



FRIDAY FLYER



Well, where did that Half Term go? A very busy week here at Midhurst Primary School. Lots of excitement and learning all around the school. This all culminated in our Heart and Sole run organised so ably by Mrs Alden - thank you! The money raised will all go into a pot directly benefiting all the children, whether through theatre groups or funding for play equipment. Staff have been very busy throughout the school sorting displays and

generally tidying all shared areas as these can get cluttered and messy as I am sure you can imagine! Half Term holidays are always very exciting for the children, and we hope you all enjoy a good rest so you come back raring to go with even more learning.

I recently discovered (rather scarily!) that we are over halfway through the academic year. Year 6 are closer to Year 7 and (oops sorry... must use the correct class names or else the children tell me off!) Acorns are closer to becoming Birches. Walking around the school on Tuesday morning with a potential new parent, I was delighted by just how calm and friendly all our children were. We have had some new children join us over the last few weeks and they have been warmly welcomed into their new classes with such kindness and care. I am also excited that as this has been Children's Mental Health Week we have spent time looking at wellbeing and our own mental health today. Alongside this has been some important work on Internet Safety with an assembly beautifully lead by Mrs. Griffiths... Mr Ind is thinking this could maybe become a permanent booking Mrs G? A big thank you to Mrs Griffiths for organising and running much of Internet Safety Day [on Tuesday] - do read on for a report from her. All of our staff have much expertise in different areas, and we are a team here at MPS. In the absence of our Captain many different people have stepped up and really helped steer the ship, so I wanted to end my piece by saying a huge thank you to EACH and EVERY staff member for your help in running the school.

Wishing you all peaceful and restful half terms filled with reading and lots of sleep - mine will be!

Mr Ind

A REMINDER OF OUR PARENT AND PUPIL WELL BEING SURVEYS

Please spare 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire by going to

<https://survey.gl-assessment.co.uk/s/RMGZB5/>

and logging on using the password provided below.

Your parent password is: **MID55101Pa**

The password is case sensitive.

By completing the questionnaire, you will be telling us how you think we should be spending our time and resources, to make our school the best that it can be for your child.

There is also a questionnaire for your child in Year 3 or above. We would really value you helping your child complete this by going to

<https://survey.gl-assessment.co.uk/s/T6TI8T/>

and logging on using the password provided below.

The pupil password is: **MID55102Pu**

Each completed questionnaire is vital in finding out what parents and children think.

WRAP AROUND CARE BOOKINGS!

Bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Care during the second half of the Spring Term are now open on MCAS - My Child At School.

GONKS FOR SALE!

Mrs Mullen and her Craft Club have created gonks, which have been on sale at the run and will be available for order/purchase after Half Term too.

Mrs Mullen writes, "They are two sizes and selling for £2 or £1.50. They come with a heart shaped tag so that a Valentine's message can be written on them. We have 60 already, but if they all sell, we can take orders for after half term. They will obviously not be ready for Valentines, but the buyer can choose the colour of the hat!"



FAB job Craft Club – they look great – one of them even looks like Mr Jones!

ARTS SMASH CLUB – IMPORTANT INFO

From after half term, Arts SMASH club will not be running for a few weeks. Please contact the school for further information.

PINE CLASS FOREST SCHOOL FUN & ON INTERNET SAFETY DAY:

Pine Class (Year 5) taking part in the country wide virtual assembly during Internet Safety Day. Why not ask your children what it means to be SMART and what smart stands for?



MPS - CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT by MRS ALDEN



On Friday 2nd February myself, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Berry took our 43 (!) strong cross-country team to compete in the MRC Sports Partnership cross-country races. This competition is the 4th event in the League, and after coming 1st and 2nd in 2 of the previous events, we were keen to place highly and give ourselves a chance of retaining our title of overall champions.

The team consisted of children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have all been training very hard since before Christmas for this event. I have been so

pleased with how many children have taken part in this club and we had the biggest team by a long way.

