



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 9th June 2023

Head's News

What an amazing start we have had as we enter the final term of school before the summer holidays. Key Stage 1 and 2 started with their 'Brilliant Beginnings Day' on Monday to start off this term's new topics. I saw lots of things going on and some great work being produced.

Please keep a very close eye on the calendar as this term is incredibly busy!

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

Next year- we are just finalising arrangements for next year and we will be informing you all shortly of our decision. We always think long and hard about these sorts of decisions with the children's best interest at the forefront of our minds.

This week's attendance: 96.45% Whole School

Assembly



Ahead of World Environment Day on 5th June, a new report from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has announced that countries could cut plastic pollution by 80% in fewer than 20 years. The last few decades have seen plastic production levels increase dramatically, especially single-use plastic, and waste management systems are struggling to cope. The report offers a plan of action for governments and businesses to significantly cut levels of plastic pollution.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Thinking about your own use of packaging, how often do you recycle?
- When you are using or buying things, do you (or the person responsible for your shopping at home) think about the materials your food and beverages come in?

Acorn class

They have been learning about colours with a focus on the book 'The Colour Monster'. This focuses on emotions and how they can be related to colours. They have also done some beautiful art work which has been inspired by Kandinsky.

Sycamore class

The class have transformed cereal boxes into ice blocks to make an igloo for their classroom. This is part of their Geography topic on the Arctic and Antarctica. They have also written some fantastic wanted posters to try and encourage some new recruits to join an expedition to Antarctica- just like Shackleton did!

Maple class

Socks and sewing! The class learnt a number of skills and made some amazing sock monsters on Monday. They have also started reading their new class novel- The Matilda Effect. In Maths this week they have been learning about money.

Willow class

Year 5 have started learning about the USA and Year 4 about Scandinavia. The Year 4s produced some lovely artwork inspired by the Northern Lights. In reading they have started reading their class novel- The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell.

Oak class

They have made playdough!! This was linked to their Geography topic on Antarctica and they used the playdough to make physical features. They have also begun practising for the end of term play- Cinderella Rockerfella!

Dates for the diary

Monday 12th June – IMPS session for Oaks in class

Tuesday 13th June – Festival of Voices for Choir

Tuesday 20th June – Open afternoon for parents – details to follow

Wednesday 21st June – CNPS cricket – selected children

Tuesday 27th June – Maples and Sycamores trip to All Things Wild

Wednesday 28th June – Acorns trip to Woodstock Museum

Morning Run

This week nearly seventy pupils have been circuiting the track in a quest to achieve their personal challenge. It has been a monumental week, yet again, for our resident distance runner, Nate F, who ran his last seven laps all in one day to complete four-and-a-half marathons – the furthest that anyone has run this school year! Well done Nate! Congratulations to these superstar runners who have claimed their certificate:

One-and-a-Half Marathons: Jayden

Two-and-a-Half Marathons: Harley J, Albie L

Four-and-a-half Marathons: Nate F

Sycamore class have seen a resurgence of interest and have fielded 13 participants, some of whom are returning after a break. There are now only 28 school days left until we close the counting of the laps for this academic year! But there are still many people who could obtain their certificate before then! If you can't see your name on the list in the blue noticeboard (updated weekly), or on the Laps To Go list on the basketball post, ask Mrs Denby for your current total.

Acorn class stars Jacob and Orlaith

Sycamore class stars Layla and Tom

Maple class stars Mia and Freddie C

Willow Year 4 stars Roxy and Archie H

Willow Year 5 stars Juno and Stanley

Oak class stars Phoebe and Alfie V

STAR of the week: Amavi

OurBus Bartons presentation

A report by Sachini and Poppy

On Wednesday 7th of June, we presented a speech to thank everybody involved in funding two new EcoBuses for the Bartons. Alongside us were Kate from The National Lottery, Ken from Our Bus Bartons, Andy from the Parish Council, and Richard Brown. Altogether, with all the money that we raised, the total was £175,920.



Acorn Class

Exploring colours



Artwork inspired by Kandinsky



Sycamore Class

Sycamores have been learning all about snakes!



