



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Head's News

We started off with a rather blustery week but we managed to get the stable up which meant Acorns and Sycamores performed their first nativity songs yesterday. They were absolutely fantastic and the singing was just amazing. Thank you to all those who came to watch. I am really looking forward to hearing more

next week and also hearing KS2's carols. 

A huge thank you to the scouts for lending us their tent and to Mrs Horner, Mrs Lawmon, Mrs Saxby, Mrs Bryce, Richie and Patrick for helping get it up yesterday. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Henderson for organising an authentic stable feel by providing the hay bales.

Today we have seen an array of festive Christmas jumpers and we have had a message from former head girl, Lily, thanking everyone for participating and donating £1 towards SMA, thank you very much.

Next week is a busy week in school with more performances, Christmas lunch, a virtual pantomime and even a visit from someone very special- sssh! 

A little reminder- I know that children often like to put little treats in Christmas cards for their friends but please can I remind everyone that we do have children with allergies and that we are a sugar free school.

We are already thinking ahead to next year and Mrs Denby and I are in the process of organising a cross country race for KS2. It will be in early January and more information will follow after the Christmas holidays. Please feel free to get training over Christmas!! 

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

### Admissions Consultation:

The Governors are consulting on the number of pupils who will be admitted to the school in Year R from September 2023. The proposed published admission number (PAN) is 15, which is lower than the current admission number of 25. This reflects the number of births locally, which has been one of the lowest in the country, and this trend is predicted to remain low for some time. The reduction in the PAN will help to provide financial stability for the school. This proposal will not impact the pupils and staff who are currently part of the school community. Please see our website for the full admissions consultation document. Comments on this consultation should be sent to [office@middlebartonschool.org](mailto:office@middlebartonschool.org) before 21 January 2022.

## Morning run

This week's fantastic Half Marathon champions are: Harrie P, Evie

Congratulations to Lily R who has finished her Marathon!

Three more hard-working pupils have completed One-and-a-Half Marathons: Nate F, Mollie, Katherine

You have run 1262 miles altogether as a school.

With only a week to go until the end of term, and much Christmas activity, children are still finding the time to fit in a few laps. There are now several people within reach of their marathon, and some within reach of two marathons! But don't worry if you can't fit it in before Christmas – we continue counting where we left off when we come back in January.

Helpful to other track-users: Brodie, Harrie, Noah, Dexter

Special mentions: Oak class, who have had a renewal of interest in Morning Run and are now challenging themselves (and each other) in a race for their certificates!

Star of the Week: Theo T

## FOMBS

Don't forget that if you are ordering from Amazon this Christmas, you can order through Amazon Smile and select FOMBS as your chosen charity - in this way we receive a little extra donation from Amazon, all of which goes towards provision for your children. If you are feeling particularly benevolent, you can make a donation via the FOMBS Just Giving page at any time using this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fombs>

Many thanks, the FOMBS team

## From Oxfordshire Libraries

### Creative writing competition -

Inspiring new writing, stories and voices from around Oxfordshire

**Competition dates: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

the competition aims to inspire writers to tell their own original story and so is a great opportunity to discover unique writing voices. This year, children aged 7-11 are invited to write a short story (up to 3000 words).

The winner of each category will see their entries published as an eBook, to be made available to members of Oxfordshire Libraries to read and borrow in 2022. You can see last year's winners here: <https://oxfordshire.overdrive.com/collection/1210418>

Full terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to submit entries, can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition)

### Reading Challenge -

**Challenge dates: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

To take part in the challenge, children simply choose a reading goal, choose any number of books, eBooks and audiobooks, then rate and review them online.

Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking rewards including a virtual badge and certificate. The website will also feature games, reading activities and book reviews.

More information can be found at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk)

## Dojo points

Acorn – Elise

Sycamore – John

Maple – Amelia M

Beech – Nate

Willow – Harrie

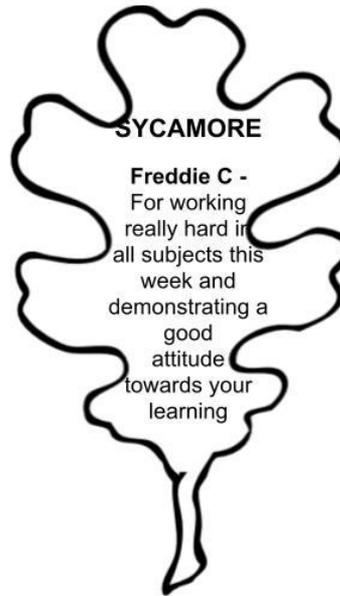
Oak – Xander

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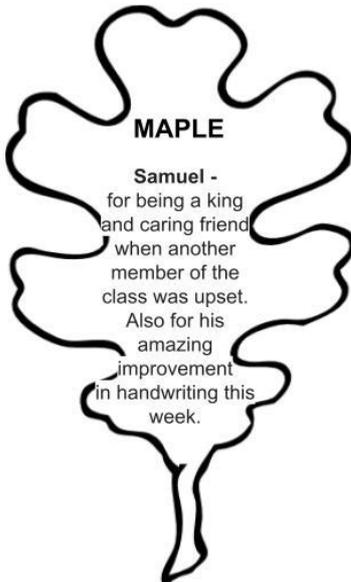
## ACORN

**all of Acorn class-**  
for your hard work and amazing performing skills.



## SYCAMORE

**Freddie C -**  
For working really hard in all subjects this week and demonstrating a good attitude towards your learning



## MAPLE

**Samuel -**  
for being a kind and caring friend when another member of the class was upset. Also for his amazing improvement in handwriting this week.



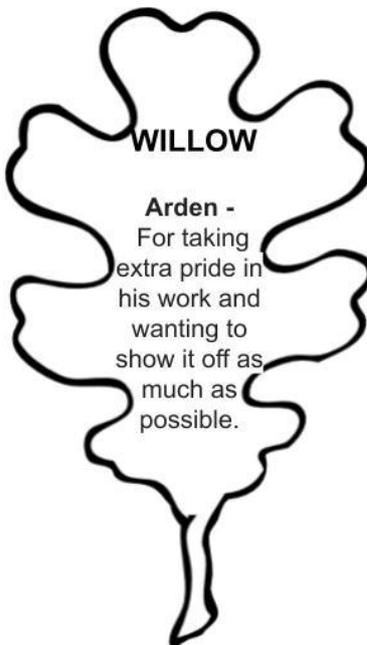
## MAPLE

**Katherine -**  
nominated by her partner for her wonderful support in his times tables this week. He is very grateful



## BEECH

**Erin -**  
For showing confidence when swimming and working well with her team during swimming relay races.



## WILLOW

**Arden -**  
For taking extra pride in his work and wanting to show it off as much as possible.



## WILLOW

**Harvey -**  
For his focus with his learning throughout the week.



## OAK

**Izzy -**  
For your super attitude and determination in maths and times tables this week