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# School News

22ND SEPTEMBER 2022

## Cross Country



Well done to our Key Stage 2 cross country runners who had their first race of the season last Thursday after school. Everyone was in high spirits and the sun was shining for us, after a very wet week. All the pupils gave their absolute best with some excellent results. Well done to all who attended and many thanks to parents for your support too.



## Forest School



Robins have been thinking about Harvest Time and discussing this in Forest School. They used homegrown apples to create an Autumnal masterpiece and spent time looking around the school grounds for wild and garden harvest.

Jays have been learning how to put up a shelter using a tarpaulin. Pupils had a lot of fun making different designs. The children worked independently and in teams.



Owls made a stretcher from branches and other items that they might have in a rucksack, such as coats or a tent ground sheet. Each group was given an emergency situation which included an injured team member. They had to make a dressing from natural materials and secure it using clothing. The final challenge was to get the patient to the helicopter pick up point. Great teamwork Owls!



## What's been happening in school this week...

### Robins (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)



This week in Robins, we have been busy learning all about how life has changed since the 1950's. We have discussed how clothing and transport have changed over the years. We have also created a timeline of how classrooms have changed throughout time.



Reception pupils have been also been busy sorting objects and creating rules how to sort objects such as by shape, size or colour.





## Jays (Year 3 and Year 4)

Jays have had a fun, practical week this week. As part of our Ancient Egyptian topic we have been learning about the process of mummification. The children were given a few minutes to make some of their classmates look like mummies. Pupils then learnt that the original process actually involved 8 different stages and took 70 days!

In Science, we carried out an investigation to compare the amount of carbon dioxide in different fizzy drinks. In order to make the test fair, the bottles of drink were opened and shaken for 3 minutes to get reduce the fizz. Each bottle was carefully weighed before and after the shaking! Our conclusion was that Vimto contains the most carbon dioxide!

We have also worked hard at writing newspaper reports about the finding of Professor Hanawati's feet linked to our class novel.





## Owls (Year 5 and Year 6)

We have had a very busy first few weeks in Owls Class. We have been working really hard to settle into our new routines and have made lots of progress with our work. We have been putting a lot of effort into our literacy work and have learnt a lot of new things in SPaG that we can use in our writing. We have also been enjoying using our new spelling scheme to improve our word knowledge and spelling ability – we have had some fantastic scores in our first spelling test of the year!

We have also made some good progress in Maths so far – Year 6 have completed their first end of block assessment of the year already and again we have had some fantastic results! I am sure that Year 5 will do just as well in their first assessment when they complete their block.

We have also really enjoyed taking part in other new experiences so far this year. We have now begun to learn Spanish in Class 4 and already we can greet people and ask them their name. This week we have been focusing on finding out how people are feeling.

Our ukulele sessions with our teacher Mr Eady from Calderdale Music have also been a lot of fun – we have listened really well and have already learnt lots!



## **Notices**

**SCHOOL AND STUBBS FIELD PARKING** – We have recently been contacted about inconsiderate parking at both school and at the Cross Country event. Local residents have commented on parents parking on double yellow lines outside school during Friday morning assembly meaning that the bus has struggled to pass. Following the cross country event at Stubbs Field this week, again we have been informed by the local residents of inconsiderate parking. These events can be held at Stubbs Field on the agreement that people park with full consideration of the residents in the area; never double park or block any driveways. There is ample parking at Mytholmroyd Community Centre or the railway station. We are in danger of losing these events if this continues. Thank you for your co-operation.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** – On Friday 29th September, we invite you to join us for our MacMillan coffee morning in the school hall, hosted by our Year 5/6 pupils. We would like to ask for donations of cakes, buns, tea and coffee for the event. The coffee morning will run from 9.15am-11am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend with their child for a 30-minute period during the course of the morning. Please note there will be no Celebration Assembly on this day.

**PARENTS' EVENING** – Can you please return your completed slip as soon as possible stating your preferred date/time.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** – A letter has been sent today via parentmail informing that the School Harvest Festival will be taking place at St. Mary's Church on Monday 2nd October at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is very welcome to join us at the service. Following the service parents may collect their children straight from the church. Please indicate if you intend to collect your child from the church either by emailing [admin@midgley.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@midgley.calderdale.sch.uk) or returning the reply slip attached to the letter.

**CINDERELLA – VICTORIA THEATRE** – We have booked our whole school panto trip at the Halifax Victoria Theatre. If you have not returned your permission slip yet, you can still do so. To assist with planning, please return these as soon as possible.

**BACS PAYMENTS** – When making Bacs payments to school, please email the office [admin@midgley.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@midgley.calderdale.sch.uk) with confirmation of amount paid and the purpose of the payment.

**CLOTHING NOTICE** – Please can we ask that all pupils have appropriate clothing for their outdoor PE and Forest School sessions. This can include extra socks, tracksuit/leggings, sweat-shirts, hat and gloves. We would like to continue with outdoor activities during the autumn/winter months. Can we stress that all items of PE kit should be school colours or black/navy/grey.

## **Diary Dates**

Friday 29th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15-11am

Friday 29th September—PTFA meeting 2.30pm

Monday 2nd October—Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church 2pm

Monday 9th October - Parent's Evening 4-7pm

Wednesday 11th October—Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm and 8-8.30am

Wednesday 25th October—School Photographer

Friday 27th October—INSET day (School Closed to pupils)