



New Medlock Community feedback email address:
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Medlock Primary School

Parent News

Attendance in
September:

96.5%

September Newsletter 2019

General news...



- Every Thursday, Parent Coffee Morning, 9am

Here are our new House Captains for 2019-20:



Hello,

In September, we began our new role as Head Boy and Head Girl. We are really excited to get going and to help the school be a brilliant place to be. This month, we have been focusing on making sure everyone feels welcomed in their new classes and happy at lunchtimes. It is lovely to see all the classes walking around school beautifully and to see how well the Year 1 children have got used to the new places around school. Our Reception children have also really impressed us with their independence, eating all their dinner and putting their trays away correctly.

Remember, there are always House Captains around to ask any questions. We also have story time at lunch time that everyone is welcome to attend.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be heading out to one of our local museums and reporting back about what is on offer there at weekends and in the holidays we hope to see as many children as possible visiting with their family.

From Sumayyah and Zahir
Head Girl Head Boy



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

September is disappearing rapidly, and the summer holiday is a distant memory. School is feeling really positive with all the children going for it with their AR reading and pushing up their Times Table Rockstars scores - thank you for your continued support in getting them to pick up their reading books at home and trying to find the time to talk to them about the books they are reading. It really does make all the difference.

Parking around school continues to be a problem. I've been asked by S4B to remind parents not to park in the car park for Artillery Court at the start and end of the day. I understand that there have been some heated exchanges around this, and I know S4B are taking steps to address this on their side, but we need to do our bit and respect that this space is for residents of Artillery Court only. We have spoken to S4B and the Council about parking and other solutions are not being considered at this stage. The roads around Medlock have been identified as having 'Killer Levels of Air Pollution' (Manchester Evening News - <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/greater-manchester-pollution-charging-zones-15319275>) and as a result, all energies are going into reducing air pollution. Creating parking is seen as contributing to the problem. As the air pollution is seen as such a risk, Medlock is currently part of a study by Lancaster University (you may have seen the unusual equipment on the boundary fence and on the junior playground) looking into ways of stopping pollutants getting to the playground. You can read about the study and what they are trying to do here - <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/8185/pioneering-clean-air-scheme-will-protect-playgrounds-from-pollution-in-manchester>

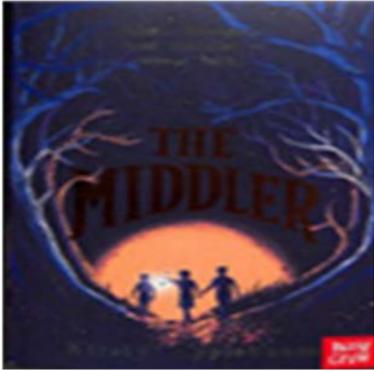
I know many of you are aware that the government has introduced new guidelines on what is to be included in all schools' SRE policies. We are currently drafting the new policy in line with the government guidelines and are looking at creating a focus group of parents to help us shape this. Look out for further announcements if you would like to be part of this focus group.

Couple of notices before I finish. Firstly, can I remind all parents to please discuss any issues with school staff when they arise. We are in a very good position to investigate all issues impartially. Please do not approach other parents or their children directly. It rarely resolves any issue and often makes things more difficult to sort out. Secondly, the new website is due to be launched next week - we are just completing the final proofing. Once it is up and running, please let us know what you think and what you want from the website. Ultimately the website is there to provide our families with the information they need. If you want something up - let us know! Finally, thank you for supporting school and helping to make the start of this school year so awesome!

Mr Brown

Mrs Nutton-Jones loves to read:

This month, I have enjoyed reading a wide range of books and magazines as well as lots of information online. I really enjoyed reading *The Middler* by Kirsty Applebaum.



It was such an exciting and engrossing read. I couldn't put it down. I was special. I was a hero. I lost the best friend I ever had. Eleven-year-old Maggie lives in Fennis Wick, enclosed and protected from the outside world by a boundary, beyond which the Quiet War rages and the dirty, dangerous wanderers roam. Her brother Jed is an eldest, revered and special. A hero. Her younger brother is Trig - everyone loves Trig. But Maggie's just a middler; invisible and left behind. Then, one hot September day, she meets Una, a hungry wanderer girl in need of help, and everything Maggie has ever known gets turned on its head. This book is suitable for year 6 and above and I have a copy waiting in my office if children would like to borrow it.

With my children at home,, I have enjoyed reading 'Grandma Bird'. It is a lovely story about a boy called Noi and the special relationship he has with his Grandma. The way that the island and the sea are described it really beautiful.

For parents, I have just read 'Home' by Marilynne Robinson. It was such a wonderful but also terribly sad story about a family who has drifted apart.

It is described as the 'saddest story you will ever love' and this is certainly how I have felt about it.

I borrowed the book from Longsight Library so it should be ready for the next person to enjoy.

Next month we are going to begin our Parent Library again at school. If parents have any books that they think people would enjoy then feel free to donate them. We will send out messages on Seesaw when we are ready to go.

Race For Life

And just in time for our newsletter as part of European Week of Sports, today, we held our own Race for Life at School. Those who managed to complete the route had so much fun taking part, despite the pouring rain! Thank you to all the parents who took part too. School was certainly much brighter than usual - with so much pink! Hopefully we will have raised lots of money for Cancer Research. We will share the total next week. If anybody didn't manage to donate and would like to, there is a still time just follow this link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/medlock-primary-school> where the money goes straight to Cancer Research. Let's help beat cancer!



Year 5 and 6 Girls Football:

This week, our girl's football team played their first competitive matches.

They played three matches and with each game they got stronger and stronger. Miss Scott was so proud of their focus, effort and team work. We are really looking forward to seeing how the team develops over the year.

Well done girls!

Uniform...

School Uniform



PE Uniform



The uniform is:

Blue jumper and fleece

Black or charcoal grey trousers or knee-length skirts, White socks

Black school shoes (appropriate for the playground) - no trainers

PE: Black jogging bottoms

PE: White polo shirt

PE: Black/White pumps