Middle Barton School

Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 24th February 2023

Head's News

I can't actually believe we have only been back a week. Everyone has been so busy and enthusiastic about their new topics for this term.

We have a number of exciting extra-curricular events coming up, so please keep an eye on the calendar. Next Thursday (2nd March) there will be another day of industrial action from NEU members. We are currently able to keep the school open as normal.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March and the children can come dressed as their favourite book character. 📚

Curriculum

Acorn class

The smell coming from the classroom on Tuesday was just amazing! The class have been learning about Pancake Day and obviously that involves eating pancakes! 🍽️ They were involved in the whole process, including measuring and mixing, but Mrs Merry was in charge of the cooking- making 19 perfect pancakes is no easy task!! As the weather has warmed up slightly, they also took part in their first forest school session with Mrs Horner- they were very excited!

Sycamore class

When I visited on Monday the class were talking about poo 💩. They had had a visitor during the holidays, which had left the rather smelly, cubed-shaped poo in the class- they worked out it was a wombat, all the way from Australia!!

The class has taken part in their first swimming lesson this week and they were all just amazing. I was told on their return that the boys were slightly quicker at getting changed at the end, but they all had a great first session. 🏊

Maple class

Pancakes cooked on the fire were on offer this week in Outdoor Learning in Maples class- Mrs Lawmon said they were smoky, but delicious! 😋 I have also had a flurry of children down to my office to show me their amazing writing. They have been working very hard on their presentation and handwriting, which is great! ✏️

Willow class
Both year groups were very enthusiastic about their new Geography topics on Monday. I have seen some great Chinese temples in Year 4 and mini igloos being constructed in Year 5. In Outdoor Learning, they have been learning about trees and why we are having to have a number cut down around our site 😢. They have also been helping Mrs Horner with mulching- they enjoyed sitting on the wood chippings and told me they felt very warm! 🌳

Oak class
They have started their new Geography topic about Japan this week. The had great fun on Monday decorating the classroom, making skyscrapers from spaghetti and seismographs! There has also been a lot of writing going on in Oaks class this week! The class has also made some delicious cheese muffins as part of their DT topic on food. 😋

Dates for your diary

https://www.middlebartonschool.org/school-calendar-and-term-dates/
Monday 27th- Tuesday 28th February- Bikeability Year 5
Tuesday 28th February- Year 4 pottery workshop CNS
Wednesday 1st March- Bikeability Year 4
Friday 3rd March- World Book Day- dress up as favourite book character
Wednesday 8th March- Year 1 and 2 (Sycamore)- Dance festival CNS
Friday 10th March- FOMBS Film Night
Wednesday 15th March- Year 2 and 3- Multi Skills festival CNS **(collection at 4.00pm from MB Sports & Social Club)**
Friday 17th March- Red Nose Day- non-uniform
Friday 17th March- Cake Sale on the playground (3.10pm) - cash only
Thursday 23rd- Tuesday 28th March- Scholastic Book Fair after school
Friday 24th March- Year 1 and 2 (Sycamore)- RLT Multi-skills, Oxford City FC
Monday 27th- Friday 31st March- Parent meetings
Friday 31st March- End of Term 1.30pm finish (no Football Club)
Friday 31st March- FOMBS Easter Egg hunt

