



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Head's News

We have had some very exciting news at Middle Barton School recently: Miss Reynolds is pregnant and is due to have her baby in February. We are all thrilled for her. We will keep everyone posted with updates on staffing but I know Miss Reynolds is very keen to stay with her class as long as possible. 

Lots of classes have been busy outdoors this week. I visited Acorns and they had just finished eating chips! They dug up the potatoes, washed them, peeled them, cooked them and then they gobbled them up! . When I arrived, there were none left! 

We would like to say a huge welcome to John, who has joined Sycamores class this week. He has settled in really well and everyone has been so welcoming. 

Willow class have also been very busy outdoors planting bulbs on the sloped grass area near reception. I can't wait to look out my window and see them in full bloom in the spring. 

Two of our Year 5 boys, Percy and Brodie, were chosen to attend an Able, Interested and Motivated (AIM) Design and Technology Workshop at Chipping Norton School. I have spoken to the boys and they both said the session was very good. They had to create LED wristbands. The boys were shown all of the specialist D&T classrooms and worked with specialist tools. 

All teachers should have sent out Parent Meeting times this week for the week commencing 18th October. Please make sure you contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible so you can get the time and day you require. We hope the next Parents Meeting in March will be face to face. We will also be sending home a copy of a piece of writing so you can see how they are getting on at this early stage in the year. If you are ever worried about your child's progress or want to know how to support them more please ask the class teacher or come and chat to me. 

Enjoy the weekend.

Year 6 Bushcraft Residential

A report from Enya:

As I observe back today at this once in a lifetime experience, although a scary horror story comes to life, I can't believe I'm here to tell the tale! Two weeks ago, Oaks class went on a residential, at Bushcraft, as a treat. I think I know more about survival than when I arrived there. Do you want to feel what it was like? Then read on!

Have you ever been so happy about something that you can't think about anything but it? Since I heard about residential, I was bursting to experience it the next day! I knew that wouldn't happen but I still hoped it would be true. I packed my bags in year 6 and bounced into the car to see a time I will cherish forever!

When we arrived, the car park was filled with chatter as everyone was excited to head off to camp. As we ventured through the woodland, I wished to witness the beauty of wildlife. Suddenly, out of the overgrown flora, I glimpsed three female deer that galloped across the rubble pathway. What a coincidence!

Finally, we reached camp. I was panting and filled with tiredness. Our camp leader, Will, explained to us about camp safety then we started our first activity. We learnt how to make a fire and we cooked burgers on them!

Next we constructed our shelters. My opinion, the logs were heavy. Fact. After a tiring hour (yawn) we had all designed our perfect shelters. Then, next thing I knew, I was playing "21". ("21" is the name of a hide and seek game except the seeker can't move around. I was out on the second round. Tough luck. :(

After a while, we went for a calm walk near the river. I thought it was adventurous but soon afterwards I was slumped down on the ground exhausted. When the stars glinted in the sky, we sang tunes under the Yurt, tunes that could scare an animal from a mile away. When I seeped into my soft sleeping bag, dead asleep, I listened to the Muntjacs speaking and the chorus of owls singing. As I began to sleep, my spine tingled just hearing the sound. I freaked out when the spiders came to sleep and crawled all over me at night. The occasional raven kept me awake. All was well until tomorrow.

The next day was actually quite a day! We were taught first aid and how to use a survival bag. As we were approaching the beech tree something strange happened. In the corner of my eye, I glanced at a plane, smoke bellowed out the back. Was my mind hallucinating? No it wasn't. We treated two people who were our tribe leaders (Emily and Ricky).

I did a hilarious comedy act when we came back to camp. I thought it was funny. I did this at tribes got talent. It was a draw.

As we mounted our cars, we were covered from head to toe with moss, (and more flora). I loved it. I had felt so free, from the first fire to the fake plane crash distress. As I snuggled in my bed back in the urban world, this trip was a trip I would never forget....

Maple Class village walk



As part of their Geography curriculum this term, Maple Class went for a village walk round Middle Barton this week, accompanied by Mrs Peedell. They spent time looking at the changes in the land use and the history of the buildings and learnt a lot about their local area!

Dojo points

Acorn – Georgia

Sycamore – Oscar

Maple – Thomas

Beech – Stanley

Willow – Riley

Oak - Ellie

FOMBS

Hallowe'en Village Trail - Sunday 31st October 5pm - 7pm

Follow our trail around Middle Barton to find all the decorated spooky houses! The start of the trail will be revealed next week.

Tickets £3 per child to include Goody Bag and map. Tickets go on sale next week outside the school gates before and after school. Cash only, please; tickets only available in advance (none on the night).

Also on sale next week will be tickets for FOMBS' Village Fireworks night. This will be held on Thursday 4th November at school in the evening. All details to follow next week!



Morning run

This week more participants of Morning Run have completed their Half Marathon! Congratulations to the following pupils who have completed 78 laps of the track and will be presented with their certificates in Celebration Assembly:

Juno, Angus, Nate F, Harry C, Jamie

This week has also seen a record number of participants since we resumed Morning Run in September – on Wednesday 60 children took part! We also saw many new faces which is always welcome, and lots of dedication from regulars.

We are initiating a mentor scheme for any child who feels a little overwhelmed by the number of children moving around the track: our Year 6 Sports Leaders will be available at the gate to accompany anyone who wants a 'buddy' to go around the track. They are all very friendly – just ask Mrs Griffin upon arrival and she will ensure you have a walking / jogging buddy.

Special mentions

Great new efforts: Honey, Wren, Harley J, Georgie, Gwennie, Jane, Archie H, John, Emilia, Isabelle C, Stanley, Alice, Harris

Helpful to other participants: Gabbie, Modge, Jayden, Izzy, Ellie

Continued sustained dedication: Lily R, Charlie, Amelia W, Theo C, Hope, Freddie C, Noah, Faith, Xander P, Nate BG, Tahlia, Roxy, Phoebe G

Continued great effort: Rose, Sachini, Toby B, Tom H, Lily B, Alex J, Thomas, Millie, Brodie, Oscar R, Harrie P, Charlotte, Ruby, Oscar B

Stars of the week: Isla-Grace, Alex W, Lyla, Lea, Gracie, Enya

NB – Apologies to Jayden for spelling his name wrong all this time.

Values leaves



