



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021

Head's News

Well, it has been an amazing first half term and I have been so proud of the children and how they have settled in. The children and staff have been so busy with a whole array of wonderful activities. I know the children (and staff) are all very tired but the atmosphere around school is still a vibrant and happy one. 😊

My greatest pleasure this term has been seeing all the children building new friendships with a whole range of children from different classes. The older children have been great at supporting and playing with the younger ones and they have been so kind and considerate. Our school values of Compassion, Respect and Integrity have been so evident and just wonderful to see.

We have also had a number of visitors to the school, who have been very positive about the ethos and work going on within the school.

I would also like to say a thank you to all of you for the support you have shown to the school and staff. We really do appreciate all the positive comments - it is great for staff morale. I have spoken to all the teachers about the Parent Meetings that have taken place this week and we will be looking at how we can deal with and support and concerns that have been raised.

This week I have seen some amazing learning going on outdoors, despite the cold weather. Beech class even delivered me a lovely cup of warm pumpkin soup and a homemade bread roll. 😊



We are also very excited as, after half term, we will be receiving a huge number of books for each class. FOMBS have generously agreed to pay for some high-quality books to add to our shelves and keep up that love of reading we know so many children have. 📚📚

As the weather is definitely changing, and in preparation for next term, please can you make sure that the children have coats and wellies in school every day. We like to make sure all the children get fresh air and exercise as it is important and supports their learning when in class. 🥾🥾 ❄️❄️

I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you in November.

From the office:

WRAPAROUND CARE

Spaces are available for Breakfast and Teatime Club after half term.

If you would like to book spaces for Term 2 up until the Christmas Holidays please email Mrs Walker (vwalker@middlebartonschool.org) to reserve your spaces. Ad-hoc bookings during the term can be made by email or phone through the office. Full details including prices can be found on the school website or ask for more details.

NEW CATERING ARRANGEMENTS

The new caterers begin straight after half term. If you haven't already done so, please set-up your Parent account with Dolce and place your orders for next term. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Walker at your earliest convenience (Please Note - email access will be limited over half term but we will deal with your query and reply ASAP).

LETTINGS

The school hall and grounds are available to hire for a range of events. If you wish to check availability or require more information please email Mrs Walker (vwalker@middlebartonschool.org). Monies raised through these bookings directly benefit the children in the school so please consider us when choosing locations for your celebrations, clubs and events.

RLT GOVERNOR CLERK VACANCY

River Learning Trust is currently recruiting for clerks to governors at several of its schools in Oxford and Witney and would like to hear from anyone who has clerking experience or would like to train to be a clerk. Anyone who would like to find out more about this rewarding role and apply should go to the vacancy on the TES website by following this link: <https://www.tes.com/jobs/employer/river-learning-trust-1082673>.

Morning Run from Wendy Denby -

Congratulations to this week's Half Marathon certificate recipients:

Gracie, Lily R, Jayden.

This week has also seen the first children complete a whole Marathon! These children have run 156 laps which is 26.2 miles. Congratulations to: Alfie V, Harvey, Mollie

I am very pleased to report that as a school you have run more than 600 miles between you! And that is not including this week's figures. Well done everybody!

Around thirty people have been issued with a tick-off chart to see their progress towards their Half Marathon. These are given out when sufficient dedication has been consistently shown that I am sure the participant will continue to the end of the challenge.

Please can I remind all participants to be very careful when using the track, especially now that the weather has turned wetter. Bigger children please take care when passing smaller children. We definitely want everybody to safely complete their Morning Run and enjoy it. I have seen many examples of pupils looking after each other and helping each other whilst going around the track – thank you.

Have a great half term holiday – see you back for more Morning Run on 3rd November!

Special mentions

Helpful to other participants: Brodie, Toby B

Continued sustained dedication: Nate BG, Freddie C, Honey, Nate F, Isla-Grace, Juno, Sachini, James, Albie, Jamie, Lyla, Jonathan, Charlie, Phoebe G, Angus, Amelia W, Harry C, Alex W, Katherine, Oscar G

Continued great effort: Evie, Lily B, Lea, Isabelle B, Xander P, Jessica, Toby H, Tahlia, Faith, Thomas, Georgie, Freddie N, Hope, Dexter, Jane, Wren, Millie, John, Sienna

Stars of the week: Elise, Isabelle C, Freddie R, Jozef, Harrie P, Charlotte

Outdoor Learning with an Autumn feel: Maple Class practical learning on the parts of the body:



Beech Class making pumpkin soup and rolls:



FOMBS

Annual General Meeting - Open to All

To find out more about your school PTA committee and see how we fund-raise.

At school on Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm. With wine and nibbles!

Hallowe'en Trail - starts at 28 South Street between 5pm - 7pm on Sunday 31st October.

Bring your ticket to exchange for a goody bag and map.

Fireworks Night - Thursday 4th November from 6pm.

Family ticket £18, Adult ticket £6, Child ticket £4, bought in advance at school gates.

Tickets will still be sold outside school up to and including Wednesday 3rd November.

There will be a slight increase in price if you buy tickets on the night upon entry.

Bring your carved Hallowe'en pumpkins into school on Wednesday or Thursday and we will display them all at the Fireworks night!

Helpers are still needed for this event - please contact FOMBS via Facebook or via school if you can help. Just an hour of helping out will make a huge difference - thank you!

Dojo points

Acorn - Oliver

Sycamore - Alfie

Maple – Gwennie

Beech - Gabbie

Willow – Rory & Harvey

Oak -

Values Leaves