Morning Run

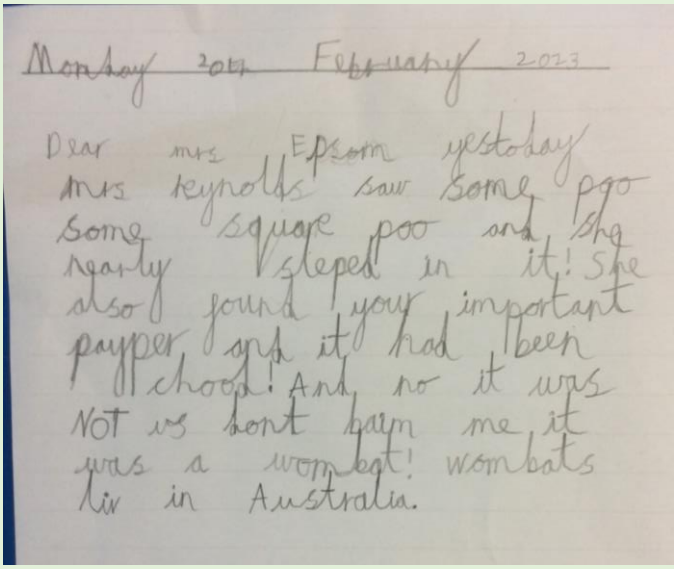
At last, the weather has allowed pupils to complete their challenges without interruption and we are pleased to award a plethora of certificates this week:
Half Marathon: Isabelle B, Alex, Millie J, Leá
One-and-a-Half Marathons: Freddie C, Stanley, Henry L
Two-and-a-Half Marathons: Harry C
Three Marathons: Nate F
The total number of laps run by all the children is now 11,680 laps which is a distance of 1947 miles! Well done everybody for your continued efforts!
Acorn stars of the week: Axel and Orlaith
Sycamore star of the week: Albie L
Maple stars of the week: Mia and James
Willow stars of the week: Juno and Archie H
Oak stars of the week: Poppy and Alfie
STAR of the week: Georgia

Acorn Class

Pancakes!

Sycamore Class

Finding out about Australia



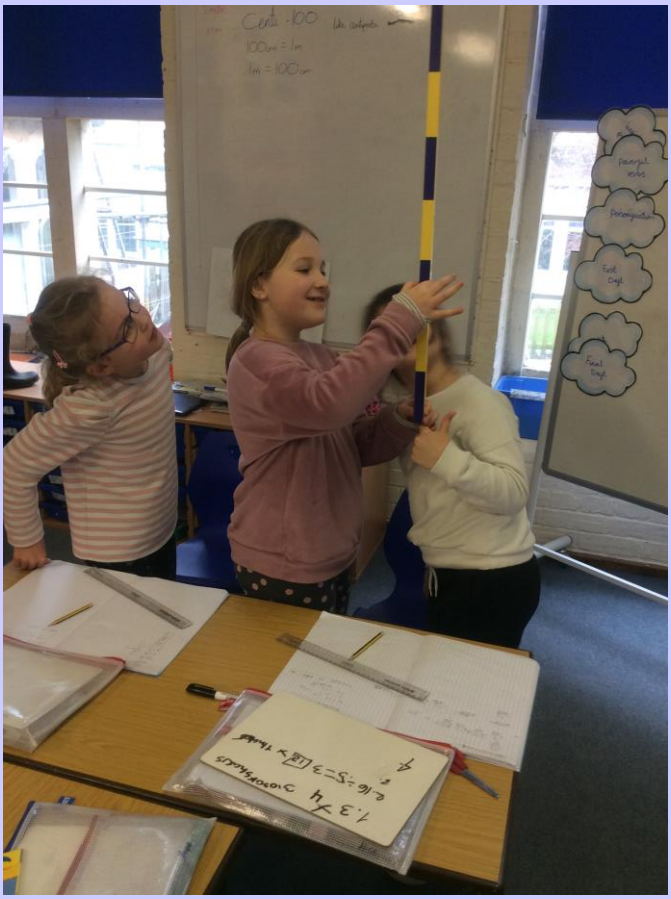
Monday 20th February 2023

Dear mrs Epsom yestoday mrs keynolds saw some poo some square poo and she nearly sleped in it! She also found your important papper and it had been chood! And no it was NOT us dont harm me it was a wombat! wombats liv in Australia.

An Australian sausage sizzle!

Maple Class

Maples have been measuring people in school this week – the tallest child was Alfie V and the shortest child was Jack T. Mr Heath is the tallest member of staff.



Willow Class

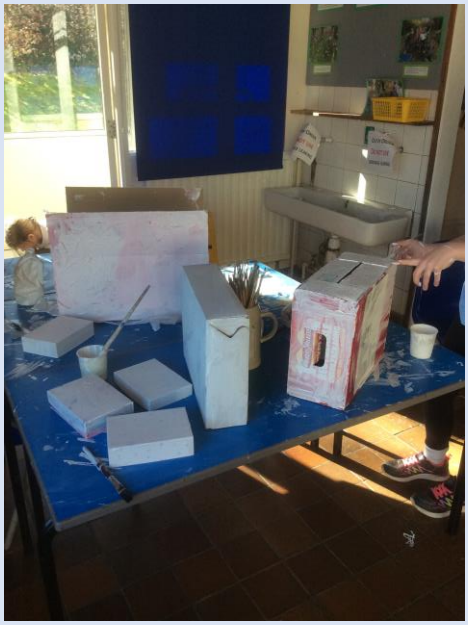
Year 4 have been discovering the intricacies of sandwiches – texture, smell, taste!

