



Middle Barton School

Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

Head's News

A very exciting week this week with the cross country for Year 4, 5 and 6 at Chipping Norton School. We took 31 children to the event, which was just fantastic! All of the children that participated were just amazing. The support for each other and the determination was phenomenal. They all returned a little muddy but they had great fun! Please read the recount below.

Assembly

How much control do influencers have over our choices?

This week we talked about influences and what impact they can have on the choices we make. The focus was on the drink 'Prime' and how those behind the product (KSI and Logan Paul) had influenced so many to go out and buy it! The assembly ended with some reflection time

Reflection



Influencers may have thousands or even millions of online followers; people who admire or look up to them. Whilst they may guide some of our choices, it's important for us to remember to make our decisions with an open mind, considering both positive and negative consequences.

Curriculum

Acorn class

Pizzas have been on the menu in Acorns this week. They have spent the morning making pizzas with a variety of toppings. They didn't last long! 😊

They have started learning about sea creatures in class this week and have read *Commotion in the Ocean*- one of

my favourites! 🐟🐠🐡

Sycamore class

They have been learning about Florence Nightingale in History and what she did to help make changes to medical practices today.

In Maths, they have moved on from learning about shape to learning about money. Lots of the children found this quite a tricky concept as we just don't use cash as much nowadays. Playing shops at home using coins and practising

giving change will really develop their understanding. 💰

Maple class

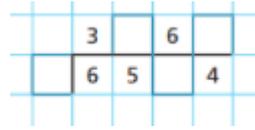
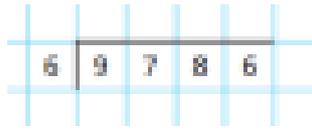
I visited class this week to find them all lying on the floor with torches. I was quickly informed they were using torches to learn about light and shadows as part of this term's Science topic. In Art, they have been planning out

their self portraits and will be drawing them next week. 🎨🖍️

Willow class

In Maths, the class has been focussing on division. The children have worked really hard to understand and use the method taught.

Example questions;



In Art, Year 5 are going to produce a piece of artwork based on the artist Kehinde Wiley using acrylics. The Year 4s, will be producing artwork in the style of Quentin Blake.



Oaks class

They have been writing diary extracts linked to their History topics about the Vikings. Here is a list of all the things

- Spelling words - bruise, determined, harass, lightning, sacrifice
- Informal language
- Past Tense
- First Person
- Emotive language
- Do I sound like a Viking?
- Time prepositions
- Relative clauses
- Cohesive device - Fronted adverbials
- Cohesive device - Conjunctions

they needed to include: I am looking forward to reading these once they are complete.

In Maths, they have been learning about formulae. Here are some example questions

Write each statement as an algebraic expression.

3 more than t

double t

t divided by 6

Write each statement as an algebraic expression.

3 more than t $t + 3$

double t $2t$

t divided by 6 $\frac{t}{6}$

Dates for the Diary

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

Wednesday 1st February- Year 3/4 Ball skills festival- **CANCELLED**

Wednesday 8th February- Open afternoon for all- 2.30pm

Friday 10th February- Weights and Height (Reception and Year 6)

A message from Dolce, our school meals provider:

As you are probably aware, food inflation is running at a staggering 16.5%, which is largely due to the war in the Ukraine but there are other factors like Brexit. With the national living wage increasing as well we have a couple of changes that will come into play on 1 April 2023.

We currently allow pupils' accounts to fall into debt by 5 meals, to reduce the risk of unpaid debt this will be decreased to 3 meals. Meal debts put a strain on finances of the whole school meal service. This is not a good time to encourage parent debt and we are aiming to work with parents to reduce this.

Our direct debit facility will be reviewed this year. We have experienced a high volume of uncollected direct debit income which, in this economic climate particularly, places unnecessary strain on your school meal service.

Plumber and other tradespeople required...

Middle Barton School are looking for recommendations for a local, reliable plumber who could respond to emergencies at the school as well as complete planned maintenance jobs that arise in our unique and diverse site. Please send your recommendations to vwalker@middlebartonschool.org. Recommendations of other local tradespeople are also welcomed and often required.

