



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Head's News

It has been another lovely week at school. The children are all happy and enjoying being back all together. We have been so lucky that we are able to continue to have the children mixing. I would like to thank you for your support and making sure that we are able to keep the school running smoothly. We were due to reschedule the Sports Day from last summer and have it this term but we have made the decision that this will no longer go ahead and we will just plan for the usual summer one. It has been a really hard decision but after listening to other Headteachers from the local area and in our Trust, I have made the decision that it would be better to keep things running smoothly in school for the children and staff rather than run the risk of a potential 'Covid outbreak'. I hope that you understand why we have made this decision and that the education and stability of the children is the most important thing.

We are starting to have a number of birthdays in school so can I just remind everyone that the children are unable to bring sweets and chocolates to share. I will be giving the children a special birthday pencil instead. 

Next week our Year 6 class (Oaks) will be off on residential to Bushcraft at Cornbury Park. We hope they have lots of fun and the weather stays fine for them.  We also hope that the adults get some sleep!   
I look forward to hearing all about the new skills they will have learnt and the adventures they have.

Well done to six of our Year 6 children (Lily W, Lily B, Alex, Modge, Oscar B and Xander) for representing Middle Barton at the Sports Leader training at Chipping Norton School. They will use all the skills they have learnt to help raise the profile of sport and physical activity at lunch time in our school. 

I would like to make a special mention and say thank you to Bernie, Pat and Kelly for helping sort the library out. It has been out of full use for the last 18 months and has needed a lot of reorganising, cleaning and tidying. We hope to get it up and running as soon as possible. I am also working with the Trust to rectify a damp issue in the building. 

Enjoy your weekend.

### From River Learning Trust CEO

*Dear Parents and Carers*

*Please visit the following weblink to read a letter from the Chief Executive of RLT. The letter provides feedback about the surveys conducted at the end of the summer term:*

<https://riverlearningtrust.org/survey-2021/>

*Thank you*

## Morning Run

Another highly successful week for the Morning Run!

Mrs Henderson had calculated how far you have run collectively in the first part of term (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September) and the distance is 115 miles! Fantastic!

I'd like to reiterate that the Morning Run is not a race. Some pupils who have a lot of experience of the Morning Run from before Covid like to race each other or challenge themselves to complete their half marathon as quickly as possible. But remember - anybody can join in, take their time to build up their laps and enjoy a little exercise before school ... if you do a little often, your total will build up steadily.

NB – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is National Fitness Day. Let's have an especial effort to do a lap (or more) on this day and see if we can get a record number of people participating in the Morning Run.

### Special mentions:

Continued dedication to Morning Run (KS2): Jamie, Nate BG, Lily R, Harry C, Enya, Alfie V, Juno, Freddie R, Harvey, Gracie, Oscar R, Evie, Roxy, Arden, Lea, Charlotte, Harrie P

Continued dedication to Morning Run (KS1): Alex W, Elise, Noah, Isabelle B, Angus, Xander P, Sienna, Henry, Layla, Freddie C, Jessica

Great new efforts from: Isla-Grace, Faith, Hope, Modge, Annabelle, Toby B, Nell, Abbie, Poppy, Niamh, Lyla, James, Harley H, Firth family, Bye family

Helpful to other / younger pupils: Oscar H

Stars of the Week: Albie, Nate F, Mollie, Tahlia, Sachini and Modge

Class with most participants: Sycamore

Class with most laps: Willow

Class with most new regular participants: Oak

## Dojo points

**Acorn – Nell**

**Sycamore – Georgie**

**Maple - Freddie**

**Beech – Evie**

**Willow – Phoebe**

**Oak - Jo**

## A report from the Year 6 sports leaders

On Wednesday 15th six children from Oaks class (Oscar B, Alex, Lily W, Xander, Modge and Lily B) went to Chipping Norton School to learn to be sports leaders. We learned skills for working with big groups of children, we also learned new games and had a go at teaching other groups. Mrs Fisher, from Chipping Norton School, taught us that children need to do at least 60 minutes of exercise a day to stay fit and healthy and how to keep the children safe while having fun.

