

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Coffee morning – Children's Centre  
Remembrance Day  
Go Red for the Royal British Legion  
WWII workshops in Year 6  
ATD Year 4 Macbeth  
STEPS parent workshop 9am  
FS2 and Year 6 height and weight checks  
5pm – Year 4 School Journey meeting  
ATD Year 1 Horton  
ATD Year 5 Auggie  
Reading SEN workshops 9am  
ATD Year 2 Tarzan  
ATD Year 5 Nergui  
Year 5 Nergui – 2-week swimming begins  
ATD Year 2 Tiddler  
SEN parent reading workshop with Miss Evans  
Last day of term

### Go Red for the Royal British Legion

We will be marking Remembrance Day this year with our usual two-minute silence as well as some WWII activities and workshops in school. There are also poppies and other poppy merchandise available for sale from the school office.

This year once again, we would like to invite children and staff to wear red for the day and bring in at least £1 which we will donate to the Royal British Legion.

Next year, we intend to plan some special events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Further detail will follow in due course.



## Attendance

YR6 Skellig	96.6%
YR3 Paddington	96.3%
YR2 Tarzan	96.1%
YR4 Macbeth	94.4%
YR5 Auggie	94.2%
YR2 Tiddler	94.1%
YR4 Scribbleboy	94.0%
YR1 Horton	93.9%
YR6 Kensuke	93.4%
YR3 Tulane	93.2%
YR1 Zog	92.9%
FS2 Tigger	92.7%
YR5 Nergui	91.8%
FS2 Handa	91.7%

## Academic Tutoring Days (ATDs)

It has been so good to start welcoming parents and carers back into school for various parental engagement opportunities including the Xplore project with GLL, parent reading workshops and Academic Tutoring Days. We believe it is super-important for parents/carers and teachers to get together for ATD so please make sure you are aware of your appointment time and you come in to meet the teacher with your child. We are able to arrange follow-up appointments on different days but it is so much easier if you attend your scheduled appointment. Have a look through your children's books and don't hesitate to come back to us if you have any ongoing questions.

## White Fang Class

Our wonderful new White Fang Class (photo overleaf) will be welcoming school governors in this week to share with them all the fantastic things they have been up to. White Fang are some of our neuro-diverse learners in Year 5 and they are studying their humanities topic through drama, art, music and lots and lots of speaking and listening. They are a super-bright bunch of children who just find learning so much more exciting and accessible when they don't have to stay in their chairs and write everything down all the time. This is an exciting project being led by Mrs Lewis and the children are already really buzzing about their learning and progress.

**Whole school average for last week: 93.9%**

### House Points Weekly Total

Kenny	184
Asher-Smith	156
Rashford	142
Murray	112

*House points have reset for this half term and Kenny House have stormed into an early lead. Children can earn house points by working hard, trying their best and doing the right thing around the school. Our Year 6 House Captain lead and encourage their teams throughout the year.*



**The** whole school community of children, teachers, support staff and governors pulled together to observe and celebrate the activities of a blue tit family, whose story enlivened the dark days of Covid.

After populating the school's birdwatching area with feeders, bird-bath and new nest box, a hidden camera recorded the blue tit family moving in, laying eight eggs, feeding the family and eventually fledging.

Headteacher Donna Adkinson said, "Within minutes of the nesting box going up, a pair of blue tits

were checking it out and the female started collecting leaves and moss to make a nest to sit on inside the box."

The natural ups and downs of the blue tits' exploits captivated many on social media in the community and beyond, as further restrictions hit.

Donna explained, "We watched with delight as the birds got busy collecting caterpillars and grubs, working solidly to keep their growing brood fed and healthy. We all learned so much about their behaviour and characteristics; we were a school of twitchers by the time half-term came and our fledglings were ready to fly the nest."

The episode has been captured by street artist Rob from *Aspire Artwork* helped by personal contributions from two of the school's dedicated governors which made it possible.

Donna added, "Our school governing body is dynamic and diverse, working together to engage, challenge and support us, ensuring all our children and families are getting the very best at Middle Park. They're aware of the ways our school community was affected by the pandemic and heard many stories about how brilliantly our children and staff managed the pressures and changes."

## SENine Magazine Feature

It was lovely to feature in this month's SENine magazine. The first article told the story of our wonderful blue tit mural which came about following personal contributions made by some of our individual school governors as a gift to the children. Our nesting blue tits were a key feature of lockdown for us all in school and it's so great to have this permanent reminder.

The second article covered our special miniature museum and local history project which caused a great deal of excitement in school last half term. Your child may have mentioned a thing or two which we couldn't possibly comment on !