



Middle Barton School

Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 17th June 2022

Head's News

It has been a lovely week in school this week. The sun has been shining and the children have been smiling. It was so lovely to see so many people attending our Open Afternoon. The children were so excited to 'show off' their learning. There was a real 'Buzz' around school. Thank you to those of you that were able to attend and don't forget each class will be sharing a little something with you all in the next few weeks- all dates are on the school calendar (see below) and teachers should have shared this with you via dojo as well.

We have now received the analysis from the RLT Stakeholders' questionnaire that children, staff, parents and Governors completed. This is used to inform our SIP (School Improvement Plan) and our SEF (School Evaluation Form) for next year to make the school even better. Here are some of the initial observations from the survey. It shows a really positive picture of the school and the direction we are going in.

Statistics that you could share about Middle Barton Primary in 2022

✓	100% of staff believe that MB is well managed, and takes their wellbeing into account when developing policy
✓	97% of KS1 and 100% of KS2 students say that MB encourages them to be kind to people from other backgrounds
✓	100% of parents are aware of what their child will learn through the year
✓	100% of governors feel that the school has an aspirational culture, and understand their role well

Here are a few comments from the analysis:

Middle Barton has achieved a fantastic response rate from stakeholders, well above average participation, so this data should be very accurate. The overall picture for Middle Barton is one of increasing positivity over time, and being above RLT averages.

KS2 students rated "I am happy at school" as the highest in the trust.

Parents were particularly positive about how bullying was dealt with, which was highest in the trust, and also positive about concerns being dealt with and their child feeling safe, both of these questions were 2nd highest in the trust.

One area where parents were less positive was around the school supporting their child's wider development. This is an area I will be asking you for further information on in the future so I can get a better picture of what we can do to improve.

Curriculum

Acorn class

The class have had a very exciting week as they have been on a trip to the Woodstock Museum to look at the dinosaurs. The children were so excited and came back having enjoyed their time there and talking all about it. Thank You to our parent helpers.

Sycamore class

Sycamore have been focusing on reading comprehension this week- with a particular focus on inferring. They have also been using a range of tools in forest school including: hand drills and hand saws. Mrs Horner has commented on how skilled and sensible the children were.

Maple class

The class have been learning how to tell the time. They had the clocks out and were starting to solve time problems. They have also begun writing their playscripts. I look forward to seeing and hearing them once they are completed.

Beech class

In Maths, the class have been learning about money. When I visited the class, Miss Saunders was shopping and buying rather a lot of pizzas. They children then had to work out the change. They are also writing playscripts and learning the features so they can write their own.

Willow class

I visited the class on Wednesday with one of our Governors to hear some great reading- Lily R was adding the most amazing intonation and expression. They have begun writing scripts which are linked to their history topic on the Romans. They have also started looking at and designing clay pots as part of their artwork for this term.

Oak class

I have been able to hear singing coming from the Oaks' classroom this week- it has been lovely to hear. They have also been making props and backdrops ready to WOW the Year 6 parents with their production of 'Rock Bottom'. They have also begun to read their new class text 'Pig Heart Boy'. When I visited on Wednesday, they were learning all about oxymorons and trying to create some of their own- it is quite a challenge!

Dates for your diary

<https://www.middlebartonschool.org/school-calendar-and-term-dates>

Wednesday 22nd June- U11 Cricket Tournament (named children)

Friday 24th June- non-uniform day fundraising for keyboards

Wednesday 29th June- KS2 visiting Cornbury Park

Thursday 30th June/Friday 1st July- Enrichment Days

Wednesday 6th- Sports Day - 9.30-12.00pm- Parents invited (12.00-12.30- picnic lunch on the field, if parents wish to stay)

Monday 11th July- Willow parents invited in for a class share- 2.45pm

Tuesday 12th July- Sycamore parents invited in for a class share- 9.00am

Tuesday 12th July- Maples parents invited in for a class share- 2.45pm

Tuesday 12th July- Beech parents invited in for a class share- 2.45pm

Wednesday 13th July- Acorn parents invited in for a class share- 2.45pm

Thursday 14th July- Oak class performance to Year 6 parents- 1.30pm and 6pm

Thursday 21st July- End of summer term- 1.30pm

Fundraising for keyboards

From Miss Sylvester:

We are having a non-school uniform day next Friday to help raise money for keyboards!

I am working on a new and exciting music curriculum for the school which I plan to be very hands on. For this we need tuned instruments!

Any donations will be greatly appreciated



Mental Health Awareness training

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online **Mental Health Awareness Training** specifically for **Parents and Carers** of children and young people. **The sessions are FREE for Oxfordshire residents.***

Our Mental Health Awareness Training for parents and carers aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support.

For further information or to book on a training session, please click on the link below for the session on the 21st June:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-296897908637>

***In order to receive a ticket for free, please use the first part of your postcode as the promo code in capital letters (e.g: OX4).**

The training sessions lasts just over 1.5 hours and include presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health.