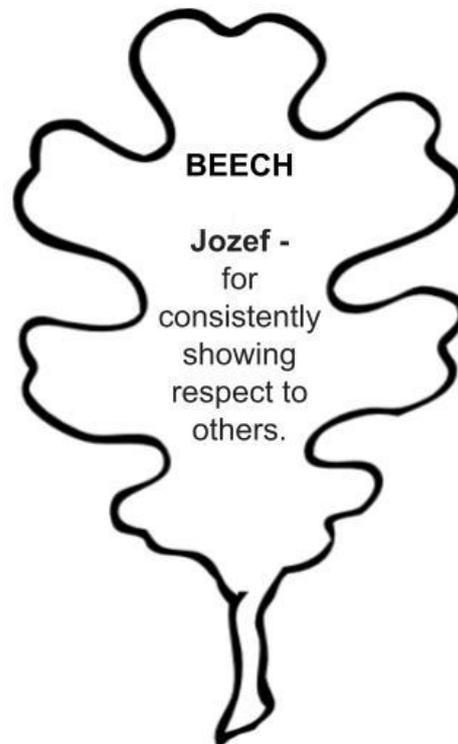
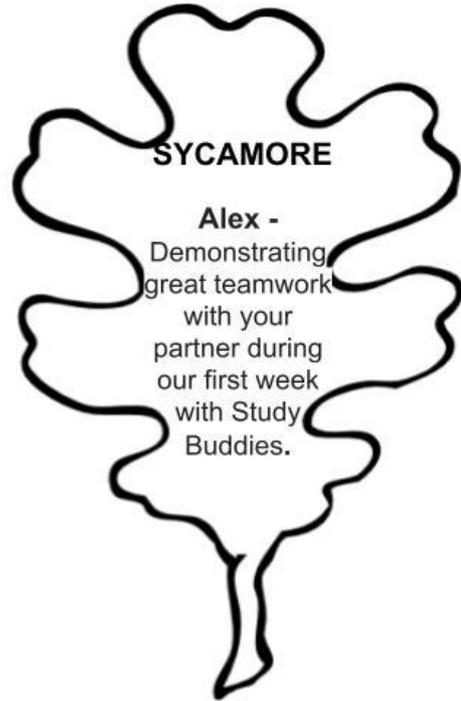
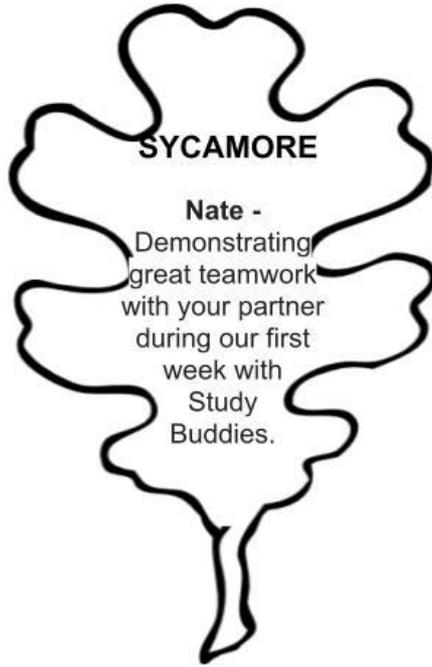
The purpose of sports leaders is so KS1 and lower KS2 children all have something fun to do at playtime. This will encourage them to be more active and social.

