

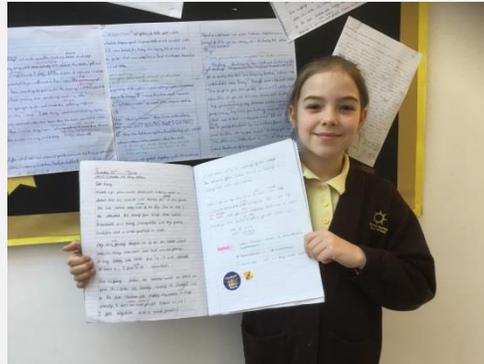
Midsomer Norton Primary School



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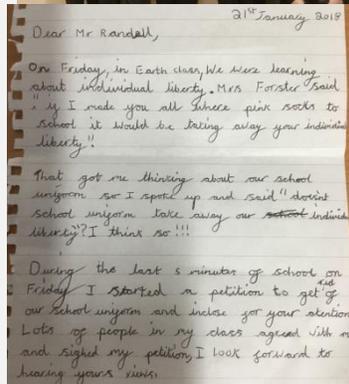
Dear Parents/ Carers,

In previous newsletters, I have written about Talk for Writing - the approach we use for the teaching of Literacy that we introduced last year. At the end of the summer, the impact of this initiative was clear in the children's end of year final teacher assessment with children using a much wider range of ambitious vocabulary and sentence structures. This week, I have seen some really quite spectacular writing from Year 1 all the way up to Year 6. Our learning gem this term is Emerald power - Being Ambitious - and the ambition and determination our young writers increasingly show is quite something.



British Values and Pupil Voice

And on the theme of writing, I was very impressed to receive an extremely well written letter from a child in Year 6 this week on the subject of our school uniform. In Year 5 and 6 as part of learning about British Values the children discussed individual liberty. It appears we have some rather strongly held views about school uniform as it was accompanied by a petition with over 50 signatures! I will be responding to the children and seeking further input into our school uniform and identity. Well done to our pupils for 'Being Ambitious' and seeking to effect change!



A surprise treat

We were delighted to be able to surprise Key Stage 1 and 2 with a performance of Dick Whittington provided for free by M&M Productions today! Many thanks to M&M Productions!

Sleep week

Next week, we are holding our 'Sleep week' promoting the importance of having sufficient sleep for well-being and to ensure as learners we are able to learn. A surprisingly high percentage of our children reported that they often felt tired in school which has a real impact on their ability to focus. We are aiming to reduce this percentage by helping children learn about the importance of sleep and techniques for relaxation. Our Champions for Change gave the children some ideas in assembly today. We also announced that we will be holding a sleep competition to see how



We have had been notified of cases of head lice in KS1 and KS2. Please check your child's hair and treat as soon as possible if necessary.

The only clubs running w/c 5th February 2018 (Parents Evening Week):

Yr 3/4 Football - Wednesday
KS1 Multi Skills - Wednesday
Yr 5/6 Football - Friday
All other clubs will not run.

many hours we can rack up during the week and a raffle to win a night light! Tickets cost £1 with all donations going to the purchase of bedtime story books that children/parents/carers will be able to borrow. Tickets will be on sale at break times and lunchtimes for £1:00.

The school nurse was due to have a sleep workshop for parents on Thursday 9:00am; however, due to unforeseen circumstances this has been rearranged for Thursday 22nd February, 9:00am.

NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday is NSPCC Number Day, one of the annual charitable events we support. The children are encouraged to come dressed as 'numbers'. We are not suggesting a fixed donation but instead are asking children to bring in any spare change to make a 'coin snake' in our library.

Coppicing - volunteers sought

On Tuesday 30th January 3:45pm, Amanda Bachrach, a local Forest School leader will be assisting in coppicing out hazel trees which needs to be done periodically to promote healthy growth. We are seeking about 12 volunteers to assist Amanda for an hour. No previous experience is required. Amanda can provide some equipment but if you have gardening gloves and secateurs or a bow saw, please bring them along.

PSG News

PSG meeting on Monday 29th January, 6pm in the Hall. Childcare available at school if needed. All welcome to come and share ideas and opportunities to get involved. Pamper Evening, Friday 9th March. More details coming home in a letter next week. Thanks to all who baked, donated, sold and bought cakes last Friday. You raised £107.91 for Early Years stage!!! Many thanks!

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell
Head teacher



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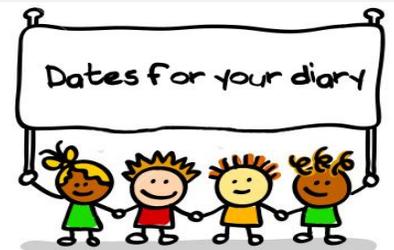
Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:

All letters are uploaded to the school website

Sleep Week
Parents Evening



Neptune Class - Swimming Tuesdays
Parents Evenings - Monday 5th
February and Thursday 8th
February

PADS presents the spectacular
pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk*
At Paulton Rovers on Friday 9th
February and Saturday 10th
February. Please call 01761 412907
to reserve your ticket

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Head Teacher Awards

*Millie , Alice , Layla ,
Mario , Isabelle , Elliott ,
Aisha , Liam , Connor
Eshan , Caitlin , Remy*



Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

*Henry , Archie , Oscar ,
Lena , Harvey , Sam ,
Summer , Jack , Lucas ,
Ella , Keira , Will*



Birthdays

Neve , Ruby , Frankie , Alfie

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Earth	97.2%
2 nd	Uranus	96.1%
3 rd	Jupiter	95.1%



Primary Schools Debating Competition

Tuesday 30th January
6pm Norton Hill School

Come along and support the Midsomer
Norton Primary School team.

Chairperson	William McGuinness
Speaker 1	Erica Parsons
Speaker 2	Ava Maundrill



Zumbathon

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who came along to our Zumbathon last Friday. The event was a great success! It was great to see so many children and adults joining in and having fun. We would also like to thank the PSG for organising the cake sale after the event and all the adults who made so many lovely cakes to sell. We have already raised enough money to complete our mural. All additional money raised will go towards resourcing our outdoor space. The sponsorship money has started to arrive. If you have not yet returned yours please return to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

