



# Middle Barton School

*Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve*

## Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

### Head's News

The term has started with a bit of sunshine and lots of eager children returning for their 'Brilliant Beginnings' day. It was so lovely to see the children immersed in their new history topics.

We have already had one class out taking part in some extra-curricular activities. The Oaks class have been to Oxford on the train to take part in Junior Citizens. Here the children learn the skills to deal with a wide range of emergency situations, and to enable them to make a valued contribution to their local community through good citizenship.

#### Acorn class

They have been outside more this week during the sunnier days and have been busy potting peas with Mrs Horner. They used paper pots to plant their pea seeds which are very eco-friendly- don't forget to water them! They have started reading their new book 'A tadpole's promise' and have learnt about the

life cycle of a frog.



#### Sycamore class

They have begun their history topic about the Great Fire of London, one of my favourites to teach. They have made model houses from the time and also created a lovely display which is on their classroom window. They have also made bread in Outdoor Learning, using the fire pit! I am glad to say this did not

start a Great Fire of Middle Barton!



#### Maple class

Their history topic is the Iron Age. They made shields and learnt how to weave. In Outdoor Learning, they became archaeologists and used crop markings to find ancient sites. In English they have started to look

at the story The Mousehole Cat.



#### Willow class

The Romans have invaded! The class made catapults, which worked brilliantly. They also made full sized Roman shields. In English, they have been looking at poetry and have begun writing poems about the

King's Coronation.



#### Oak class

They have started learning about WW2 in history this term. They have made some amazing Anderson shelters which are displayed in the classroom. They have also learnt about the Blitz. In Maths, they have started to look at interpreting line graphs.



### Dates for the diary-

Tuesday 25th April- Year 6- Author visiting

Wednesday 26th April- Year 4- CNPS MFL festival (3-5pm)- at Chipping Norton School

Thursday 27th April- Reception- Vision Screening

Saturday 29th April- TLC Day- all invited to help spruce up the school!

Monday 1st May- Bank Holiday- School closed

Wednesday 3rd May- Year 4/5 (selected children) - CNPS TAG Rugby- At Chipping Norton School

Friday 5th May- Family Coronation picnic 12-2pm- All invited

Monday 8th May- Bank Holiday- School closed

Tuesday 9th May-12th May- Year 6 SATs tests

Thursday 18th May- Kingham Art- KS2

Friday 19th May- FOMBS plant sale

Wednesday 24th May- Year 4,5,6 (selected children) CNPS Athletics at Chipping Norton School (2.30pm-5pm)

Friday 29th May- Break up for half term (3.10pm)

## A message from the Parish Council

### Commemorative Coronation Coin –

The Sports and Social Club, Parish Council and the Destiny Foundation would like to offer all children in the Parish up to 16 years a Commemorative Coronation coin. If you would like to register your child/children please contact the Parish Clerk, [clerk@steeplebartonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@steeplebartonpc.co.uk) with name(s), age and address.



## Morning Run

The term started with drier weather than last term so we have been able to complete enough laps for the following dedicated pupils to obtain their certificates – well done!

Half Marathon: Sachini

Marathon: Theo T

Two Marathons: Albie L

Three Marathons: Harry C

The total distance run by the school now stands at 2261 miles! This week has seen a particularly good showing from Acorn class who fielded nine runners, and there has been a resurgence of effort from Oak class too, in addition to some returning runners from other classes who had taken a break and are now ready to resume!

Acorn class stars Steil and Molly

Sycamore class stars Amelia-Rose and Noah

Maple class stars Jane and Freddie C

Willow class stars Annabelle and Freddie N

Oak class stars Harrie P and Harris

Special mentions: Rowan, Orlaith, Fred, Jack, Jayden, Isla-Grace, Mia, Henry, James, Billy, Rose, Thomas, Roxy, Archie M, Jozef, Poppy, Millie and Lily R.

STAR of the week: Ben

## We got Trees!

From Juno and Rose:

On Thursday something amazing happened, we had 13 trees delivered from Bunkers hill. Two of these were very kindly donated by The Day family and the other 11 more donated. Willows children, Rose and Juno, wrote a persuasive letter to them. Happily they agreed and gave us some trees. Blenheim Palace also gave us nine trees.



