



Middle Barton School

Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022

Head's News

Welcome back! What an amazing start to the school year. The children have come back so focussed and ready to learn. They all look very smart in the uniform and proud to be part of the school.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Peedell, who is working in a variety of classes across the school. We also have Miss Winson and Mr Heath with us, who are Associate Teachers embarking on their journey to be qualified teachers. Miss Winson will be working in Sycamores and Mr Heath in Willows.

Curriculum

Acorn class

They have settled in incredibly well and are already known by so many of the older children. They are learning where everything is in their classroom and outside and are making lots of new friends. I have spent quite a bit of time with them this week and seen them sitting beautifully listening to stories but also learning all those vital skills like taking turns and sharing.

Sycamore class

They have settled in very well with Miss Epsom and Miss Winson. They have been learning all the new routines and expectations for their class. I visited a maths session this week, where they were getting used to all of the maths equipment that they will be using this year. The class also took part in a yoga session on Thursday with Lucy, our Yoga teacher.

Maples class

The class have taken part in their first yoga session this week and are starting to look at techniques so they can relax. They have begun their Art topic and created mark making pieces of artwork. They have settled in really well with Miss Sylvester and are getting to grips with being in Key Stage 2.

Willow class

It has been a real pleasure to visit Willow class this week. Every time I have been in they have been focussed but all working together. They are always ready to listen and learn and I know the adults in their class are looking forward to the rest of the year.

Oak class

They have already risen to the challenge of being in Year 6! Many children have supported the Acorns at lunch times, which is just lovely to see. I have already seen some fantastic writing being produced and quite a few have been to ask if they can write in pen- I am being particularly picky but I am so proud of their determination and sense of pride.

Queen Elizabeth II

We all received very sad news about Queen Elizabeth yesterday. We had an assembly this morning and each class will be doing something as a way of remembrance.

Here are some links if you wish to talk about anything at home- [Royal Collections Trust](#) and [The National Archives](#). If children and young people are upset, [Minded](#) is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss.

Dates for your diary

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

All clubs start week commencing 12th September

Monday 12th September- Meet the Teacher- Maples- 3:20 pm

Wednesday 14th September- Meet the Teacher- Sycamores - 3:20 pm

Thursday 15th September- Meet the Teacher- Oaks - 3:20 pm

Thursday 15th September- Swimming- Year 6

Friday 16th September - Meet the Teacher- Willows - 3:20 pm

Information for Parents

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering an online **Mental Health Awareness Session** 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.

Please use the two links below to sign up:

13th September:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-296905380987>

27th September:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-296936744797>

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

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YouMove is an initiative targeted at 'Benefit-Related' Free School Meal families or referral families that can take advantage of doing more physical activities together that are either discounted or free. It is a countywide initiative and I am promoting this for West Oxfordshire to help these families access opportunities in their local area.

We currently have 200 families signed up already and we want to reach as many families as possible that qualify to be able to take advantage of this opportunity. Families can sign up through the link below:

<https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move>

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From the Swan School, Oxford:

We are currently advertising for an Office Manager at The Swan without much success:

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/office-manager-oxfordshire-1692693>

School crossing patrol

From 13th September for approximately 4 weeks there will not be a Lollipop Lady on the North Street crossing - this is due to surgery.

Please cross with care.

Morning Run

Well done to all participants who were eager to start off the academic year enthusiastically by having a go at the Morning Run! Over sixty different people have had a try already this week, including one from Pre-school!

Morning Run is an opportunity for every child to get active and have a personal challenge that it is possible to complete with some dedication. Pupils can jog, walk, run or skip laps of the track around the school field. Six laps equal one mile. Certificates are awarded for every half marathon which is 13 miles (78 laps).

The Morning Run is not a race. It is a personal challenge for a pupil to complete in their own time. Anybody can join in at any time, take their time to build up their laps and enjoy a little exercise before school ... if you do a little often, your total will build up steadily.

