



# Middle Barton School

*Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve*

## Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Head's News

We were very lucky to have been invited to Sculpture at Kingham Lodge. The KS2 children had the opportunity to look at a whole array of sculptures and artwork. Obviously, the best display was the dragons created by the children from Middle Barton Art club!

Attendance/term time holiday- as a parent or carer we know you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in life. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly but it also helps them to keep and maintain friendships and enjoy the school environment.

#### Assembly



Blackpool Zoo is looking to hire a team of people in an attempt to scare away nuisance seagulls - by dressing them in bird costumes. Blackpool Zoo says the birds have been persistently stealing food from visitors and animal enclosures. The role, which would be housed within the Zoo's Visitor Services team, will involve someone dressing up as an eagle and keeping seagulls away from the main visitor dining areas.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you seen a seagull? Have they ever been an inconvenience to you?
- Share your thoughts on the new role for deterring seagulls.
- Is it a job you think you would like to do?

#### Acorn class

There have been some amazing crowns made in Outdoor Learning this week. They have also had a rather interesting week, with a letter from Jack, some magic beans and a beanstalk with flowers growing in their classroom. I wonder what will happen next week.....

#### Sycamore class

In Maths, the class have continued to learn about fractions, still focussing on  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ . They have been finding fractions of shapes as well as amounts. They had great fun in Forest school this week and have made crowns and created what looked like forest school potions

#### Maple class

Maples have been working hard on their newspaper article about Boudicca this week. I am looking forward to seeing some catchy headlines which will grab the reader's attention. In Science, they have been investigating the properties of rocks in Outdoor Learning.

#### Willow class

In Maths, they have been learning about complement to 1 and subtracting decimals within 1. They have continued to plan their playscripts focussing on character traits and setting. In Outdoor learning, they have been learning about plants. Year 4s have been working on their Pop Art based on Andy Warhol images.

#### Oak class

After a busy week with SATs last week, the children have settled back down to a normal routine this week. In Maths, they have been learning how to solve a range of problems which have used a multitude of skills. In English, they have started writing newspaper articles about World War 2- I know we have some budding journalists in this class!

### Dates for the diary-

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

Friday 26th May- Break up for half term (3.10pm)

## Morning Run

Now the sun is shining upon us, the upper school are surging ahead to collect certificates for long distances. Many congratulations to these dedicated runners:

Half Marathons: Phoebe, Ivan

Two Marathons: Freddie C, Archie M, Thomas J, Henry L

Three Marathons: Harvey, Noah

Three-and-a-Half Marathons: Harris

There have been over 70 participants this week, and Oak class have returned from their SATs bursting with enthusiasm for outdoor pursuits – 17 of the class ran laps (most of them!). Willow class fielded 23 people, including someone who had never been before – it is never too late to give it a try! And Acorn class is going from strength to strength with 12 members of the class running laps this week! Well done to everyone!

Acorn class stars Rowan and Axel

Sycamore class stars Georgia and Jayden

Maple class stars Amavi and James

Willow Year 4 stars Lyla and Samuel

Willow Year 5 stars Ruby and Stanley

Oak class stars Lily B and Theo

STAR of the week: Sachini

### So far this year, our mileage totals are as follows:

Acorns 935 laps = 156 miles

Sycamores 2493 laps = 416 miles

Maples 2634 laps = 439 miles

Willow Yr 4 3095 laps = 516 miles

Willow Yr 5 1434 laps = 239 miles

Oaks 3972 laps = 662 miles

**Totals 14,563 laps = 2428 miles**

## Kingham Sculpture Visit for Keystage 2

### A report from Archie J, Amelia W and Erin

KS2 had the opportunity to visit the sculpture exhibition at Kingham Lodge. When we got there we ate our lunch and we saw a treehouse that didn't look finished. After we finished lunch we were given a pencil and a worksheet that had questions about some of the sculptures. We saw lots of majestic sculptures and animals. We had made dragons at art club and saw them there; they were displayed with smoke coming out of their mouths and nostrils. Lastly we headed back to the coach and we all chatted about all the amazing sculptures.