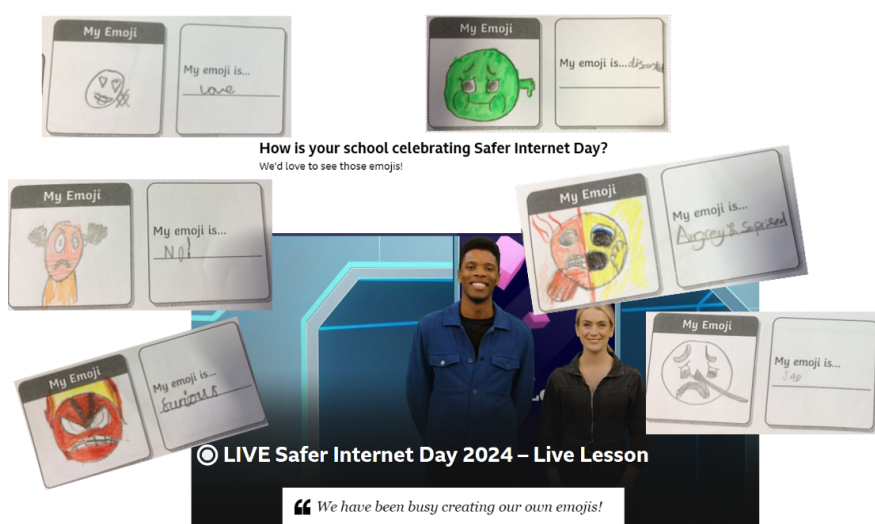
The first competition was the Year 3 and 4 girls race who got us off to a flying start with Lucy Hutchings winning the race and the team winning the team race! This was followed by the Year 3 and 4 boys' race where we had another individual winner with Harry Clark crossing the line first.

The next 2 races were the Year 5, and 6 girls race and the Year 5 and 6 boys' race. These races are selection races with the top 5 in each year group being selected to represent mid-Sussex in the Sussex County finals in March. In the Year 5 and 6 girls race it was again an MPS shirt which crossed the line first with Poppy Alden winning this race. There was also team success with the Year 5 and 6 girls team finishing 2nd. I am very proud to report that, from this race, we had 4 runners selected to represent mid-Sussex. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are so proud that 4 children out of a team of 10, are from MPS. Well done to Libby Porter, Miley Padginton, Poppy Alden and Frances Gooda.

In the Year 5 and 6 boys race the boys showed how well good team packing pays off. A group of them were very close together and their team ended up finishing 2nd.

After all the races there was the presentation to find out which school was the winner. This was a nervous wait as the competition involved 9 other schools and some of these school also had very strong teams. Camelsdale finished in 3rd place, Hollycombe in 2nd place and, I am delighted to say, we finished in 1st place! This is an amazing, and very well-deserved result. Our team have trained hard and showed incredible determination and teamwork. Cross country is a tough sport physically and physically and requires bravery – all the team have this in spades. Each one of you tried your very best, represented the school brilliantly and contributed to our victory. We are incredibly proud of you.

SAFER INTERNET DAY - TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2024- BY MRS GRIFFITHS



Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety.

This year Safer Internet Day focused on changes online, this included:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online.
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

During the day the children took part in various activities, creating their own emojis, discovering the latest technology and the advancements of AI. KS2 took part in a BBC live lesson. The children became digital detectives and explored the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence. The day was full of lively discussions and encouraged the children to be aware of how they can make a difference in the way that they behave online.

In our whole school assembly, we talked about linking our school values to how we would treat other people online. We discussed how to keep ourselves safe online using the SMART rules and who our trusted adult would be that we could talk to.

The Internet can be a fun and exciting place to be. When the world around you is constantly changing it can feel a little scary sometimes. It is important to look at change as an opportunity to learn something new and try something new.

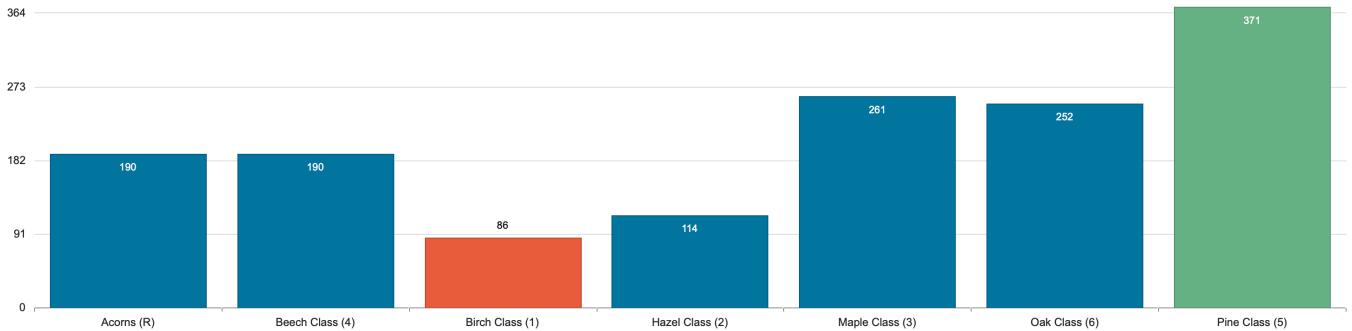
If we learn how to use new technology safely, responsibly, and respectfully, we will see how it can bring new opportunities to support our future.