Remember - every lap counts towards your Half Marathon: even if you only did one lap each day from next week, you would still achieve your half Marathon in January! Start gently and build up to more laps as you get stronger. Certificates to be won!

On the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Books of condolence will be open at the Alice Marshall Hall from 0830 – 1900 each day until Monday 19th September and from 0830 – 1700 on Tuesday 20th September.

The churches of St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton and St Edwards, Westcote Barton, will be open for the period of mourning for private prayer and reflection.



Dojo points

Acorn – Rowan

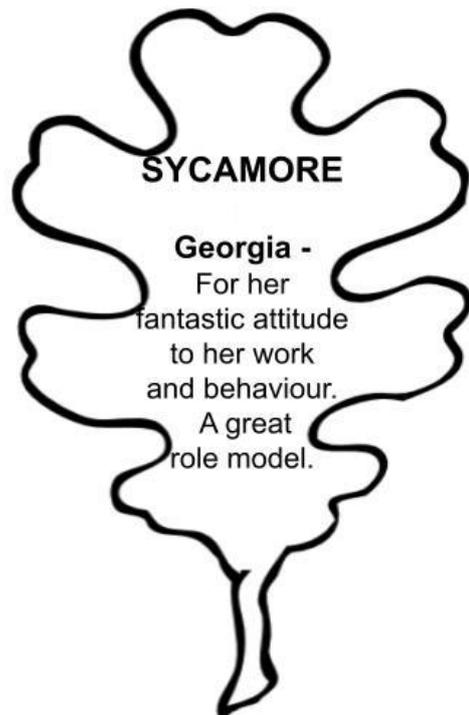
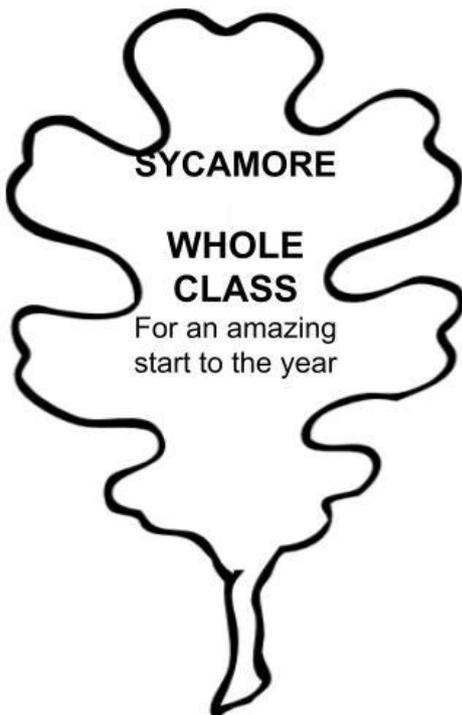
Sycamore - Theo T

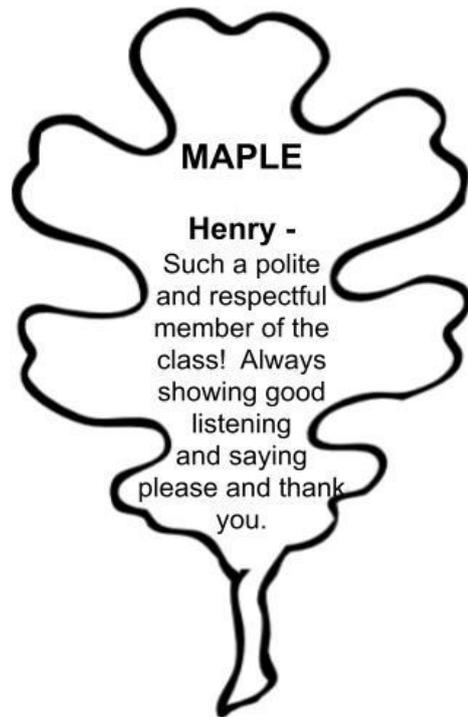
Maple - Georgie

Willow – Nate

Oak - Lily B

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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