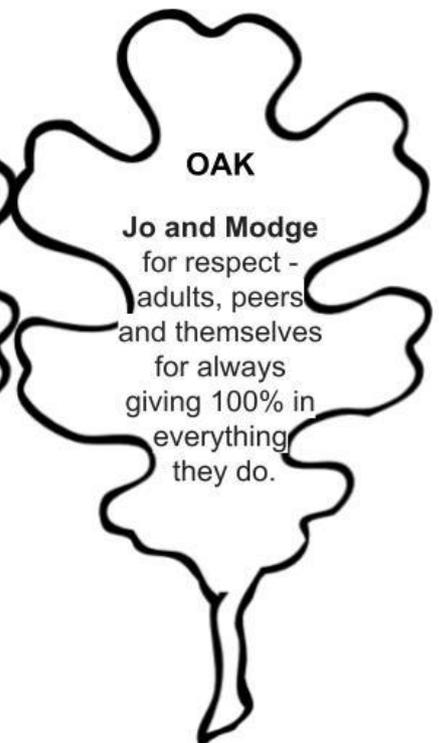
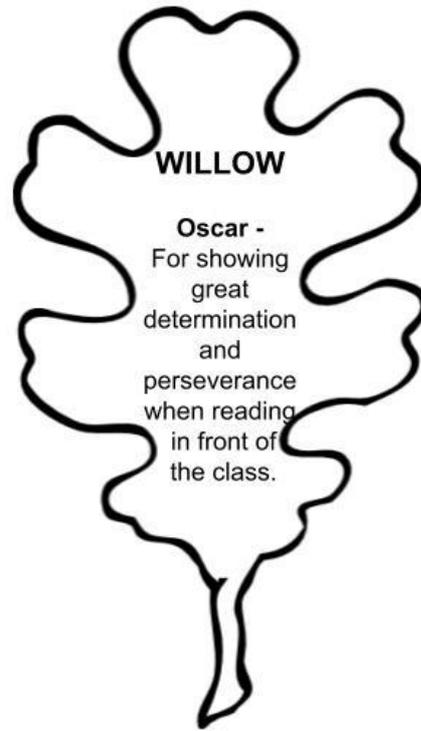
Every day at break and lunch two year 6 sport leaders will be setting up a mixture of games for all KS1 and lower KS2 children. If the children want to join us then they need to meet us on the playground with a water bottle or coat depending on the weather.