FOREST SCHOOLS UPDATE

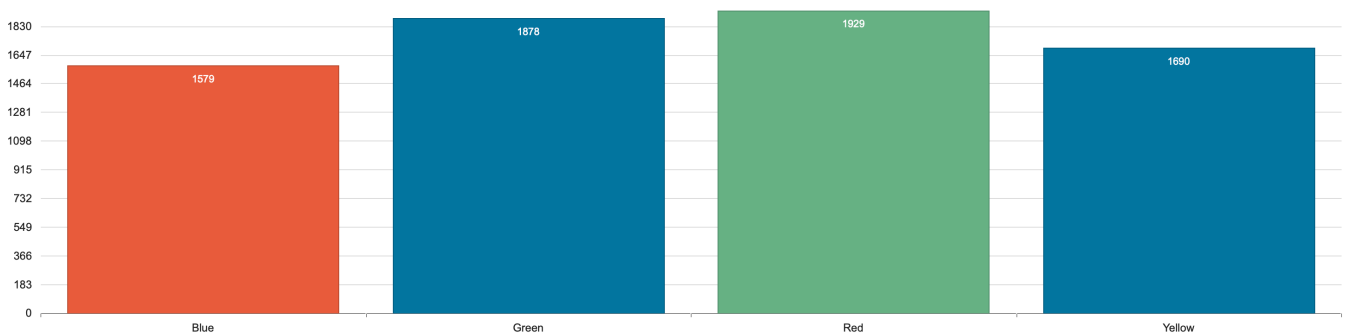


REWARD POINTS

Congratulations to Pine Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 371 points. Well done Pine Class!

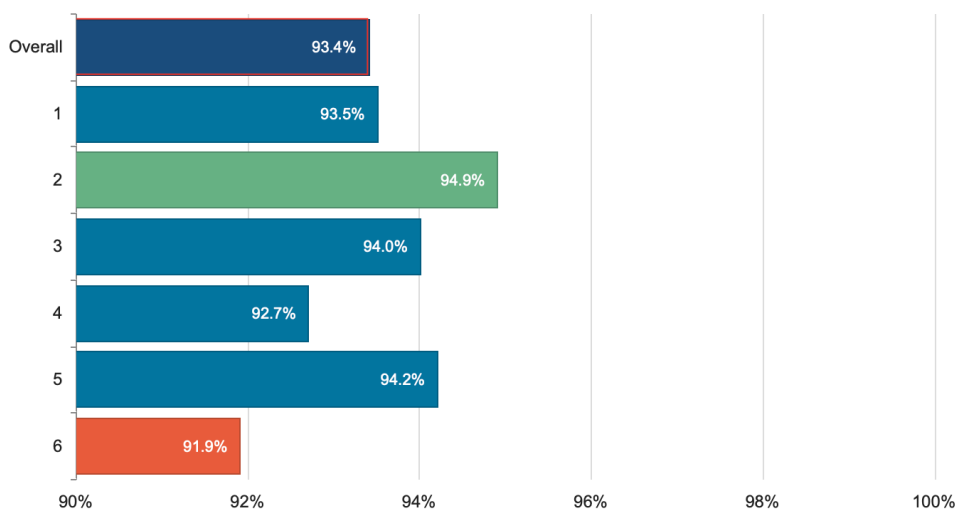


Arun House are in the lead this week with 1929 points!



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance is 93.4%. A small increase on last week but still 1.6% below our target of 95%.



This week's attendance champions!

Congratulations Hazel Class, this week's attendance champions with 94.9%

MIDHURST TAKES THE WIN!

Last week many children from KS2 participated in the cross country run at MRC. They started at the back field, then ran up a hill and around the football pitch. The crowd cheered as the children approached the rugby field and zoomed past the finish line!!! We interviewed Nadia and Amalia from Year 6 (Oak Class). Amalia says "THE FEELING WAS ELECTRIC, While we waited for the race to start." Then we interviewed Nadia she said "When we started the race my heart started pounding." Once it was revealed that Midhurst won, we went to collect our trophy (which is displayed in the trophy cabinet) We went home feeling proud.



Go Gonkers!

For the past 2 weeks, children who do craft club (at lunch break) have been making Valentines gonks! The goal is to make 60 gonks for a sale in the classes. Hopefully the sale goes well and the school will get some extra money.

