



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Head's News

We have gone from sunshine to rain this week but it hasn't stopped us!!

#### Curriculum

Acorns have had their binoculars out searching for birds. They had a lovely time looking for all the different types of birds (I think I have found a new hobby!)

Sycamores have dressed up as Victorians and experienced what life would be like!

Maples visited the Pitt Rivers museum to learn all about the Egyptians for their future history topic.

Beech class have been dressing up as Egyptians and tried to mummify each other using toilet roll!

Willows have been finishing off their biographies about Neil Armstrong - what amazing writing! A special mention goes to Riley and Brodie for working really hard on improving their presentation and to Harrie for her amazing content.

Oak class have been writing balanced arguments about tourism in Antarctica.

#### Our Bus Bartons



Sachini and Poppy from Willows did a great job with a fabulous presentation at the Community Bartons Bus event last night.

Toby, Modge and Lachie also read out their letters in show of support for the Community Barton Bus event.

I was so proud of all the children who were at the event - they were an absolute credit to the school. Roberts Courts and many other that attended the event commented on how passionate and articulate the children were.

#### Uniform

Thank you for your comments and feedback on the new uniform expectations. I would like to begin rolling out the new expectation gradually. Please do not go out and buy anything new, just begin purchasing the new items as you replace the old ones.

We will also be creating a list of second-hand uniform that you may wish to donate to the school - more information will follow after half term.

#### Art Competition



We are very proud to announce that Jonathan D (Year 6) has won the **UNA Climate & Oceans - Oxfordshire Primary School Art Exhibition**

Sachini (Year 5) has also been awarded recognition for showing great talent and effort.

Their artwork had been displayed in an international virtual gallery: please feel free to explore and share the gallery further: [artsteps | UNA Climate & Oceans - Oxfordshire Primary School Art Exhibition](#).

#### Shoe laces



More and more children are starting to wear shoes/trainers with laces. I would like to set the children a challenge to learn to tie your laces over half term. If your child is currently unable to tie their laces and they learn to do this over half term please let me know.

#### World Book Day

This year we have decided to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 4th March instead of the national World Book Day on Thursday 3th March due to many children going swimming and having Outdoor Learning.

This year the children can dress up as a book character if they would like. We also ask that the children bring in the book to share with their class.

We will also be using this opportunity to raise some money for FOMBS- more information about this will follow after half term.

## Swimming

This year we have altered the way in which swimming will be taking place. We are fully aware that a number of children are very confident and able swimmers as they take part in private lessons. The National Curriculum states that children should swim competently and proficiently over a distance of 25 metres using a range of strokes. They should also be able to perform safe self-rescue in different situations. This therefore means once they are able to do this, they no longer need to attend swimming lessons but for those that are assessed by our school swimming instructors and don't quite achieve this, there will be the opportunity to carry on with school swimming lessons until they do. When a class begins school swimming they will all do a 6 week block and then be assessed at the end to see if they need to continue.

Thank you for all your support over this term.

Have a lovely half term.

## Maple Class

In preparation for their topic on the Egyptians, Maple Class visited the Pitt rivers Museum.

From Roxy:

**"We learnt about the afterlife. Instead of killing slaves for a King, they would make little dolls, so that they would have someone to help them in the afterlife. Little beetles are left on their hearts with a prayer on the back for their mother to protect their heart in the afterlife."**



As part of their geography knowledge, Maple Class have been on a river walk in the village:



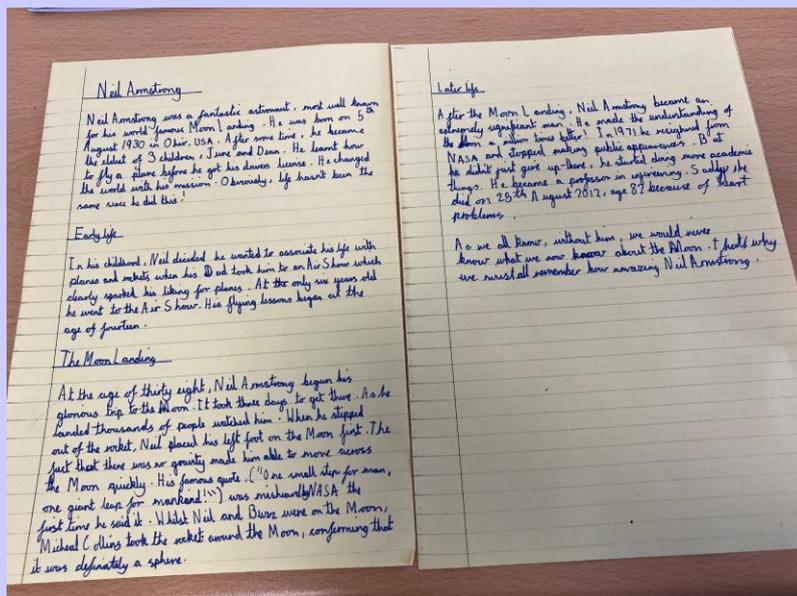
# Acorn Class have got out their binoculars to join the RSPB Bird Count

They saw Robins, a Goldfinch and Mrs Griffin (and some of the children) spotted the Green Woodpecker.

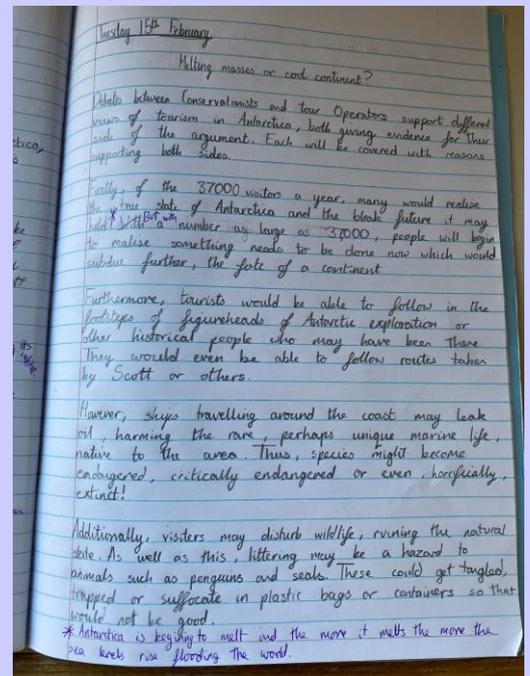


## Good writing

### Willow Class – Harrie



### Oak Class – Jonathan



## Beech Class

### Egyptian day



**Dojo points and values leaves will be carried over  
to after half term**