



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Head's News

What a fantastic start to the term we have had here at Middle Barton School. Regi the hamster has joined us in Year 4 and we have had an unplanned visit from some lambs. All the children have come back enthusiastic and eager to begin their new topics.

#### Curriculum

##### Acorn Class

Acorns have begun reading a fantastic new book called 'Tadpoles Promise'. They have been doing some lovely

writing as well as learning all about the life cycle of a frog.



This morning we have taken delivery of a new outdoor kitchen that has kindly been made and donated by Sam's father- Mr Guttridge. The children are going to thoroughly enjoy using this!

##### Sycamore Class

I have been particularly impressed with the whole class this week. They had their first swimming lesson at Kidlington and were just amazing. They listened well to the instructors and the behaviour was impeccable. They were all very

tired but had a great time.



##### Maple Class

The class are now able to begin to use the knowledge they gained from visiting the Pitt Rivers Museum last term as they start their topic on the Egyptians.

They have also started reading their new class text- 'The accidental diary of B.U.G'

##### Beech Class

Beech class have a new class member- Regi the hamster. Their Science topic this term is 'Animals including Humans' so Miss Saunders thought there is nothing quite like a real-life experience and I am sure Regi will help with this! Their text for this term is The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell.

##### Willow Class

Willows class have settled back into their newly decorated classroom and started their new text 'Survivors'. Which is linked to their Geography topic about Volcanoes.

They have also begun some amazing artwork inspired by Kehinde Wiley- please see some photographs below.

##### Oaks Class

This time of year is always a tricky one for Year 6. They are preparing for their SATs which will be taking place in a couple of weeks and are thinking about their move to Secondary School. Mrs Bryce and I are so proud of how they are all handling these changes and will be there to support them. They have also started learning about Earthquakes

in Geography and this will be the basis for some of their writing this term.



Today each class have had the opportunity to work with an artist, which had been organised by Sculpture at Kingham Lodge and Miss Sylvester. They have been using charcoal to design and draw their birds. Below are some examples from Acorn and Sycamore class. A whole school display will be created in the art area, more photographs will follow shortly.



### **Upcoming Dates for your diary**

Saturday 30th April- all welcome. 9am-4pm- TLC Day

Wednesday 4th April- Year 4 Modern language festival- Information on Parent Pay

Monday 9th- Thursday 12th May- KS2 SATs- more information will follow

Have a lovely long weekend and I hope to see some of you tomorrow.

## **After-school clubs**

A provisional outline of the clubs for the summer term we can confirm so far:

Monday – cookery club (notified weekly), curriculum booster sessions (invited children)

Tuesday – outdoor games for Y2, 3, 4 (to start on 10<sup>th</sup> May), choir (to start on 3<sup>rd</sup> May)

Wednesday – art club for KS2 (to start on 4<sup>th</sup> May)

Thursday – eco club for Y3 – 6 (to start on 5<sup>th</sup> May), curriculum booster sessions (invited children)

Friday - football club

Further information and the opportunity to sign up children for the clubs will be circulated on **Tuesday** – please assume your child will have a place for clubs starting next week.

## **Music lessons**

Music lessons are still being offered to children in school and there is the opportunity for more children to sign up. A leaflet from Link Learning is attached.

## **Animal encounters**

### **Meet Regi the hamster, now in Beech class –**



### **Lambs in the school!**



## Morning run

Everybody has returned to school revived after their Easter break and ready for action. Congratulations to a great number of people (the most ever in one week!) who have completed their challenge and received their certificate:

Half Marathon – Jane, Emilia, Asher

Marathon – Isabelle B

One-and-a-Half Marathons - Phoebe G, Theo C

Two Marathons – Jozef

Two-and-a-Half Marathons – Katherine, Harry C

Three Marathons – Alfie V, Harvey

The combined number of laps run by these superstars and all their classmates since the beginning of the academic year in September is 14,682.

This makes a total distance of 2447 miles!

Special mentions go to: Elise, Roxy, Harry B, Charlotte, Freddie C, John, Mollie, Wren, Annabelle, Millie, Jessica, Harris, Charlie, Isabelle C, Noah and Stanley.

