

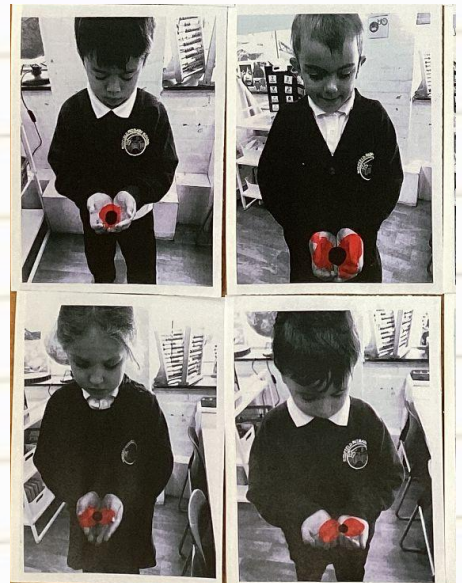
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Classroom
News

Reception Bluebirds & Grasshoppers

We have had a very busy time learning about why people wear poppies at this time of year and how Diwali is celebrated. We made poppy pictures and learned vocabulary to help us talk about the feelings and issues raised including Remember, Freedom, Unsafe, Shelter, Explode, Soldiers, Hope, Victory and Peace.

We loved celebrating Diwali with a range of craft activities. We also had a talk from Mrs Bhurji who showed us diya lamps, photos and some of the special foods and clothing that she uses to celebrate with her family.



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News

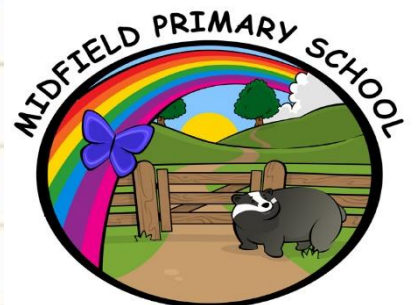
Year 1

Owls & Ladybirds

We have had a very busy term in Year 1!
We have created our own endings to
fairy tales, learnt about Remembrance
Day and have been working hard on
our Nativity with Year 2!



We were also lucky enough to have
had a fun drama workshop day!



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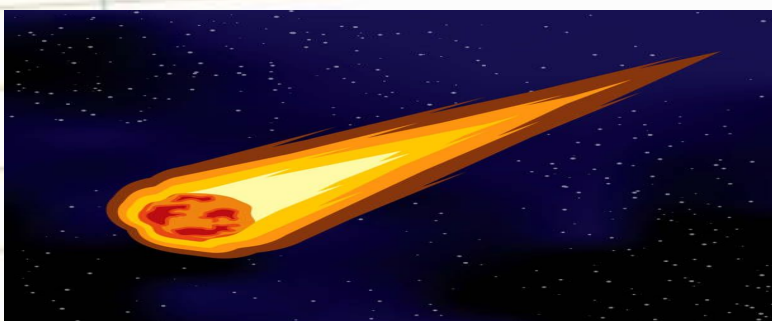
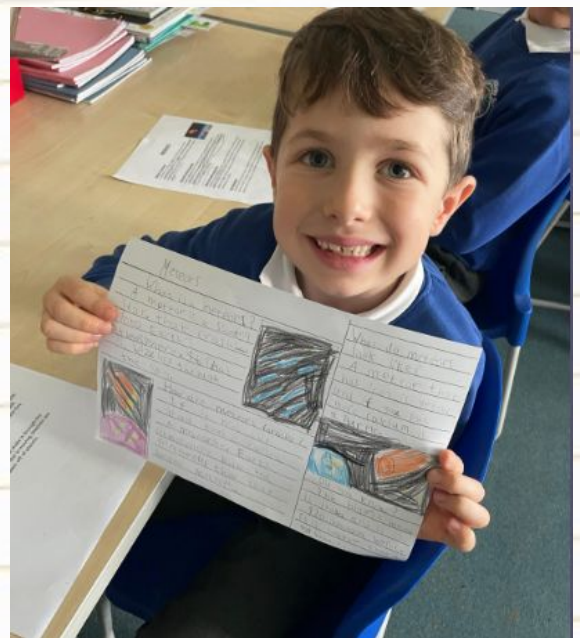


Year 2

Foxes & Rabbits

This term year 2 have been reading 'Look Up' in english, a story about a little girl who loves space and encourages others to look up and see the wonderful things around them!

We did some research on meteors that we used to write a non-chronological report!