Handy Person for Odd Jobs! - Vacancy

Middle Barton School is looking to employ a reliable person to assist with regular maintenance tasks around the site. Ideally we are looking for someone to work around 12 hours a month, with hours to be agreed with the individual. If this is something you may be interested in, please follow [this link](#) for more details or share with friends and family this may suit.

Welcome new staff

We are delighted to welcome Grace Bishop who joins the Wraparound Care team on a part time basis. Grace has lots of experience of Wraparound Care as a volunteer over the years and, as an ex-pupil, is very familiar with the school. We ask that you join us in making her feel welcome.

Morning Run

Our Morning Run has resumed with the following pupils roaring round the defrosted track to complete their certificate this week. Well done!

Half Marathon: Jane, Alfie A, Lily B, Mia Barnett

Marathon: Harley H, Harry B

A large team of athletes represented Middle Barton School at the partnership schools' cross country races on Wednesday at Chipping Norton School. They had fun getting muddy around the field and showed great team spirit and perseverance. Congratulations to the following:

U9 girls: Roxy, Katherine, Mollie, Izzy, Annabelle M, Gwennie, Lyla, Amelia W.

U9 boys: Reuben, Archie H, Billy

U11 girls: Gracie, Juno, Lea, Ruby, Evie, Sachini, Millie, Lily R, Lily B.

U11 boys: Harry C, Jozef, Dexter, Harris, Harry B, Archie A, Brodie, Harvey, Stanley, Finlay and Harley H.

It is fantastic that so many people want to make a brave effort in wintry weather to show how determined Middle Barton School sportspeople are!

Cross Country Run Chipping Norton

A report from Lea' and Ruby

On the 25th of January, Chipping Norton School held a cross country competition against other local schools. They held 4 competitions, under 9 boys, under 9 girls, under 11 boys and under 11 girls. If you were under 9 you ran 1500m and if you were under 11 you ran 2000m. It was very difficult and tiring but everyone took part. Some of the people in our school came in the top 10. The experience was very fun and in the end we all enjoyed it. Even though our school did not win any races, we were still proud of ourselves. Going to Chipping Norton and running cross country is an experience that we will cherish for years to come.



A request from Year 6:

Year 6 Eco Project-

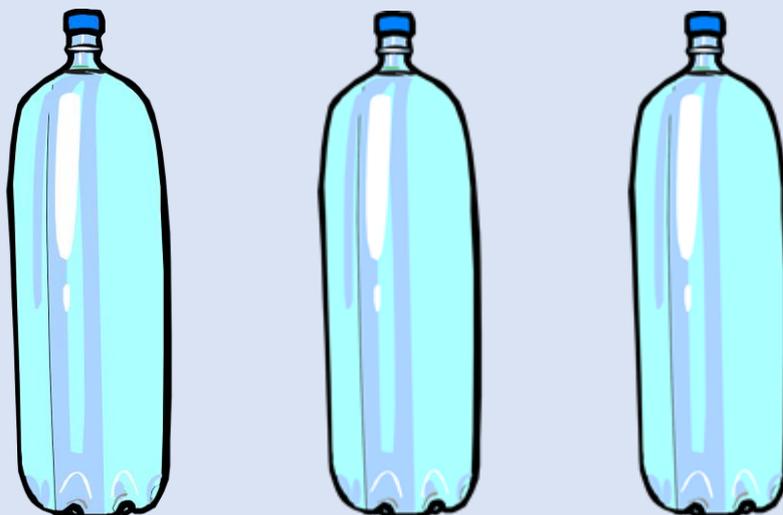


This school year, the year 6s will be constructing a plastic bottle eco greenhouse.

We would really appreciate it if anybody could supply us with **2 litre plastic bottles**, which **need** to be **empty, and clean**. We would need about 1500 or more bottles.

We are doing this because when we leave for secondary school, the school will have something to remember us by, as it is a Year 6 tradition to do this.

If you could please drop them off outside Middle Barton School Reception/Office. There will be a big white bag labelled **Bottle Collection Point**.



RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch

Sycamores have been preparing this week:



Acorns Pizzeria

This week's culinary delight – pitta bread pizzas!