Where's Lenny?



Try and guess where he is!

Joke Time!!!! 😊

What do you with a can opener that does not work?

A can't opener!

On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day! You would have learnt all about AI and how to be safe online.

Let's See what we have learnt!

QUIZ TIME!

Q1 What Does AI Stand For?

Q2 What do you do when a game asks for personal information?



DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th Feb	HALF TERM BREAK	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 19 th Feb	INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 20 th Feb	Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 21 st Feb	Year 1 & 2 PE today Netball Club (Y4 upwards)	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 22 nd Feb	Years 3 & 6 PE today Swimming Little woods forest schools Big woods forest schools Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 am Year R Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 Group 2 (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 23 rd Feb	Year 5 PE today Big woods forest schools	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 Group 2 (please wear kit and bring uniform)
Monday 26 th Feb	Wear your Wellies/Boots to school day Year 1 & 3 PE today Dance Club Gardening Club	In exchange for a £1 donation towards Nathan's RNLI fundraising Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 27 th Feb	Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 28 th Feb	Year 1 & 2 PE today Netball Club (Y4 upwards) Cross Country @ Conifers	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm More info to follow
Thursday 29 th Feb	Years 3 & 6 PE today Swimming Little woods forest schools Big woods forest schools Dance club Cross Country @ Conifers	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 am Year R Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 Group 2 (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.30pm More info to follow
Friday 1 st Mar	Year 5 PE today Big woods forest schools	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 Group 2 (please wear kit and bring uniform)



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

• **WEAR YOUR WELLIES/BOOTS TO SCHOOL DAY!** •
in exchange for a £1 donation towards Nathan's fundraising for the RNLI

• **Monday 26th February 2024** •

• **ALSO TAKE PART IN:** •
The Lifeboat Station guessing game - £1 a go – see Nathan/Y5 at Break/Lunch
WIN a £25 Fish & Chip Voucher!

SUPPORTING:

Nathan's 200 mile walk for the RNLI



December 2023 - March 2024



www.justgiving.com/page/nathans-200-miles-rnli



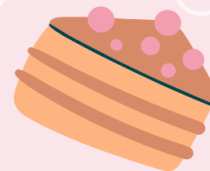
Lifeboats



MPS PTA CAKE RAFFLE



Dates for future
cake raffle's



Friday -

23rd of February

8th of March

22nd of March



Tickets will be on sale every
Wednesday and Thursday,
the week of each Raffle.





Half Term Activity

Thursday 15th

February 2024

FREE

The Old Library, Knockhundred Row,
Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DQ

10am-2pm

Fold our Town

Come and create a 3D giant map of Midhurst, created by ALine Art. Colour the landmarks in and attach them to the map!

Children's Book Shop/Swap

Lots of wonderful books that children can read, borrow or keep!

Free Hot Chocolate

Refreshments will be available for adults and children

More information at www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk





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MONDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 16TH

FEBRUARY 2024

www.adurcentre.org.uk

Wellbeing Month



Connect Give Keep Learning Be Active Take Notice

Storytime

We would love for you to join us to share some uplifting stories for Wellbeing Month.

For children aged 4-7

Chichester Library

Saturday 9 March 2.15-2.45pm

Chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk; 01243 777351



Wellbeing Month



Connect Give Keep Learning Be Active Take Notice

Reminiscence Taster Session

We would love for you to join us in a friendly group, sharing memories, having fun and meeting new people.

Midhurst Library

Tuesday 19 March 11.00am-12.00pm

midhurst.library@westsussex.gov.uk; 01730 716671



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Chichester Library

Thursday 14 March 2.00-3.00pm

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Wellbeing Month



Connect Give Keep Learning Be Active Take Notice

SEND friendly activity session

Featuring popular SEND entertainer Chris North from Freedom Through Fun who will share lots of fun activities including, magic, circus skills and more!

Chichester Library

Saturday 16 March 10.30 - 11.30am

chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk 01243 777351



Winter Wildlife



Join Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital at the library to find out about what they do including a story and craft. Please click on the QR codes to find out about how you can support them.



Suitable for children aged 4-8 years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

**Tuesday 13 February
2.00-3.00pm**



Selsey Library
School Lane, Selsey
01243 602096
selsey.library@westsussex.gov.uk

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Winter Wildlife



Join Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital at the library to find out about what they do including a story and craft. Please click on the QR codes to find out about how you can support them.



Suitable for children aged 4-10

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

**Thursday 15 February
10.00-11.30am**



Chichester Library
Tower Street, Chichester
01243 777351
chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk

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