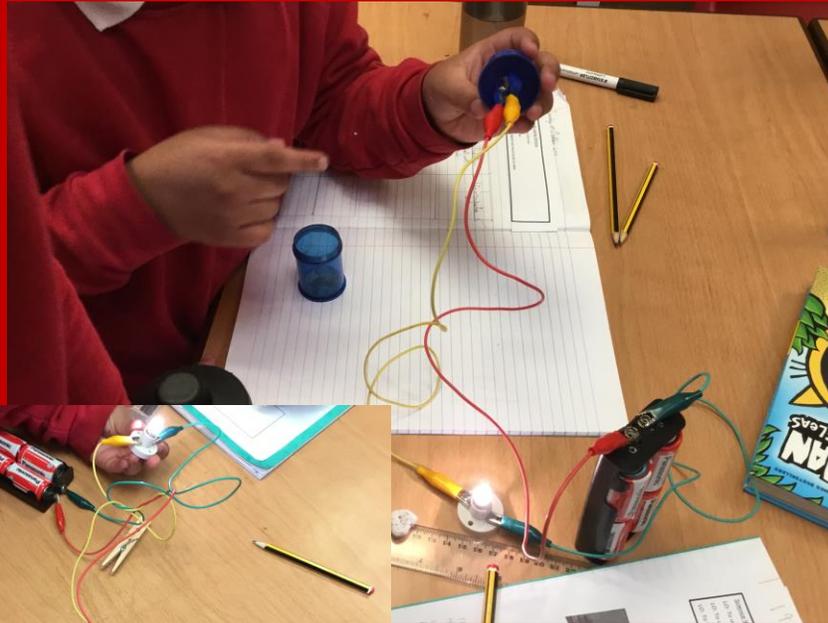
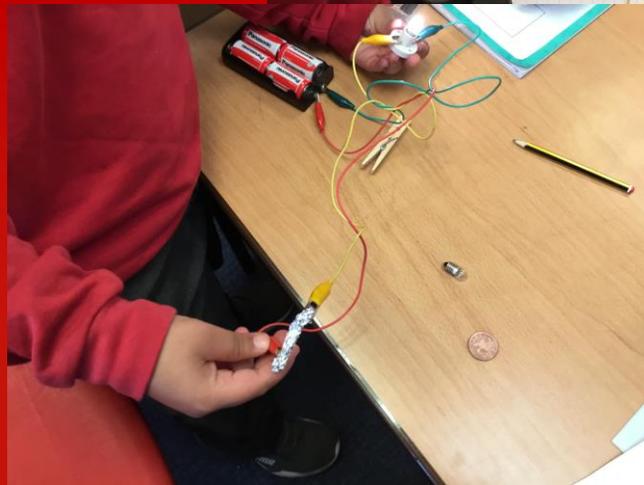
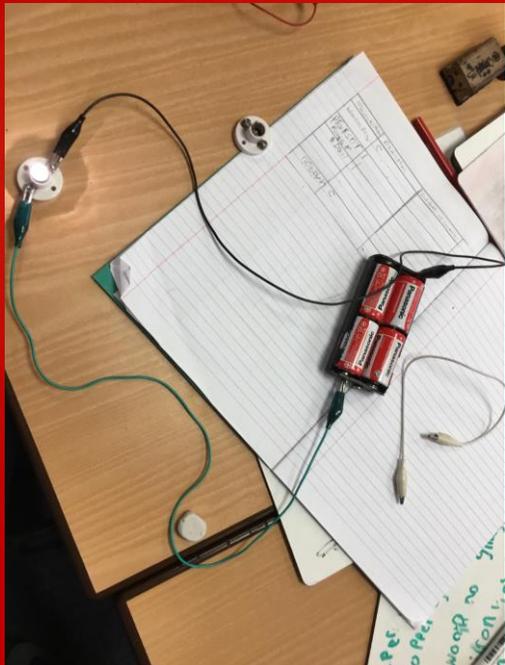


We then created videos to explain the process of complete metamorphosis. The children wrote the scripts and produced the videos and titles.



# News from the classes.

Science in Year 4 this week has been truly 'electric!' We have been building circuits using wires, a power source, a light bulb and then inserting our own designed and made switches.



