



# Middle Barton School

*Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve*

## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Head's News

It has been another short week at school this week but we have still crammed a lot in!

Year 6 have worked so hard this week whilst completing their SATs. They have been very supportive towards each other and so mature whilst actually taking the tests. They waited patiently and listened to instructions. Well done to Mr Smith for getting them so well prepared.

As I have been with the Year 6s most of the week, I haven't spent as much time in other classes as I usually would, but I know they have all been very busy.

#### Acorn class

Well, the caterpillars have certainly grown this week! They have been reading Jasper's beanstalk, which is always a favourite of mine. They have been focussing on reading tricky words this week. These are so important to learn to help make their reading more fluent.



#### Sycamore class

In Maths, they have just started their unit on fractions. They have learnt how to find  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of amounts. In Reading, they have continued to use 'The Firecats of London' and have focussed on their comprehension skills and learned new vocabulary- angling, crammed, assorted, curried, inflated, rafters, spanned, morphed.....

#### Maple class

In Maths, they have been weighing and learning how to measure in grams and kilograms. They have begun their newspaper report about Boudica and learnt how fossils are formed.

#### Willow class

In Maths, they have been learning about fractions, decimals, and percentages. In English, they have started working on their playscripts based on Julia Caesar. In Art, Year 5 have made clay pots inspired by Maria Montoya Martinez.

#### Oak class

SATs!!!

They are all done now and have enjoyed pizza and doughnuts as the end of SATs treat!!

## Dates for the diary-

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)

## Morning Run

Congratulations go to the following super stars for achieving their certificates:

Marathon: Fred

Two Marathons: Stanley

This week's slightly better weather has seen a surge in new and returning participants; indeed, Acorn class fielded 11 runners, as did Sycamore and Maple. Alas we were without Oak class due to their SAT tests but Willow class had 20 pupils involved throughout the week. Great work, everybody!

Acorn class stars Lucy and Ivan

Sycamore class stars Millie and Tom

Maple class stars Asher and Mia

Willow Year 4 stars Roxy and Harley J

Willow Year 5 stars Lea, Juno and Archie A

Special mentions: Jayden, Ramona, Samuel, Alex, Molly, Jesse, Steil, Layla, Ben, Noah, Isla-Grace, Jane, Archie J and Finlay.

STAR of the week: Minnie

## Willow Class

Willows have been learning about plant growth and propagation





## Acorn Class

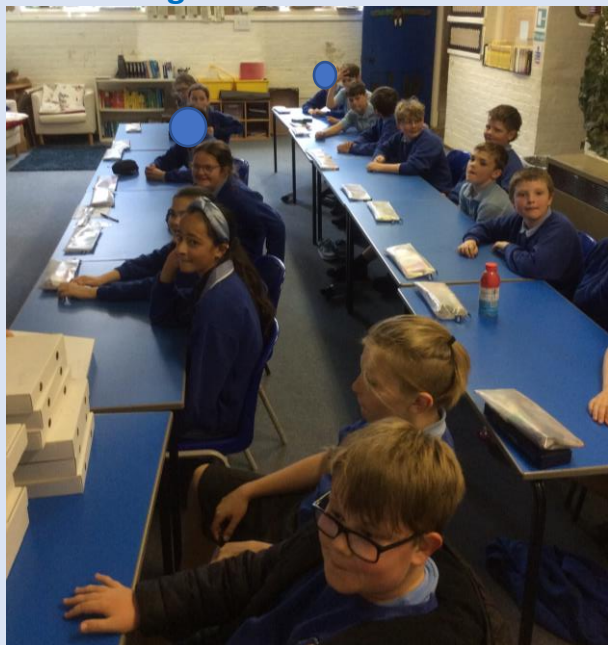
Acorns have been exploring the forest school area in the rain – they found lots of snails!





## Oak Class

Oaks have celebrated the end of SAT's with pizzas and doughnuts (and some of them even managed a cooked lunch afterwards!)



## Dojo points

Acorn – Emilia

Sycamore – Elise

Maple – Amavi

Willow – Leá

Oak - Riley

## Values leaves

### ACORN

**Sylvia -**  
For amazing  
independent  
writing of a  
sentence  
about  
Jasper's  
bean!

### ACORN

**Albie -**  
For excellent  
explaining in  
our literacy  
lessons this  
week.  
Great  
partner talk.

### SYCAMORE

**Jayden -**  
For trying  
really hard  
to improve his  
writing

### MAPLE

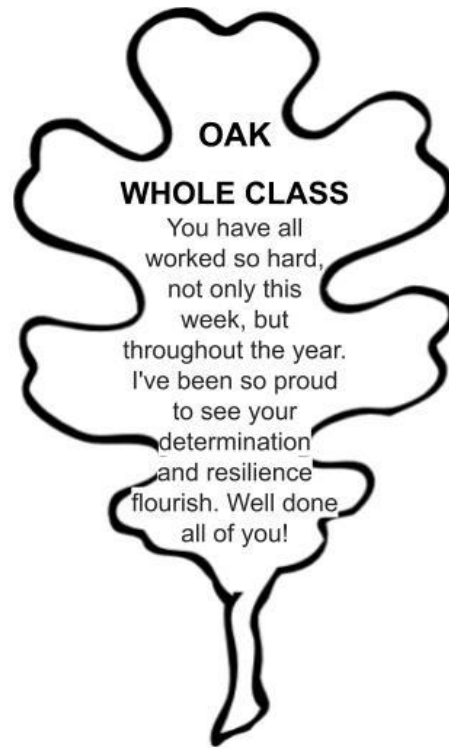
**Georgie -**  
For her focus  
on her  
presentation in her  
books

### MAPLE

**Alex -**  
For his  
perseverance  
and contributions  
in lessons

### WILLOW

**Juno -**  
Amazing  
perseverance  
and creativity  
when making a  
clay bowl based on  
the work of Maria  
Montoya  
Martinez



**Safeguarding Children - what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:**

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