



Middlethorpe Messenger
Together we learn to shine

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Happy New Year! It has been fantastic to welcome the children back this week and hear about their Christmas holidays. The children, as always, have returned eager to learn and with excellent behaviour. This half term our subject focus is Art. It has been lovely to see children get started in their sketch books and also see the progress in their skills from the previous year. I am really looking forward to seeing the final products at the end of the half term. Our Art curriculum has been carefully planned to develop a range of skills (including painting, sketching and sculpture) as well as to develop children’s knowledge of artists and their work and genres of art (modern, impressionism, realism). Children are given opportunities to explore the work of artists, develop their own skills as artists and critique both using the language of an artist. Children become absorbed in art, enjoy art and really begin to develop a sense of what it means to them 'being an artist' in their own right. Our Art enquiry questions are as follows:

- EYFS- Can we create a picture based on shape and colour?
- Year 1- How do artists use line, colour and pattern?
- Year 2- How do artists use shape, form, space and texture?
- Year 3- How are artists inspired by nature?
- Year 4- How do artists represent people?
- Year 5- How do artists use perspective?
- Year 6- How do artists represent life?

I am sure you will see their enthusiasm towards the subject at home and be able to hear their knowledge develop. The half termly class information sheets and knowledge organisers will be available on the website from next week. This will give you more detailed information about the learning in your child’s class.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Before and After School Clubs

Our new extra curricular clubs start next week. Please use your MCAS app to book clubs.

The available clubs are:

Monday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Dance (Rec to Y4)
Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Multi Sport (Rec to Y2)
Tuesday 8:00am-8:40am	Multi Sport (Rec to Y2)
Wednesday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Craft Club (Y3-Y6)
Tuesday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Multi Sport (Y3—Y6)
Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Singing Club (Y3-Y6)
Wednesday 8:00am-8:40am	Multi Sport (Y3 to Y6)
Tuesday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Music Club

COVID 19

If children have symptoms of Covid 19 (a new continuous cough, loss of taste and smell or a temperature) they should access a PCR test and isolate until the results return. If the test is negative they are able to return to school.

If someone in the household tests positive or if children are a confirmed contact to someone who has tested positive they are still able to come to school but they are requested to carry out lateral flow tests every day for 7 days. Each day they test negative they are able to come to school. If they are positive they should follow government guidelines around isolation.

Personal Development

As a school we are keen to further develop our curriculum to ensure that children are offered a wide range of experiences and activities during their time with us. Over recent years the global pandemic has made this difficult however we have continued to offer children a range of experiences despite most of these being virtually. This half term the whole school will participate in three enrichment activities including money management, first aid and outdoor art. We look forward to sharing more detail about these events as children participate in them.

Term Dates

Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11th February	School closes
Monday 21st February	School opens
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 21st March	World Down Syndrome Day
Friday 1st April	School closes
Tuesday 19th April	School opens
Friday 27th May	School closes
Monday 13th June	School opens
Thursday 21st July	School closes for summer