Star of the Week: Harrie P

## FOMBS

FOMBS Plant Sale - Friday 20th May after school (from 3.10pm)

We will be selling plants and seedlings (flowers and vegetables) plus other items in the car park outside reception.

If you have any spare plants that you would like to donate for FOMBS to sell, please drop them at Kelly's house (7 Mill Lane) during the preceding week (from Monday 16th May onwards) where they will be cared for before sale.

If you are able to help by manning a table on the day, please contact Liz at [fombs1@gmail.com](mailto:fombs1@gmail.com)

Just to let you know that our Easter Trail raised £280 to go towards fun things for your children.

Thank you for your support.

## The new outdoor kitchen



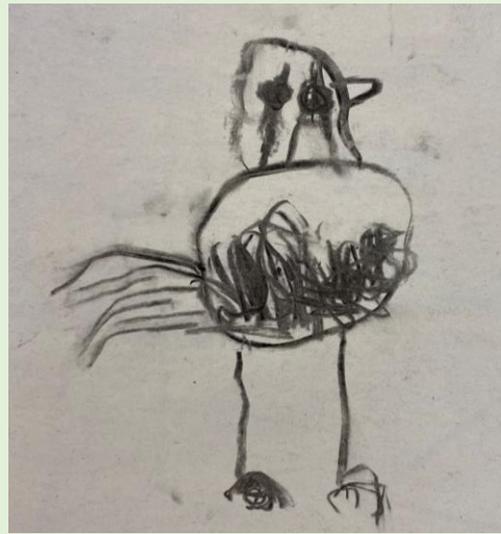
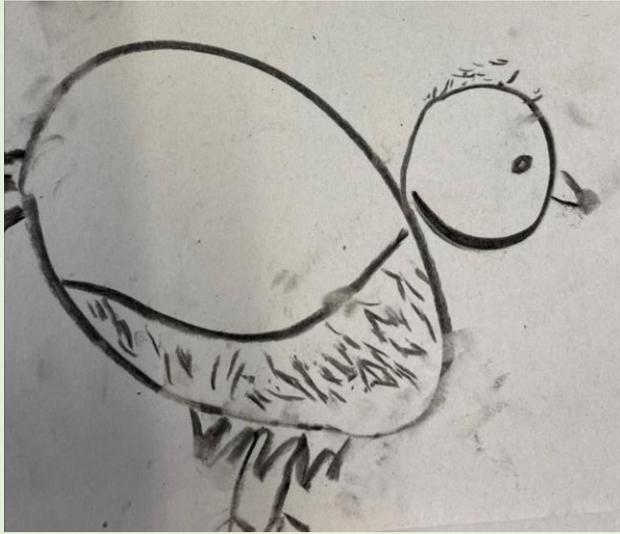
## Beech Class



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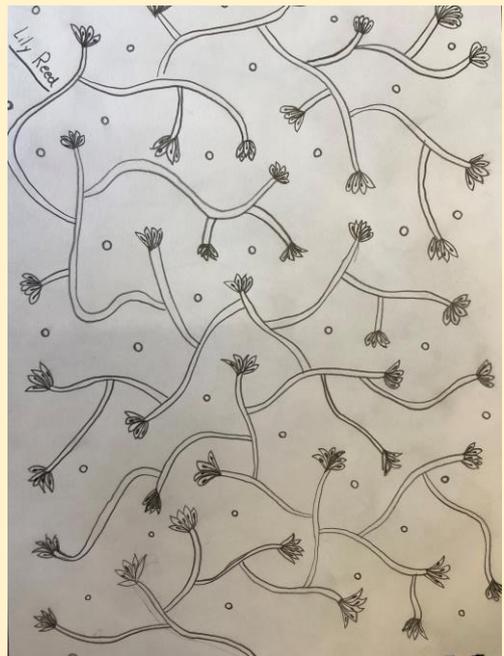
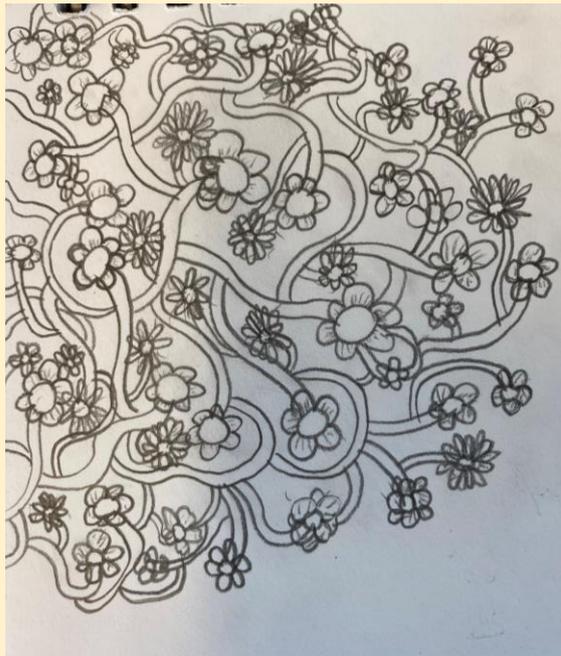