**Values Leaves**  
**For the last two weeks**

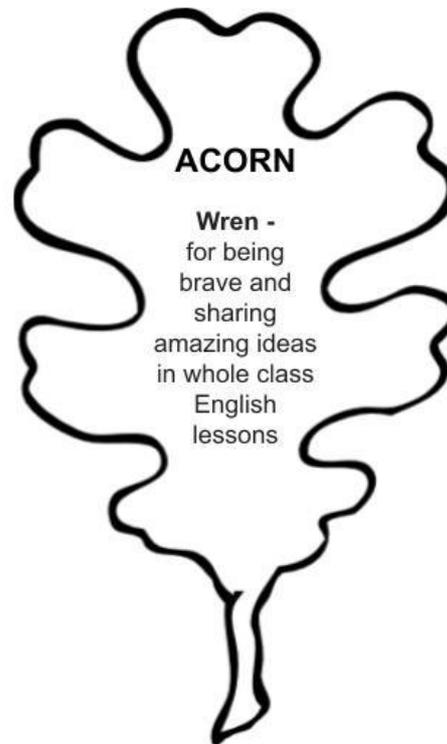
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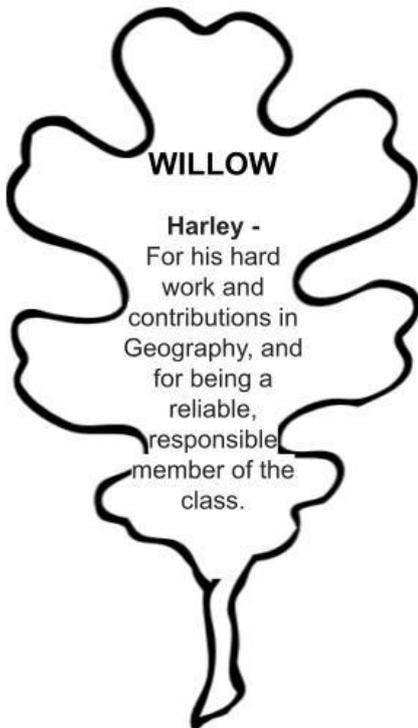
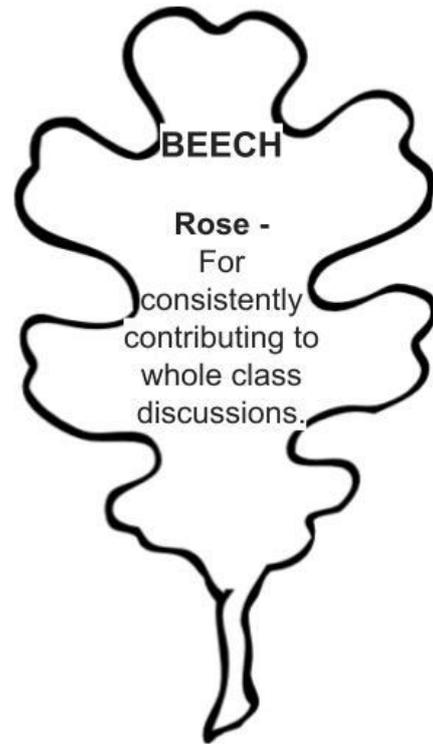
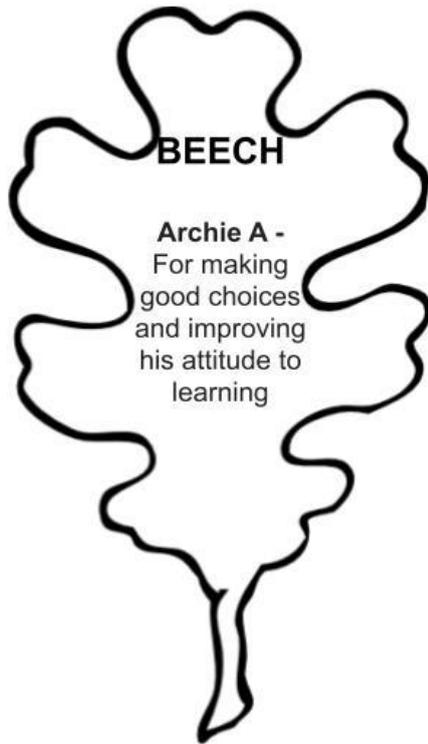






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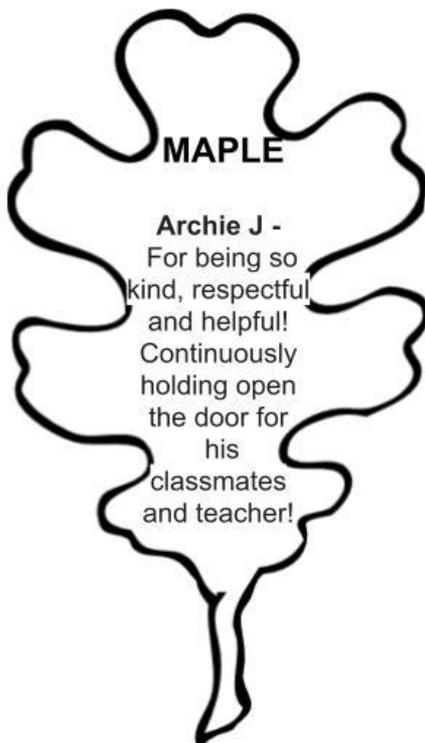






**OAK**

**Abbie -**  
for playing  
with and  
looking after  
the younger  
children at  
playtime



**MAPLE**

**Archie J -**  
For being so  
kind, respectful  
and helpful!  
Continuously  
holding open  
the door for  
his  
classmates  
and teacher!



**MAPLE  
Harley -**

For his  
impressive  
knowledge and  
contributions in  
our outdoor  
Science lesson  
this week . You  
wowed us with  
your knowledge  
on  
photosynthesis!  
Mrs Horner