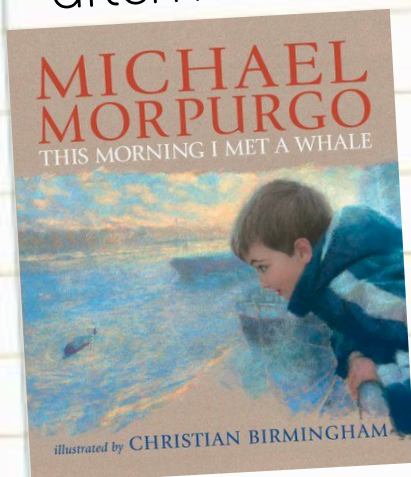
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Year 3

Dragonflies & Hedgehogs

This term, year 3 have been reading 'This morning I met the whale' in English. The book has allowed us to explore the depths of the ocean and how humans are having an impact on marine life. The classes are looking forward to making junk models of the sea creatures they are describing in their writing. In maths, we have now finished adding and subtracting and are moving on to multiplication. In science, we have been exploring forces and magnets, we particularly enjoyed finding out what is magnetic in the classroom. Want to know more about the UK? Ask a year 3 child as we have been researching all the different countries that make up the UK. Art has been all about colour this term. Our favourite lesson? Using pastels to draw the afternoon sun on the playground.



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Year 4

Squirrels & Beetles



Beetles and Squirrels have been busy this half term learning about newspaper reporting and how interviewing eye-witnesses can really bring your story to life.

Year 4 have also continued to practise their drumming this term and raise the roof every Wednesday!



We remembered the armed services....



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Year 5

Robins & Woodpeckers



With the freezing cold weather we have had to keep moving during PE, We had a great lesson of playing bench ball where we used our different skills that we have learnt.

We have also been working extremely hard in our English lessons to rewrite the most amazing Beowulf stories. The children have really showed off their amazing skills.



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 Classroom News

Year 6

Kestrels & Ravens



In English and reading, we have been exploring a picture book called 'The Viewer'. We have spent lots of time exploring the various illustrations and using these to write our own setting description.

In Geography, we have started thinking about sustainability and recycling. We have started to think about how we could upcycle an item. Mia in Kestrels made an amazing upcycled pot at home!

We had an amazing time at our Year 6 team-building evening and sleepover. We played lots of games and had time around the campfire. To settle down before bed, we watched a film and drank hot chocolate.

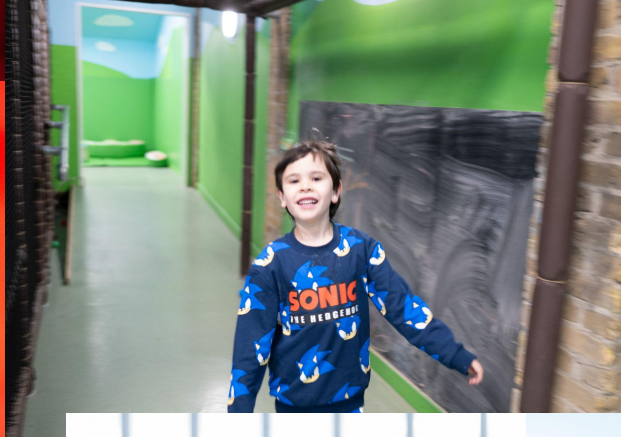


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Tree House, Tadpoles & Tree Frogs

Treehouse had an amazing trip out to Barnyard Soft Play.



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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.

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Attendance



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...

Notice

If your child has a medical appointment during school hours please ensure you provide proof of the appointment to the school office. All absences without proof will be unauthorised.

When reporting your child absence please inform the school on the morning of **each/every** day they are absent.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

4th Sept 2023 - 30th Nov 2023

Bluebirds	93.78%	Grasshoppers	95.72%
Owls	94.69%	Ladybirds	93.1%
Foxes	95.45%	Rabbits	95.08%
Hedgehogs	93.65%	Dragonflies	92.9%
Squirrels	93.96%	Beetles	94.72%
Woodpeckers	93.08%	Robins	96.51%
Kestrels	96.05%	Ravens	96.66%

Total	94.6% (Midfield) 94.8% (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



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 Attendance



Attendance Matters

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SCOUT & HUNTERS ADVENTURES

Scout and Hunter visit the classes with the best attendance each week....



This term Scout and Hunter have been to the Year 6 sleepover!

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



School Uniform

At Midfield pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform every day and to wear their uniform with pride.

Blue Jumper/Cardigan, Grey Trousers/Skirt, White polo top and Black shoes - **Not Trainers**

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

<https://www.midfield.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=81>



GRADUATES

Schoolwear

Graduates Schoolwear is located on Orpington High Street and has Midfield Primary School uniform:

<https://graduates-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/main/shop-by-school/midfield-primary-school/>

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 - <u>Not Trainers</u>
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.

