



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022

Head's News

It has been an incredibly busy week at school for all classes. Acorns have been celebrating Chinese New Year. They have danced, eaten and learnt all about Chinese culture and traditions. They also had Sheila, Elise's grandmother,

in to visit and she told them about how she celebrated Lunar New Year when she lived in Hong Kong.



Sycamores have started looking at their new text 'Fantastically Great Women who changed the World' with a focus on Mary Seacole. They are working towards writing instructions for their own herbal remedy potion inspired by the

work that Mary did.

Maples have been working really hard learning all about how water travels and created some fantastic models of this in Outdoor learning which I was invited to go and see. I have to make a special mention to Freddie who had

remembered so much of the technical vocabulary that he had been taught.

Beech class have continued with their death masks which are looking just amazing. They are also working towards

writing a set of instructions all about mummification - I look forward to reading those!

Two members of Willow class were given the opportunity to attend an AIM Art workshop at Chipping Norton School

this week. Please read Lily's article all about the event.

Some of Year 6 have taken part in a Netball tournament. They represented the school well and demonstrated all of

our school values - Respect, Integrity and Compassion. Please read the article written by Jamie, Toby and Zac.

Recently we have purchased a Government approved phonics scheme - Bug Club (Bug Club is the only whole-school reading programme that brilliantly combines an online reading world with fantastic print books, and assessment tools- www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/primary/subjects/english-literacy/bug-club). Last week staff took part in phonics training and this week I had the great pleasure of watching Mrs Merry and Year 1 using the new scheme. They really enjoyed learning their new digraph 'ph' and it was great to see them so enthusiastic.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. All the classes will be talking about this next week in classes. Mrs Saxby

has attached some information for parents and a good website to look at - www.place2be.org.uk.

As a school we really enjoy working with the community and we have been asked to be involved with OurBus Bartons. They are in the process of trying to purchase an Electric bus and are applying for the National Lottery to help with funding. The school is very much in support of this and all of the children are working in class to contribute to this. Some classes are writing letters to MPs and others are designing the bus itself! We will be hosting a "launch event" with other 'friends' of OurBus Bartons at Middle Barton School on the 15th February, at around 7:00 pm to

hear of our plans. There will also be some presentations by the pupils from the school and a themed art-show.

Have a lovely weekend.

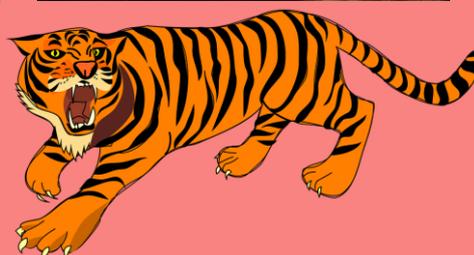
Mental Health Awareness Session

From Oxfordshire Youth:

We currently have some spaces left on our Mental Health Awareness workshop for parents and carers. The session is on the 1st March 2022 and the link is shown below. The session is delivered in the evening online and is free for all Oxfordshire residents - they will just need to enter the first part of their postcode in the part that says 'Enter PROMO code' to ensure they don't get charged.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-awareness-for-oxfordshire-parents-and-carers-tickets-147802211393>

Chinese New Year with Acorns



Willows exploring the earth The earth's layers:



Testing structures for stability in the event of an earthquake:



AIM (Able Interested and Motivated) Art workshop at Chipping Norton School

Written by Lily Reed, Year 5:

The AIM Art Workshop at Chipping Norton School was a fantastic experience for me and I imagine it was for every other child who was chosen to go. It was lovely for children from different schools to see Chipping Norton's art classroom, from Holy Trinity to St. Mary's school, I think every child enjoyed this wonderful experience.

The wonderful art teacher taught us how to do monoprinting, by spreading black ink on the table and getting messy and fun! Then we created beautiful pieces of art work just by drawing over lines and painting Ink all over a table.

My time in the AIM Art Workshop was one of the best things I have ever done at Chipping Norton School and I hope every other child enjoys it as much as I did. Chipping Norton School is truly one of the best Schools.

Netball Tournament at Chipping Norton School

Written by Zac, Toby and Jamie:

Fourteen of the year six pupils from several different schools participated in the Chipping Norton Partnership Schools' netball tournament. Unfortunately, the Middle Barton School boys team came in 4th place. They put in a lot of effort in their matches and had fun!

On the other hand, the Middle Barton girls team came in 3rd place winning 1 out of the 4 matches. They played really well and won 4-0 in the second match against Enstone.

They all enjoyed participating, and in the end it was all fun and games.



WE ARE RECRUITING...

We are seeking a new Supervisor for our popular Teatime Club as Zoe moves onto pastures new. Please share with anyone you think may be interested in this exciting role or speak to Vicky Walker for further details.

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teatime-club-after-school-supervisor-middle-barton-1561480>

Morning run

Building on their recent efforts, and encouraged by several teachers who have provided opportunities for healthy laps during PE lessons, more children have obtained certificates in recognition of their success:

Half Marathon – Harris, Xander P, Alex J, Zac

Marathon – Phoebe G

Two-and-a-Half Marathons – Jamie HW

Especially congratulations to Jamie who is the first to reach the goal of two-and-a-half marathons, running solo without his running-partner friends who have been absent. During the weeks he was waiting for his last certificate (eventually awarded last week), he completed the next challenge!

Another special mention to Sycamore Class who have been clocking up laps during their class bubble, especially Asher who is new to Morning Run, and Phoebe who has achieved her Marathon.

