



# School News

6TH OCTOBER 2023

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## Harvest Festival



Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church on Monday. We have had some lovely comments about the pupils lovely singing and presentations.

Many thanks for all the food donations, which we gave to Calder Food Support. We did get a mention from the group on Facebook earlier this week.

Well done to pupils and thank you to Mrs Bennett for scripting and practising the presentation.

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

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

In Maths we have all been working really hard. Reception have been learning about volume and mass, Year 1 have started their new topic addition and subtraction whereas Year 2 have been counting in 2's, 5's, 10's. In literacy we have been learning all about adjectives and have been using them to write descriptions of our favourite toy.

This week in science we have discovered how autumn impacts different animals, the children thought it was really funny that squirrels hide nuts underground to eat in the winter when there is very little food about. We also discovered that many birds such as swallows migrate to warmer countries for the winter.

We have finished off the week with our Humanities lesson, we discussed how methods of communication have changed over time. Reception have spent the afternoon making using up the leftover carrots to make carrot soup, it was delicious!

### **Open Afternoons for new Reception Pupils joining Midgley in Sept 2024**

We will be holding two open afternoons for our September 2024 Reception pupil intake. These will be held on Wednesday 25th October between 1.30-3pm and Monday 13th November between 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Please contact the office to book a place. If neither of these dates are suitable, parents can contact the office to arrange another suitable time.

### **Celebration assembly for Mrs. Thomas**

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Thomas back into school this morning so that we could officially wish her well on her retirement. Each class gave a presentation on their memories of working with Mrs Thomas. These included phonics, RE lessons, Christmas pudding making, maypole dancing, making rockets and volcanoes and so the list goes on!

We presented Mrs Thomas with a book of the children's memories and portraits as well as a bouquet of flowers. The final surprise for Mrs Thomas was that she was awarded a Long Service Award from Calderdale Council as she had worked for Calderdale for 25 years. This was a £150 gift card and letter from the Local Authority.

Thank you to the parents that stopped on to have some coffee and cake with Mrs Thomas and wish her all the best. We are sure she might return soon as a volunteer to help with some Christmas baking!!!



## Jays (Year 3 and Year 4)

In Art, we have almost finished making our Tutankhamun death mask pictures—watch out for them on display soon! The children have enjoyed choosing their own materials and experimenting with a variety of techniques to complete them.

In Maths, Year 3s have just completed their unit on place value, We will now be moving onto addition and subtraction and also developing our mental calculation strategies. Year 4 have been busy rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 or 10,000. We are also working on automatic recall of all our times tables.

In ICT this week we have taken our programming a step further and linked it to our maths using our knowledge of shapes to produce an algorithm to draw regular polygons

Our ukulele lessons are going well, we are not only learning chords as each week Mr Eady plays us different types of music from countries around the world in a variety of styles on his guitar.



## Owls (Year 5 and Year 6)

In Class 4 we have had a very creative week this week. We have been producing portraits of Mrs Thomas in a variety of different styles. In our Art lesson with Mrs Dean we learnt about Marcel Duchamp, who is known for creating a style called Dadaism. We have looked at how he represents movement through the artworks that he produces, which aims to stimulate the mind of people who are looking at his work. We have also learnt some notes this week in our ukulele session and have added these to the chords that we already know.

We have started to learn about how adverts use language to persuade this week in English. We have looked at adverts for houses and have considered the language used and why this is good at convincing people to think that they might want to buy a home. We have analysed an advert for a holiday home and have thought about the features that we might include when writing our own persuasive advertisements.

In Maths, Year 5 have been learning about how we can use different strategies to help us with addition and subtraction and Year 6 have been practising multiplication skills.

## PTFA Quiz Night



## **Notices**

**ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME** – We are supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme to 'spread a little happiness' to disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe. We have six shoeboxes to fill. Suggested items include Matchbox type cars/vehicles, fluffy toy animals, small bouncing balls, dolls, colouring books, crayons, felt tip pens, lego, scarf, hat, mittens, hair accessories, inexpensive jewellery, sportswear, cards, scarf, gloves, hat, writing materials, comb, football memorabilia etc. If you could help us to support this cause, please send any new or nearly new items in to school. Thank you!

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

**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 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**

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

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

Friday 13th October—PTFA meeting 2.30pm

Friday 20th October—6-9pm PTFA Family Quiz and games night with pie and pea supper (tickets available from the school office)

Wednesday 25th October—School Photographer

Thursday 26th October—Non –Uniform Day—Come to school in Halloween Fancy Dress if you wish!

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