Dojo points

Acorn – Emilia

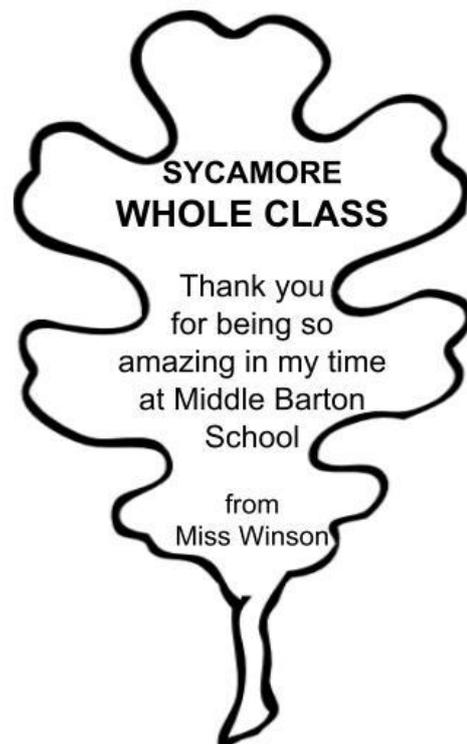
Sycamore – Millie

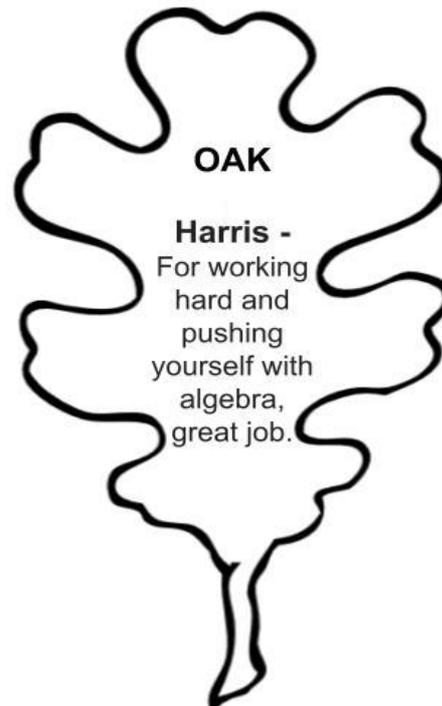
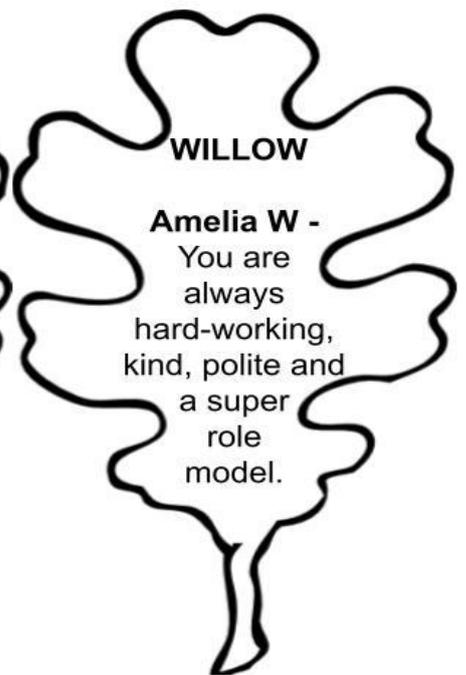
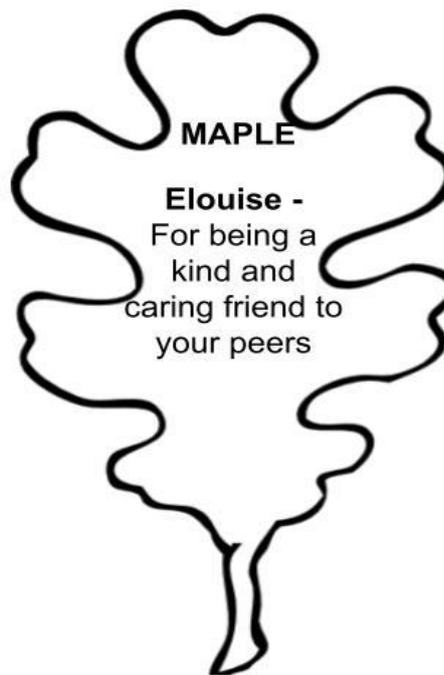
Maple - Alfie

Willow - Archie A

Oak - Phoebe

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.

[Report child abuse | Oxfordshire County Council](#)