Oak class

Oaks fully enjoyed their PE lesson. We have been doing a team building activity where, in teams of 4, the objective was to all stand on the piece of paper without falling off, gradually the paper got smaller and smaller which tested their teamwork and communication skills.



Art Club

This week, they were experimenting with paint flicking to create various marks in an abstract piece:



Morning run

This week I have been pleased to see many people helping their friends to collect Morning Run laps: there has been a great team spirit, especially in Acorn Class, Beech Class and Willow Class. Many children are making a special effort before the end of term – seventy-three pupils have been around the track this week.

Congratulations to the following seven dedicated and hard-working Morning Runners who receive a certificate:

Half Marathon – Elise, Rory, Harley H, Faith

One-and-a-Half Marathons - Roxy

Two-and-a-Half Marathons - Jozef

Special mentions go to: Noah, Annabelle, Freddie C, Amelia M, Lyla, Evie, Stanley, Gracie, Nell, Jane, Toby B, Jessica, Asher, Sachini, Tahlia, Mia, Angus, Sienna, Nate F, Theo T, Jamie, Erin, Amelia W, Lily B (Willow), Finlay, Juno, Layla, Jayden, Henry and Toby H.

Especially helpful: Dexter, Harry B, Brodie, Oscar H.

Star of the Week: Harris

Dojo points

Acorn – Sienna

Beech – Erin

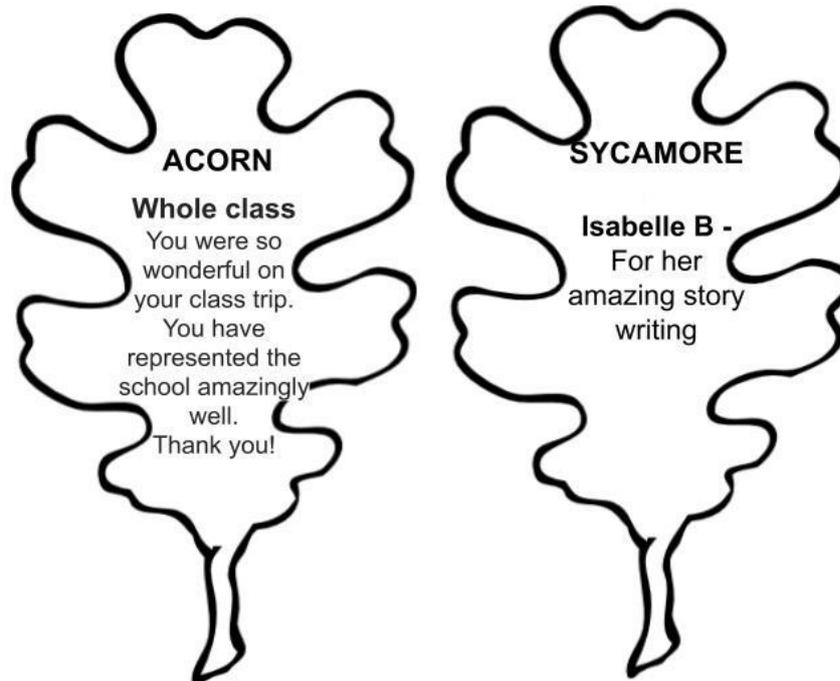
Sycamore – Mia

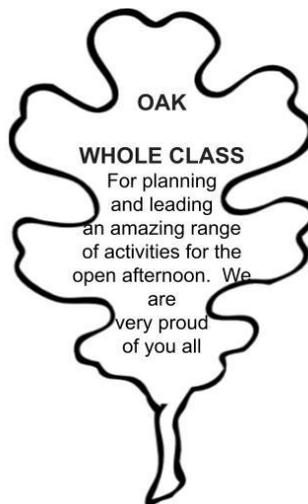
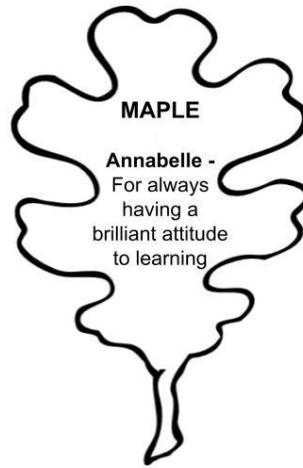
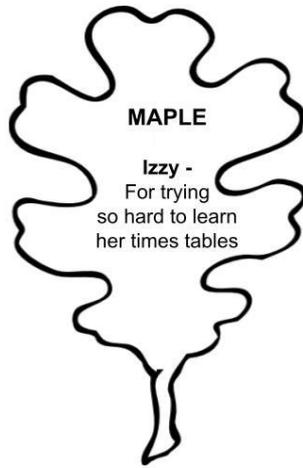
Willow – Theo

Maple – Billy

Oak - Jonathan

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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