This is a milestone week for all members of the school who participate in Morning Run. You have run over 10,000 laps between you since September! This is absolutely fantastic and equates to 1,667 miles!

Dojo points

Acorn – Albie

Sycamore – Alice

Maple – ArchieM

Beech – Archie A

Willow – Harry B

Oak - Honey

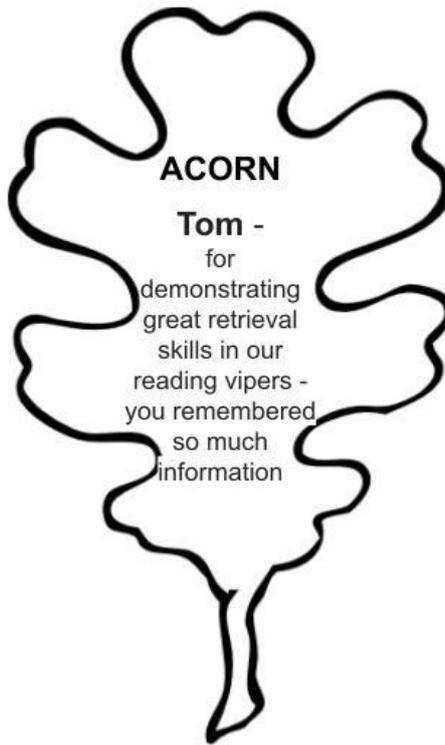
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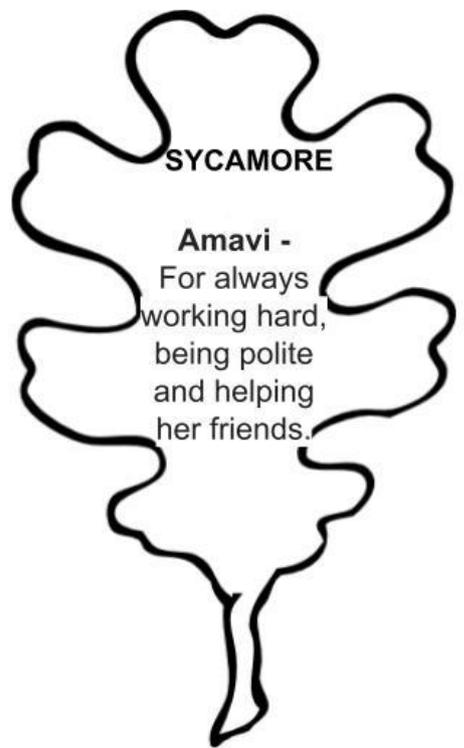
ACORN

Minnie -
for being really helpful this week and helping Mrs Merry with lots of jobs!



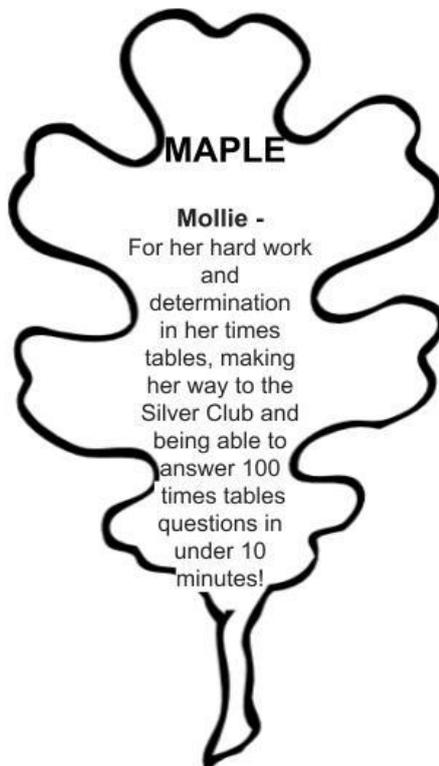
ACORN

Tom -
for demonstrating great retrieval skills in our reading vipers - you remembered so much information



SYCAMORE

Amavi -
For always working hard, being polite and helping her friends.



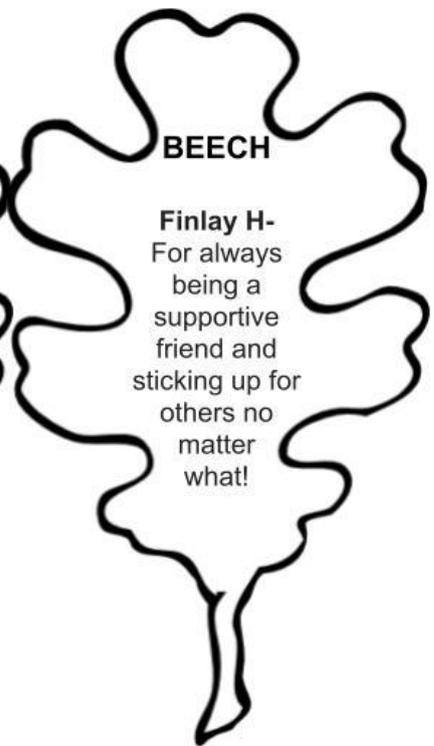
MAPLE

Mollie -
For her hard work and determination in her times tables, making her way to the Silver Club and being able to answer 100 times tables questions in under 10 minutes!



MAPLE

Reuben -
For his wonderful effort in including descriptive language in his writing and using upleveled words. Magnificent!



BEECH

Finlay H-
For always being a supportive friend and sticking up for others no matter what!

