



Middle Barton School

Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 21st July 2022

Head's News

What an amazing year!!!

The first thing I would like to say is a huge 'Thank you'. This has been my first Headship and I am so proud of all the staff, children and community. The year has had its ups and downs with Covid and heatwaves, but we have kept the school going!

I am very much looking forward to next year!

We have to say goodbye to a few people: Miss Saunders will sadly be leaving us and returning home to start a new job. She has been an absolute star over the year and I know she will be greatly missed - we wish her good luck. Miss McGrath has completed her teaching training with us and has secured her first teaching job - she will be fab! Mrs Peedell joined us during the year and has been fantastic and will also be greatly missed too, but I sure she will be popping in to help out every now and then. Sam will also be leaving at the end of the year- I know she will be missed by all the children and staff.

Finally, we say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6s- what an amazing bunch. They are all ready to embark on their next stage in education- good luck!!



Once again, a huge thank you to all of you for your support. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and enjoy the summer.

Things we have done this year:

Year 6 residential	Bikeability- Year 4 (additional chn from Year 5)
Year 5 & 6 boys/girls football	Classical Music Live- via zoom- whole school
Year 5 & 6 boys/girls hockey	Acorns Stay and Play x3
AIMs DT- two, year 5 children	Artist in to paint mural with classes
Year 6 sports leader training	Easter Egg Hunt- FOMBs
Jeans for Genes- whole school	Vision Screening- Reception
Black History Month- whole school	TLC day- community
Virtual visiting author- Year 3 and 4	Year 3 to Pitt Rivers
Christmas card making- whole school	Year 4 to Pitt Rivers
Bike ability- Year 6	Year 4 visit to Barton Abbey Geog fieldwork
Acorns phonics information session for parents	CN- Modern Foreign Languages Festival- Year 4
Year 6 - Street Dance	SATS- KS1/2
Children in Need- whole school	CNPS U10 Tag Rugby Tournament
Remembrance- whole school	Year 4 pottery workshop CNS
Anti-bullying week- whole school	FOMBs plant sale- community
CN English AIM- 2 chn from Year 5	Class/whole school photo
Open evening for new parents- Sept 2022	Jubilee- Big lunch- whole school
Xmas performances EYFS/KS1 and KS2- whole school	Fundraising for Ukraine organised by Year 5 chn
Literacy Quiz at CN- Year 5 and 6	Year 4, 5,6 - Athletics- CNPS
Carols to the community- KS2/Community	Phonics screening- Year 1/2
Christmas jumper day- Whole school	Year 4 multiplication check
Reverend Jane- talked to the children - whole school	Open afternoon for parents - community
CN AIM Art- x2 Year 5 children	New parent meeting for Reception intake 2022
CN under 11 netball tournament	Acorns trip to Woodstock Museum
CN Y4 Ball skills festival	Festival of Voices- choir- KS2 children
World Book Day- Whole School	CN AIM Maths - 2x chn Year 5
Whole school science week	CNPS- cricket tournament
Acorns online live session with University robots in space	Yr six history - village walk
Acorns Live online story telling session with Author	Acorns history walk
Our Bus Barton evening event- representatives from Year 5	KS2 visit- Cornbury Park
Year 1 Dance festival	Enrichment days-Eco/well being- whole school
Fundraising for Ukraine organised by Year 6 chn	Sports Day- whole school
Red Nose Day- Whole school	CNPS- Y5 kids in the cookery workshop
CNS Year 3/4 Multi-skill festival	IMPS session- Year 6
	Class 'presentations' to parents
	CN year 2/ 3 multiskills
	Year 6 end of year trip

From the Governors:

At last, governors could get back into school this year after far too long in online meetings! This year our focus has been on monitoring the new curriculum in action, looking at how routines and learning behaviours have been working and making sure challenge and support were in place. We've also been looking at how equality, diversity and inclusion are embedded in the curriculum and the school community. Through monitoring visits with teachers, a series of 'pupil voice' sessions with children, and learning walks, we were able to see the planning and the outcomes of all the teachers' hard work. Children have been keen to tell us how much they enjoy school, about what they remember learning, and about how well they are learning to work independently and collaboratively. We've been incredibly pleased with the teaching and learning we've observed and with the children's all-round enthusiasm - especially for outdoor learning! Our EYFS governor has been in school observing the new EYFS framework in action - our youngest children have done so well to make up for time lost during the pandemic. Alongside, we've run our usual monitoring of aspects of school life such as site safety and safeguarding. We're now planning ahead to next year and look forward to working with the terrific team of staff and children. Get in touch if you're interested in joining the board of governors and helping MBS go from strength to strength.

FOMBS

Thank you to everyone who has helped out at and supported FOMBS events this year, despite another slightly strange year we have raised £9286!! A big thank you to all of FOMBS for their time and efforts this year!

If you're thinking about joining us next year you would be very welcome-please drop us a message fombs1@gmail.com

Morning run

Alas! A heatwave interrupted Morning Run for two days and prevented some people from having enough time to complete their latest challenge. We heartily congratulate three runners for achieving their certificates in the final week of term:

Marathon – Evie

One-and-a-Half Marathons – Harry B

Five Marathons – Jamie

It has been an amazing experience in the first full academic year that we have been able to do Morning Run from September to July, only stopped for the odd day by inclement weather. Apart from having a pupil run 130 miles in that time (780 laps) – well done Jamie! – the sheer number of participants has been incredible. Three quarters of the school have regularly participated in Morning Run, around 90 children! Here is a table of the certificates awarded:

Half Marathon	78 laps	13 miles	81 pupils
Marathon	156 laps	26 miles	42 pupils
One-and-a-Half Marathons	234 laps	39 miles	32 pupils
Two Marathons	312 laps	52 miles	21 pupils
Two-and-a-Half Marathons	390 laps	65 miles	16 pupils
Three Marathons	468 laps	78 miles	13 pupils
Three-and-a-Half Marathons	546 laps	91 miles	7 pupils
Four Marathons	624 laps	104 miles	6 pupils
Four-and-a-Half Marathons	702 laps	117 miles	3 pupils
Five Marathons	780 laps	130 miles	1 pupil

The total number of laps run this year by all classes is 21,115

The total distance covered is 3521 miles, which is 135 ½ marathons

I'm sure you will agree that this is a fantastic achievement and shows what courage, perseverance and determination our children have, and how they are willing to take on a challenge – and see it through to completion! I have been so impressed with their attitude, team-work in helping friends and classmates, respect for others using the track, and dedication. There is one person who really embodied all the values of the Morning Run above, and managed to complete over One-and-a-Half Marathons:

Morning Run Star of the Year: Nate B-G

Well done to all Morning Runners for your efforts in 2021-22!

See you all in September for more Morning Run!!

A huge thank you to Wendy Denby for all the support and encouragement that she has given to children and staff for the morning run this year – we can all notice and appreciate the huge difference this has made.

And finally.....

A fond farewell to all our Year 6 children and our very best wishes to them all as they start at their new schools.

Thank you to the parents for the lovely picnic table, engraved with all the children's names to remind us of their time at Middle Barton School.



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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