## Sycamore Class outdoor learning





## Acorn Class outdoor learning



## Dojo points

Acorn – Ramona

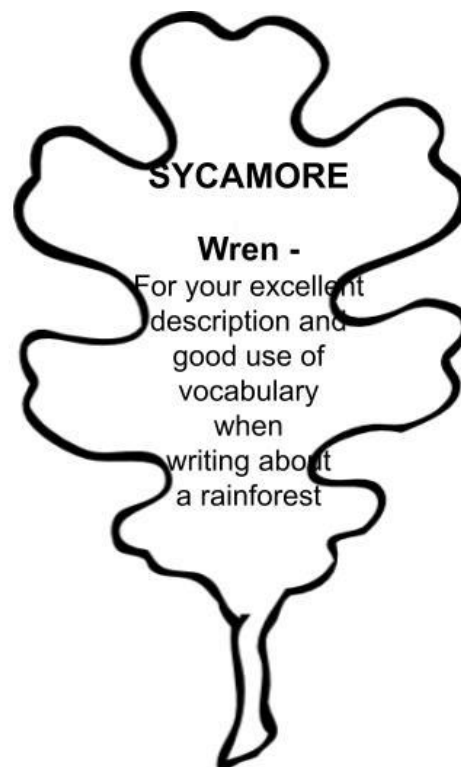
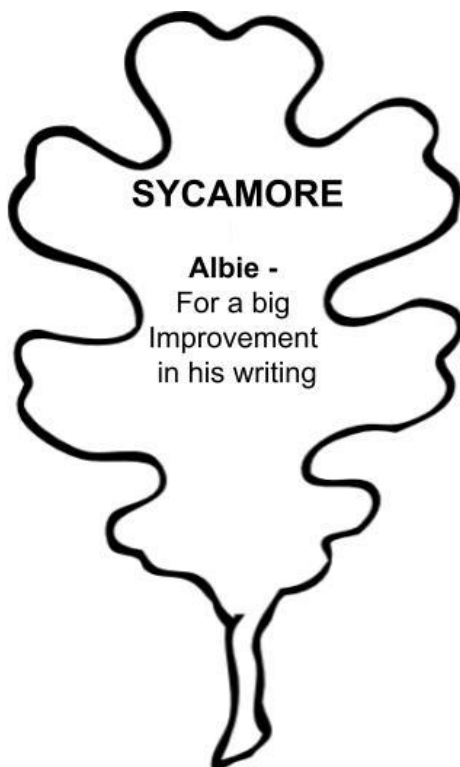
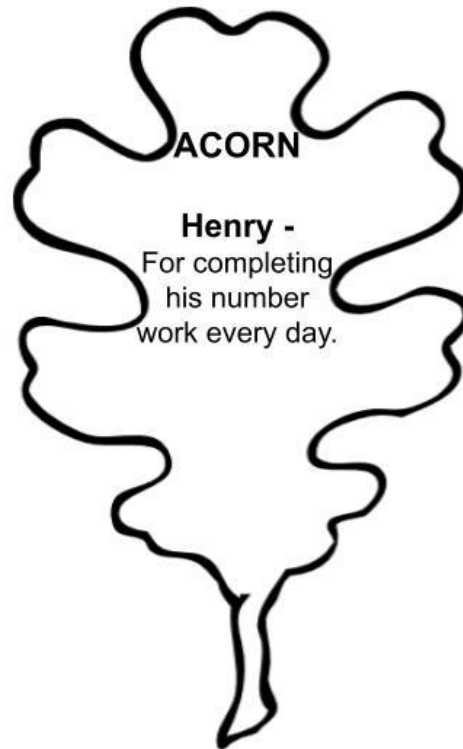
Sycamore – Albie

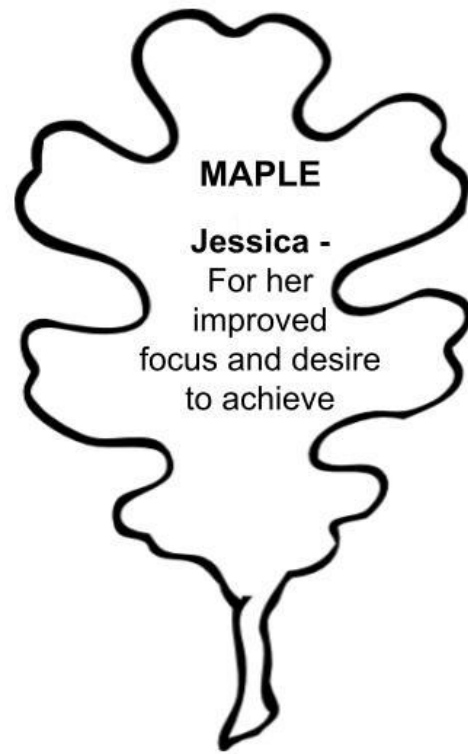
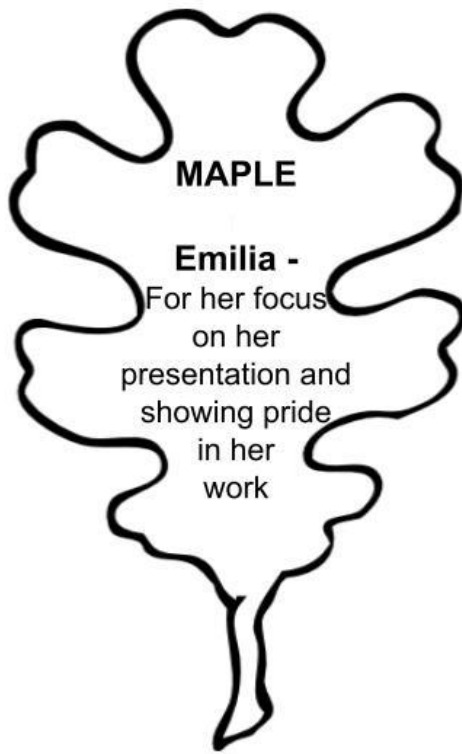
Maple – Toby

Willows – Annabelle

Oak – Harry C

## 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.

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