# Brilliant Beginnings

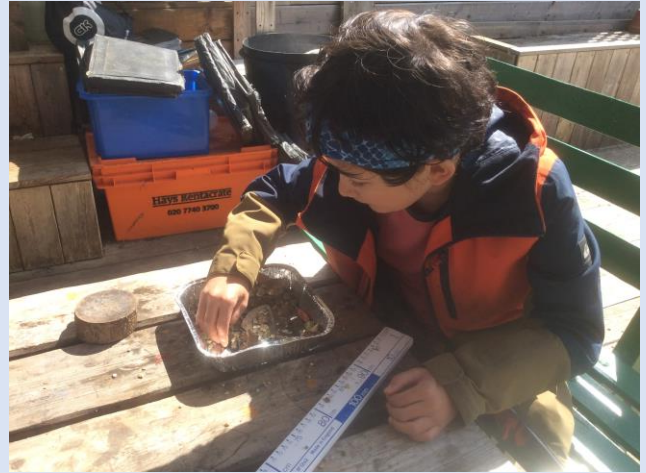
Acorn



## Sycamore



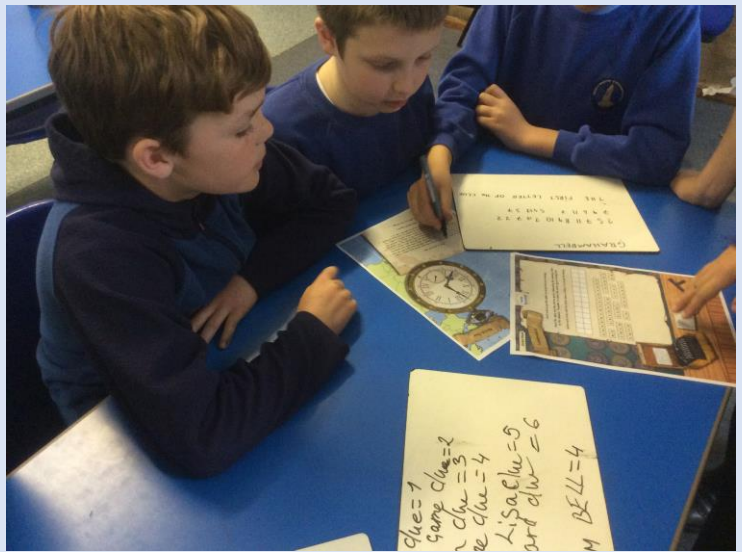
# Maple



## Willow



## Oak



## Dojo points

Acorn – Ben

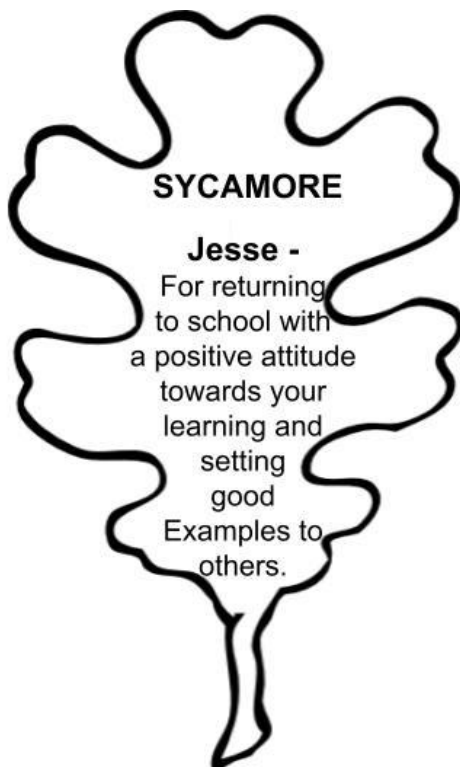
Sycamore – Isla-Grace

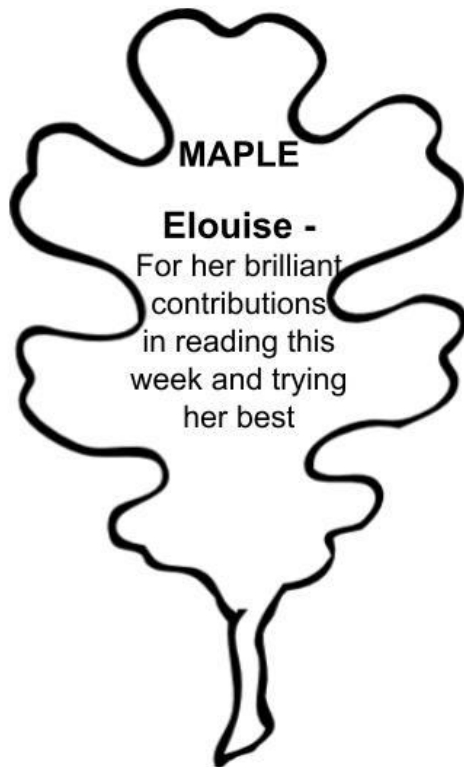
Maple – Asher

Willow – Gabbie

Oak - Poppy

## Values leaves

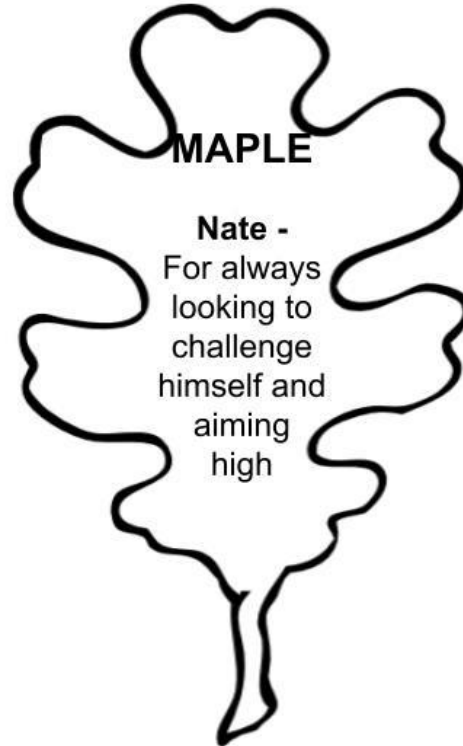




**MAPLE**

**Elouise -**

For her brilliant  
contributions  
in reading this  
week and trying  
her best



**MAPLE**

**Nate -**

For always  
looking to  
challenge  
himself and  
aiming  
high



**WILLOW**

**Archie M -**

You show real  
integrity and  
respect. You  
have also written  
a fantastic  
start to your  
free  
verse poem



**OAK**

**Rory -**

For your  
enthusiasm  
and  
contributions  
while learning  
about  
WWII

**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.

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