



Mrs Watts
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Dear Middle School families,

We have had a couple of busy weeks, with trips, visits, learning and assessments!

Year 5 visited a Roman Museum in Wales; many of our Year 6 children completed their Bikeability courses; Year 7 had a visitor in to share the dangers of distraction around roads and Year 8 found out more about the impact of Peer Pressure and Influence in an assembly ran by a guest speaker. Year 7 and 8 also enjoyed welcoming Avon Fire and Rescue into school; in this session, they learnt more about issues currently affecting youths locally, including dangers of fire, arson and recent fire crimes in the local community.

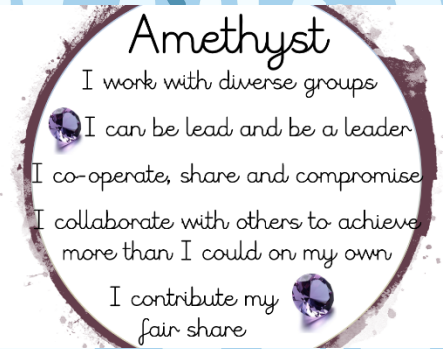
All children in Year 5-8 are completing assessments this term: Year 7 and 8 have already begun, Year 6 complete their assessments this week and Year 5 next week. Teachers across Middle School use the assessment information precisely to plan learning, address misconceptions and identify who and what to target in class or in interventions. I am always proud to see how well our children focus on these assessments, problem solving (Diamond), recognising mistakes in order to learn and building resilience (Emerald). I also love seeing and hearing about how our learners come together, supporting each other throughout assessment weeks (Ruby).

I look forward to seeing you all soon,
Mrs Watts

Attendance Update:

Congratulations to 7.4 for having the best attendance in the first week of term and **well done to 8.5** for having the most improved attendance over the past week.

We look forward to seeing who **Apollo** will get to spend the week with when we look at most improved attendance at the end of the week.

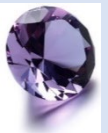


Middle School Values Focus: January



KOA Value
Be Kind

Learning Power
Amethyst
(Collaboration)



Value shared
High Inclusion














Sports Fixtures

We have had a number of sporting fixtures over the past couple of weeks in Middle School and are proud to share some incredible results from our sporting stars!

- A number of our **Year 7 and 8 girls** travelled to Truro High School on Monday 15 January to **represent KOA and Bristol Rovers FC** in the **Under 13s Utilita Cup Tournament!** We are delighted to share that the girls **won 4-1** and are now through to the next stage, where the **top 8 schools nationally** will be competing for the cup. This is an incredible achievement. **Well done** to all of our players and a massive **thank you** to their fantastic coaches: Mrs Harrold and Mrs Salvage. I'm sure that the whole Middle School community will share in wishing the girls **Good Luck for the next round!**
- The **Year 5/6 Football Team** have **progressed onto the next stage of our league** and, on Friday (19 January), played a match against St Augustine's. We **won 6-0!** Our teachers were really impressed at our **determination, perseverance and support of each other**; they were also very proud of how we demonstrated our school value '**be kind**': we were welcoming, polite, and always helped the other team up and checked they were ok after some of our more exuberant tackles! We will be looking forward to seeing how the team continue to use their Amethyst Power on Thursday, when they play Cherry Gardens. **Good Luck!**



Middle School Dates for the Diary

25 January	CLF Bake Off
29 January	HPV Vaccinations - Year 8 students
05 February - pm	Sports Enrichment Afternoons: Curling - Year 5
05 February – pm	Sports Enrichment Afternoons: Curling - Year 6
06 February	RNLI visit - Year 7 / Year 8
07 February	Year 6 SATs Meeting and sharing of learning (more information to follow)
09 February	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Classroom Opportunity: Year 5 ‘Museum Tour’ Parents and Carers of Year 5 students, please come and see your children’s learning from 8.35am-9.00am. Enter through the Middle School gate. Term ends at 3.10pm</p>
Term 4	
22 and 23 February	Bikeability Training - Year 6
27 February	Secondary offers sent from the council
29 February and 1 March	Bikeability Training - Year 6
7 March	CLF Big Bake
8 March	CLF Big Parliament
14 March	CLF Big Day of Maths
Term 4	30 girls to visit Renishaw – Year 8 STEM Trip Year 6 SATs, Transition and Camp Meeting
Term 5	
Term 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  SATs Week  Year 8 Camp Meeting  Welcome to Middle School: Year 4 Coffee Afternoon
TERM 6	
Term 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Welcome to Middle School: Year 4 Weekly Transition Activities  Welcome to Middle School: Year 4 Parents’ Meeting  Primary Phase (Years R-6) Sports Day  Secondary Phase (Years 7-11) Sports Day  KOA Step-Up Day (Reception to Year 9)  Year 5 Camp Meeting  Year 6 Camp: PGL Liddington  Year 8 Camp: Woodhouse