# Whole school art day



## Willow Class

Artwork based on Kehinde Wiley



### Dojo points

Acorn – Millie

Sycamore – Amavi

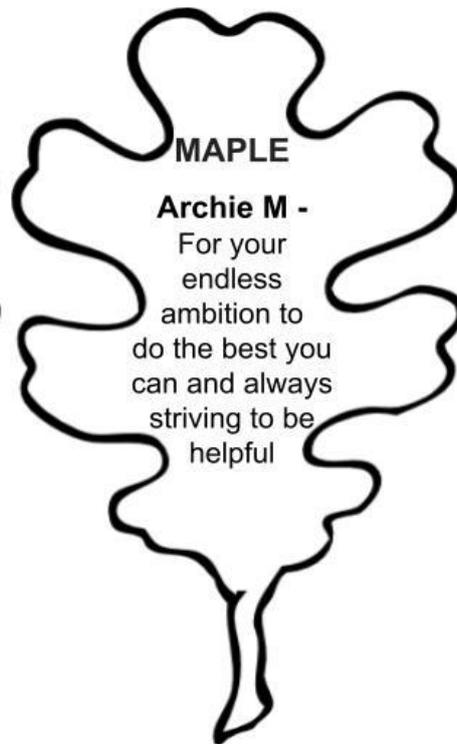
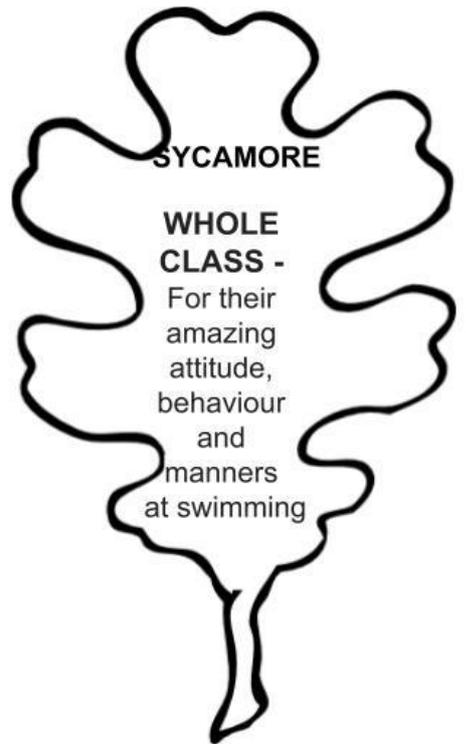
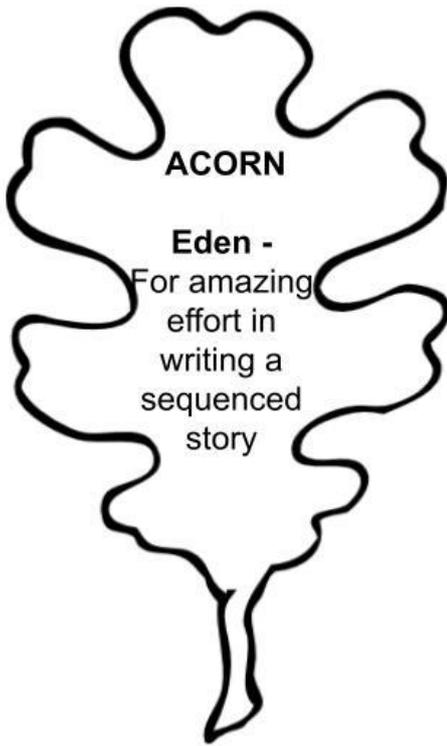
Maple – Katherine