Year 4  
Science week



We have been learning how to keep safe when using electrical equipment and why not wasting power is important to our world. If you have any questions about our work, come and ask us!

LEARNING



# News from the classes.

Year 3  
Science week

This week, year 3 were learning about light. We have investigated light and dark, reflective materials and completed mirror challenges. We also investigated which material would be best for curtains and have learnt the meaning of opaque, translucent and transparent.



LEARNING



# News from the classes.

Year 2  
Science week



The children really enjoyed wearing the lab coats and goggles to help them jump into the role of being super scientists!

This week, Year 2 have been investigating the properties and suitability of everyday materials. We have squashed, bent, twisted and stretched plasticine and identified it as being flexible!



Teddy needed our help! He got stuck out in the rain with no umbrella! We looked at which everyday material would be the best to use for Teddy's new umbrella. We found that plastic would be the best to use!



LEARNING



# News from the classes.

Year 1  
Science week



## Seasonal Wheels



## Seasonal Paintings



In Year 1 we have been learning about the four different seasons: winter, spring, summer, fall. We have taken part in several activities/experiments within this, including:

- Autumn Hunt
- Making and testing sundials
- Making windsocks
- Making seasonal wheels
- Autumn pictures
- Seasonal Paintings
- Seasonal song

We have discussed the type of weather expected in each season and what clothes would be the most suitable to wear.

# EYFS – Owls and Robins - outdoor classroom

▶ We have enjoyed exploring 'Science' in our outdoor area.

▶ We have looked at the autumn leaves, the colours and shapes, and we made some leaf rubbings to look at the patterns too.

▶ We also explored the magnets too. We looked for things that could be magnetic. We found the metal roof posts, gate locks and the cooking pans in the mud kitchen.



# Class Champions EYFS and Lower School

Learning with our head, heart and hands

All of  
3LC/SC

Ollie  
2KB

D'Andre  
2SD

All of  
3LC/SC

Andrea  
2KB

Ann  
2SD

Henley  
3ET/OW

Wiktor  
3ET/OW

All of year 1

Butterflies  
And  
Ladybirds

PERSONAL  
BEST



# Class Champions Upper School

Learning with our head, heart and hands

Rudi  
4RT/PO

Lukas  
5AM

Joshua  
4NB

Maciej  
Y6

Esther  
4NB

Alvina  
5AA

Vadims  
6ED

Botaa  
6ED

Abel  
4RT/PO

Arnas  
5AM

Hristijan  
Y6

Rheanna  
5AA

PERSONAL  
BEST



Dance/  
Gymnastics



PERSONAL  
BEST



Achievements and success  
inside AND outside of school.



Art Work  
All sports

On 17/10 Sara from 4RT/PO  
received her grading at Tae  
Kwon-do for her Yellow Belt -  
8th cup!

If your child achieves a 'Personal Best' out  
of school, please email a photo to  
[office@mps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@mps.pkat.co.uk) so we can share  
their wonderful achievements on this page  
every week.

Macey from Year 5  
competed in a  
gymnastics  
competition at the  
weekend!



Football

Swimming

Playing a  
musical instrument

Coding

Cricket

Lego master



# Sports this week!

**Football Tuesday#3**  
**Postponed until Tuesday**  
**2nd November**



POSH came for their visit. Peter Burrow, the mascot, came to see all of the classes. Then, year 5 had a football session with them!

Let's wish Mrs Chandler good luck  
on her new adventures.



Mrs Chandler says thank you for  
making my time a special one at  
Middleton.

# Birthdays this week



Mr Hudson

Luize  
7  
Mia  
11  
Eva  
11  
Tori-Lea  
11  
Dominic  
7  
Jack  
10  
Basil  
6  
Maciej  
11  
Sophia  
10  
Rosa  
7  
Noah  
8  
Raitis  
10

## Halfterm Birthdays

Elizabeth  
7  
Lily  
8  
Benita  
9  
Mark  
7  
Marks  
9  
Lana  
11  
Mujib  
6  
Ruan  
6  
Sienna  
5  
Johan  
9  
Olivia  
5  
Daisy  
8

COMMUNITY



Mrs Carnegie

Mrs Monk TA



# Happy Birthday from everyone at Middleton!