Willow Class

Some brilliant beginnings!

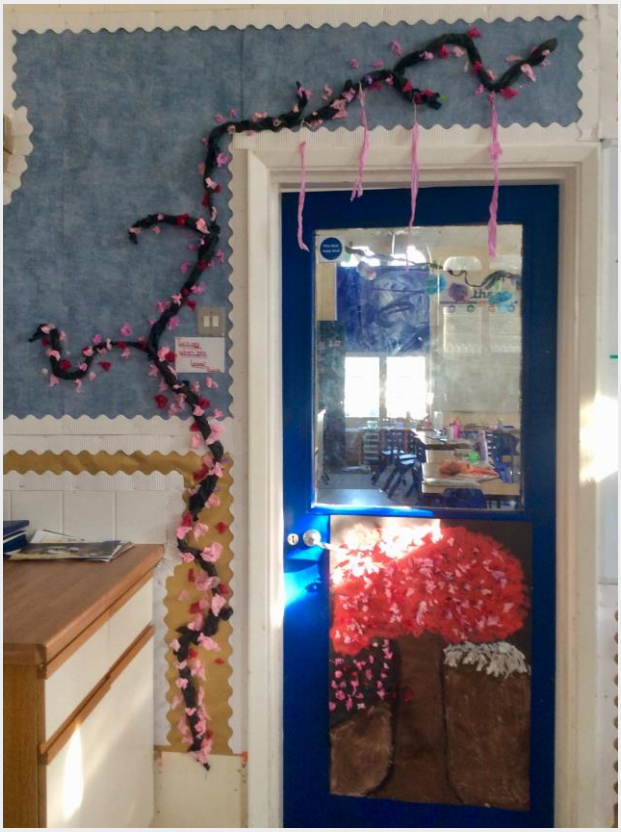
Year 4 - China

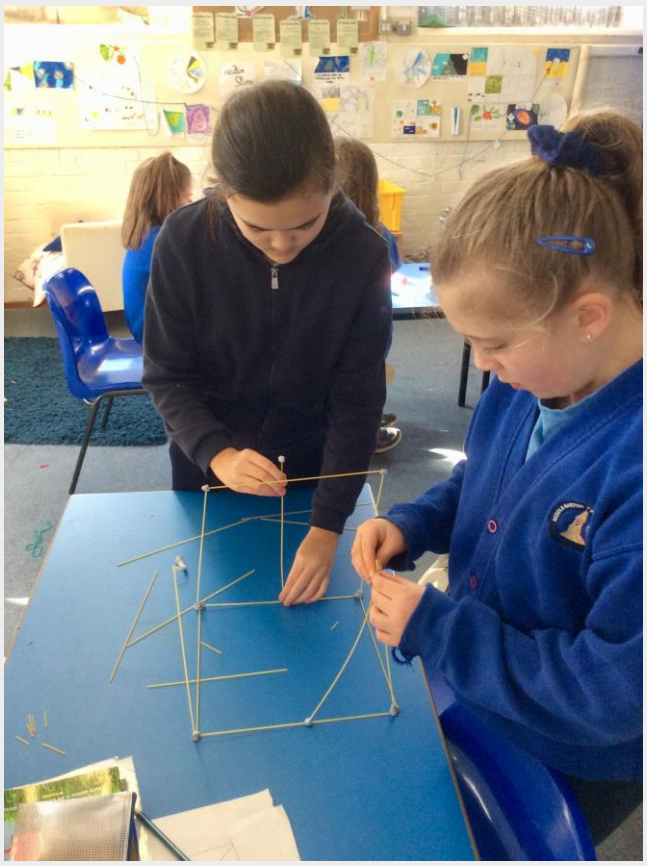
Year 5 - Arctic



Oak Class

Brilliant beginnings on Japan





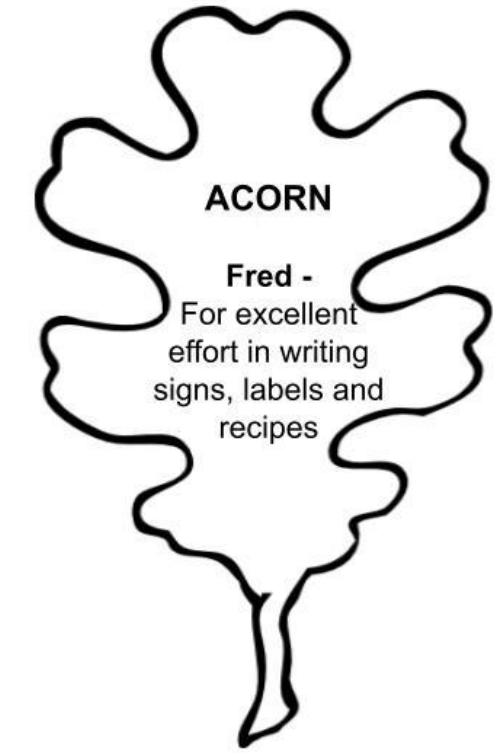
And finally, this week's baking!
Oak Class have been baking very tasty cheese muffins

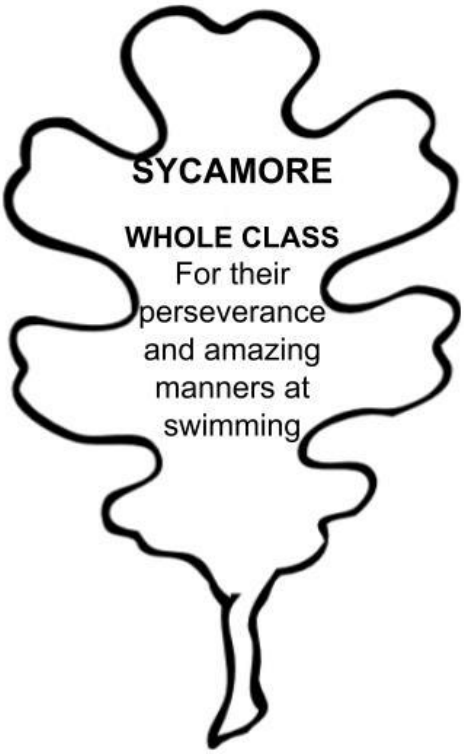
Dojo points

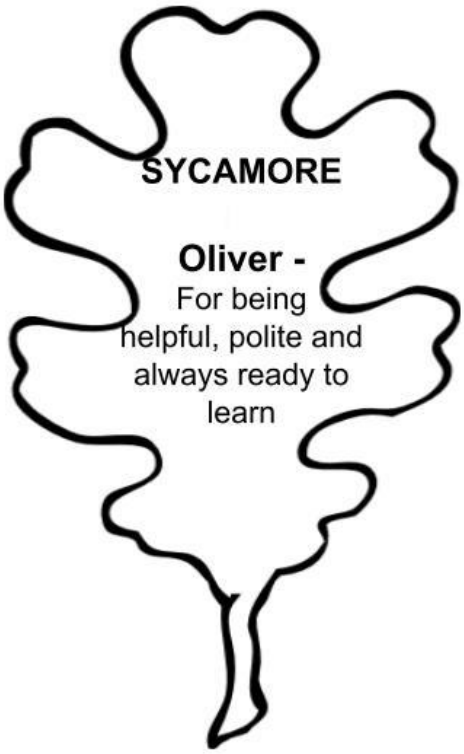
Acorn – Jacob Sycamore – Teddy Maple - Georgie

Willow – Finlay Oak - Lily B

Values leaves







MAPLE

Henry -
For always showing respect to his peers and members of staff

MAPLE

Alfie -
For rising to challenges and aiming high. You are doing brilliantly.

WILLOW

Jozef -
You show all of the values all of the time. You are a super role model.

OAK

Sachini -
For taking the time and effort to thoroughly double check your work and improve it.

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