The Midfield Hub

Here, at Midfield, we aim to enable all of our children to become sustainable citizens. We promote the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and teach children to respect themselves and their environment. As part of focus on sustainability and supporting our children and families we are excited to announce the launch of Midfield Hub.

Midfield Hub is open to the families of children in Early Years (Reception and Nursery) and, if successful, will be opened up to KS1 & KS2.

What is Midfield Hub?

Think of a 'Bring and Buy Sale' without buying! We are asking for donations of pre-loved toys, games, clothing, household items etc. Please ask your friends and family if they are able to support us by donating too. Items must be in good, clean, working condition. We can accept battery powered items but not mains powered electrical items. When you hand in your donation we will exchange your items for raffle tickets. The number of raffle tickets will depend on the donation - 1 ticket items will include small toys and single items of clothing. 2 ticket items will include larger items of clothing (e.g. coats, boots) and bigger toys. Three ticket items will reserved for larger items. Our event will run Wednesday 6th December. You and your child are invited to come along to the event with your raffle tickets and exchange them for other items from the Hub.

We appreciate that some families may not want to donate items but would still like to come along to the event. If this is the case please do come along as items will have a sticker showing a small monetary donation too should you wish.

We hope that we can run the Hub each term to promote reusing and recycling and in turn support the children and families at Midfield.

Please hand donations to staff in Reception or Nursery. If you have any questions or queries please speak to Miss Smith or Mrs Spicer

Next Event:

Wednesday 6th December

After School:

Reception Class Classrooms



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Children in need link for donations:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13023>

Link open until 1st December



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 swswellbeingsupport@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



Before You Post

THINK

T - is it True?

H - is it Helpful?

I - is it Inspiring?

N - is it Necessary?

K - is it Kind?

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.

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



[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.

[WEEKLY MENU] Oliver's dining 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] Oliver's dining 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
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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[WEEKLY MENU] Oliver's dining 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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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.



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 requirement 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





Nina Balachander is a **Therapeutic Play Practitioner** who works with children (and their families) to overcome difficult emotional or psychological situations that is preventing a child to reach their full potential.

Nina Balachander's role includes promoting children's emotional health and well-being, and running specific interventions such as play and creative arts therapy. She also works alongside her Therapy dog Skye, to provide weekly support to those children that need it.

Skye joined Midfield Park Primary over a year ago. She has brought significant benefits, educationally and emotionally, to children she has worked with. Research has shown many advantages to therapy and reading dogs in school.

The benefits of a school dog

School dogs have been proven to help develop pupils' reading skills, improve behaviour, attendance and academic confidence, as well as increasing student understanding of responsibility and in the development of empathy and nurturing skills.

Animal assisted interventions can:

- Teach empathy and appropriate interpersonal skills
- Help individuals develop social skills
- Be soothing/calming
- Improve a child's ability to pick up on social cues which are imperative to human relationships
- Therapy dogs have been shown to support emotional regulation through the positive impact on the autonomic nervous system
- Show that children working with therapy dogs have experienced increased improved motivation for learning, resulting in improved outcomes
- Therapy dogs are being used to support children with their social and emotional learning needs, which can also aid literacy development.

The whole pastoral team will be continuing their work to support the children of Midfield Primary.

Please take a look at the following website for useful resources and activities that may help your children with their start/return to school.

PTA School Christmas Event

Friday 15th December

After school in the Main School Hall



PTA School Disco

Friendship, Peace & Love

Friday 9th February





DECEMBER

1st
8th
8th 2.15pm
11th 2pm
11th 11am
12th 2pm
13th 9am
13th 2pm
14th 9am
14th

15th
18th
19th
19th

JANUARY

3rd
4th
8th 9.30am
29th
29th
30th

FEBRUARY

9th

MARCH

7th - 14th
8th
8th
19th & 21st

JULY

1st - 3rd
19th

Own Clothes Day
Reception Class Trip
KS1 Nativity
KS1 Nativity
Tree House Class Trip
Reception Class Nativity
Y5 & Y6 Production
Reception Class Nativity
Y5 & Y6 Production
Tree House Christmas Disco
**School Christmas Jumper Day
& Christmas Lunch**
PTA Christmas Fayre
Tree House Class Trip
Reception Class Trip
LAST DAY OF TERM

Staff Inset Day
FIRST DAY OF TERM
Prospective Parent Open Event
Young Voices
Reception Class Trip
Reception Class Trip

PTA Disco - Friendship, Peace & Love

Scholastic Book Fair
Year 6 Group Photos
PTA Craft Event
Parents evening

Year 6 PGL Trip
Year 6 Leavers Disco

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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