Extra-Curricular Opportunities: Term 3

Lunchtime Clubs

Daily	Y5 - Y6	Lego / Reading / Drawing - LRC - Miss Cox
Monday	Y7 - Y11	Gardening Club - Greenhouse - Miss Miller-Webb
Tuesday	Y7 - Y8	Homework Club - C18 - Miss Pearch
	Y7 - Y11	Mid Somerset Festival Club - DA1 - Mrs Free
Wednesday	Y7 - Y8	Homework Club - C18 - Miss Pearch



After School Clubs

MIDDLE SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	Lunch time				
	Y7 - 8	Gardening Club	Greenhouse	13:10 - 13:45	JMW
	After school				
	Y7 - 8	Maths Homework Club	C18	15:20 - 16:10	ABE
		Drama/Mid Som Festival Club	DA1	15:25 - 16:15	JML/VFE
	Y5 - 6	KS2 Multi Sports	Lower School	15:10 - 16:10	Progressive Sports
		KS2 Girls Football	Astro		AST
Y7 - 8	Fitness	Gym 2	15:15 - 16:10	JCK	
	Girls Rugby	Field		AJS	
Tuesday	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
	Y7 - 8	Mid Somerset Festival Club	Drama	13:10 - 13:45	VFE
		Homework Club	C18		HPH
	Y5 - 6	Gymnastics	Lower School	15:10 - 16:10	Sporting Chance
Y7 - 8	Football	Astro	15:15 - 16:10	DJN	
Wednesday	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
	Y7 - 8	Mid Somerset Festival Club	Drama	13:10 - 13:45	VFE
		Homework Club	C18		HPH
				Variable	
Thursday	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
	Y5 - 8	Homework Support Club	C18	15:10 - 16:10	HPH
	Y6 - 8	Art Club	E22	15:10 - 16:00	KSH/ELW
	Y7 - 8	STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths)	DG2	15:15 - 16:10	DTR/RRY
	Y5 - 8	Warhammer Club	EG2	15:15 - 16:10	CNN
		Table Tennis	Gym 1	15:10 - 16:10	AWN
Y7 - 8	Girls Football	Astro	15:15	ESE/RHD	
	Dodgeball	Gym 2	15:15	DJN/ASJ	
Friday	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
	Y5 - 6	Football Team	KS2 Playground	15:10 - 16:10	Progressive Sports

All KOA-ran clubs are now bookable via the MCAS App.
Year 5 and Year 6: If you have any questions, please contact Miss Southcott.
Year 7 and Year 8: If you have any questions, please speak to the teacher leading the club.

*Sporting Chance: £4.00 per session. Bookings to be made via the website and payment via debit/ credit card / childcare vouchers or BACS. FSM places available - speak to the office for a letter

Key Reminders and Updates

Middle School Office

Just a reminder that the Middle School Office / Reception is open for children and adults to access from 08:30 – 09:15 and 14:40 – 15:20 each day.

Brook Road

Just a reminder that **Brook Road is closed to all vehicles from 08:25 – 08:50 and from 15:00 – 15:20** (blue badges exempt). This means that no vehicles should enter, be moving on, or leave the road. *This is to keep our children, families, and staff safe. Please respect this road closure.* Please also ensure that when using all roads around school, you are parking respectfully (e.g. not blocking driveways).

Book Corners

Just a reminder that we would love any of your previously-loved books for our Year 5/6 book corners. These might be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or even magazines or interesting leaflets!



Year 6 and Year 8 Camps

As you know, **Year 6** are off to **PGL Liddington** and **Year 8** are off to **Woodhouse Park**. Please ensure that you complete the online forms shared with you as soon as possible. Please contact Jess Ware (jess.ware@clf.uk) with any questions.