Maple Class

Pond watching! There are some very fat tadpoles!



Maple Class

Making sock puppets



Willow Class

Willows have been measuring this week.



Willow Class

A report from Finlay:

On Thursday we went to the Woodstock Museum for a Roman workshop. We started off by taking part in roleplay. Freddie got to dress up as a Centurion and gave orders to his Roman army using commands in Latin! We all wore replica armour and tunics, some people even got decimated. The year 4s went to the Roman gallery and looked at a skeleton, broaches and loads of other artefacts that had been found in Oxfordshire, as well as rubbing over Roman coins. While the year 5s looked at Roman artefacts and could dress up in a range of replica costumes. Finally we had lunch in the coach house. We all really enjoyed it.



Oak Class

Oaks made their own Playdough and used it to make topographical models of Antarctica on tortilla wraps.



Dojo points

Acorn - Sally

Sycamore – Xander

Maple - Mia

Willow - Billy

Oak - Poppy

Values Leaves

ACORN

Jacob -
For great
writing about
our feelings

ACORN

Dexter -
For amazing
effort in
every area of
learning this
week

SYCAMORE

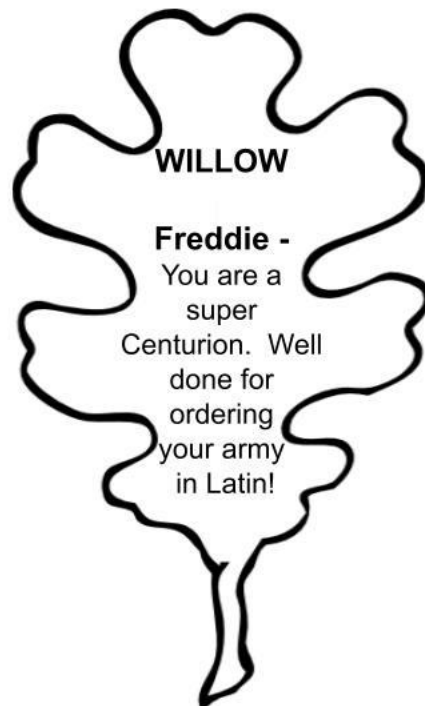
Jayden -
For his
enthusiasm and
hard work this
week

MAPLE

Elouise -
For rising to
challenges
in her maths

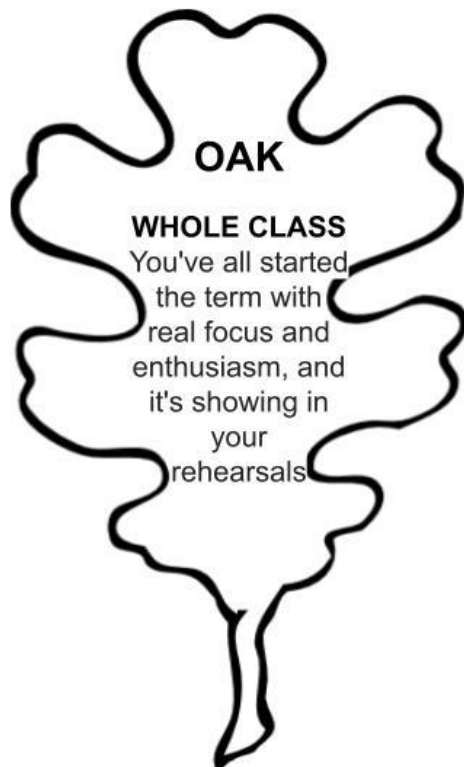
MAPLE

James -
For his hard
work and efforts
in his presentation
this week



WILLOW

Freddie -
You are a
super
Centurion. Well
done for
ordering
your army
in Latin!



OAK

WHOLE CLASS
You've all started
the term with
real focus and
enthusiasm, and
it's showing in
your
rehearsals



OAK

Harley -
For bringing
infectious
energy with your
singing and
acting.



OAK

Lily R -
For going
out of your
own way to help
your class
teacher
out.

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.

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you know is being sexually exploited. Contact the Kingfisher Team on 01865 309196

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