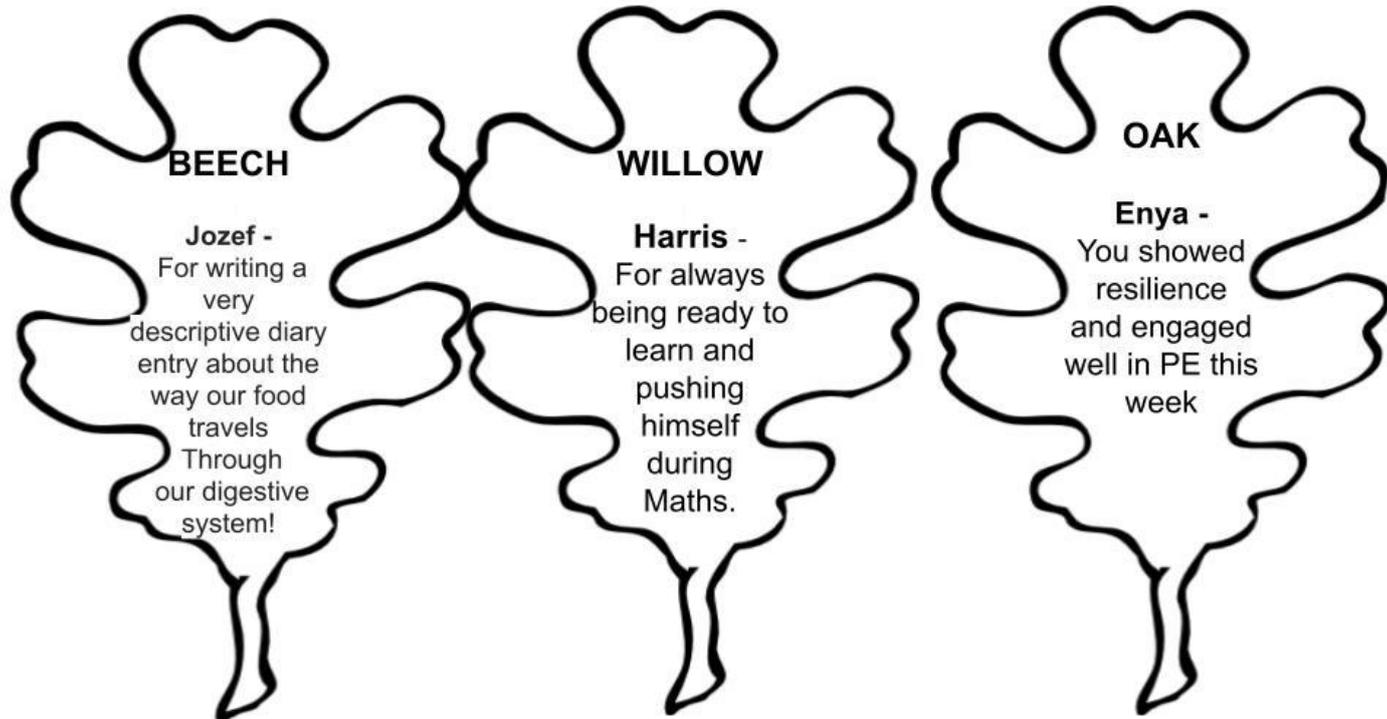
Beech – Erin

Willow – Gracie

Oak - Jo

## Values leaves





**Safeguarding Children - what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:**

**Immediate danger** - if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

**Immediate concern** - if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you know is being **sexually exploited**. Contact the Kingfisher Team on 01865 309196

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