



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 23rd June 2023

Head's News

It has been another busy week with a variety of extra-curricular activities going on. Willows class had a drama workshop with a teacher from Chipping Norton and a group of Year 7s, including two of our past students.

A group of year 6 children also took part in a cricket tournament. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Saxby for taking them.

All classes have been completing the virtual marathon this week and the results will be sent to Chipping Norton School.

Historically we have done really well, so fingers crossed 🍀.

Thank you to all of you that were able to make our open afternoon on Tuesday. I am always so proud of how the children share the work they have been completing in class and their enthusiasm.

The old school house building is nearly finished, after many Grade 2 listed building issues!! This will become our new nurture centre and meeting room. It has been named 'The Hive'. Once it is all set up and Mrs Saxby has moved in, we will be inviting you to come and have a look. We have to say a big thank you to the Trust as this project has been fully funded by them, so it hasn't had any impact on our budget, which is just amazing. We will now be working on turning the current nurture room into the staff room and the current staff room into a new library.

We have also welcomed a number of new parents this week as we held an information evening for our families that will be starting in Acorn class in September.

Assembly



Within the next ten years, people may be able to travel between London and Sydney in just two hours by journeying through space on a sub-orbital flight. The current length of a traditional flight between London, UK, and Sydney, Australia, is at least 20-22 hours and usually entails a stop-off to refuel along the way. A sub-orbital flight involves launching a spacecraft to an altitude above the Kármán line (the boundary of space).

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of all the different types of transport you have encountered. E.g. bikes, cars, planes, ferries. Which is your favourite way to travel and why?
- > Do you think you would like to travel on a sub-orbital flight? Why?
- > How do you believe suborbital travel could change the world?

Acorn class

What a colourful week they have had. On Wednesday, the class all came dressed in rainbow coloured clothes and completed a whole array of activities. They have spent so much time outside this week, whizzing up and down on the bikes but also calming reading 1:1 with Mrs Merry and Mrs Overton.

Sycamore class

The class have been getting ready for Wimbledon this week with a bit of tennis practice in PE. They have been learning about statistics in Maths and have created tally charts and block diagrams.

Maple class

Maple class have been learning about Roman Numerals and how to tell the time to the nearest five minutes. I have also had a delivery this week- each child has written me a letter to try and persuade me to let them go to the park. Here are some of their amazing persuasive phrases that they have used: 'It is a necessity to exercise', 'Don't you think the fresh air will help us to concentrate?' 'How could you refuse such a great opportunity.'

Willow class

In Writing they have been looking at Alma (a short video clip), with a focus on writing short snappy sentences to create tension. They have also been learning how to use figurative language to create a mood and atmosphere. In DT this week the Year 4s have continued to work on their egg box moving monster- I am looking forward to seeing all the finished products.

Oak class

The singing coming from the classroom has been amazing this week! They have also been working hard on their greenhouse too- fingers crossed it will be complete before they leave 🍀! A group of Year 6s spent some of the afternoon on Wednesday sorting out the PE shed with Mrs Henderson, whilst the rest were at cricket. They took this role very seriously and have even taken photos and laminated them so people know how the shed 'should' look!

Dates for the diary

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

Wednesday 28th June – Acorns trip to Woodstock Museum

Monday 3rd July – Year 6 end of term trip to Farmoor Reservoir

Wednesday 5th July – CANCELLED Sports Day

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July – transition day for Year 6 children going to CN School

Friday 7th July – transition day for Year 6 children going to Heyford Park School

Tuesday 11th July – whole school class swap transition afternoon

Wednesday 12th July – CONFIRMED Sports Day 0930-1200 followed by family picnic

Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 performances Cinderella Rockerfella, 1.30pm and 6.00pm

Friday 14th July – reports out to parents

w/c 17th July – NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 19th July – Leavers' assembly 0930

Wednesday 19th July – FINISH AT 1.30PM

Morning Run

The virtual marathon has inspired nearly everybody to make extra efforts in their PE lessons this week and we have had a great many people completing a large quantity of laps towards their personal challenge. Because of this, and a special science experiment by Maple class, someone has reached the milestone of Five Marathons (much earlier than last year) – well done to Nate F! Many congratulations to these dedicated runners who receive a certificate this week:

Half Marathon: Rowan, Rose, Layla

Marathon: Archie A, Xander, Mia

Two-and-a-Half Marathons: Jozef, Reggie, Henry L

Three-and-a-Half-Marathons: Noah

Five Marathons: Nate F

The hot weather hasn't stopped anyone from running, but please remember your drink bottle, sun-cream and a sun hat. There are 18 running mornings left of term, so keep your eyes on the list in the blue noticeboard to see if you are nearing your target! Just to say, for anyone who is unaware: the lap count ends on the last day of term and we start again in September. Well done, everybody – keep on running!

Acorn class stars Sylvia and Albie

Sycamore class stars Georgia, Oliver and Jesse

Maple class stars Jane and Alex

Willow Year 4 stars Annabelle M and Harley J

Willow Year 5 stars Tahlia and Stanley

Oak class stars Gracie and Harvey

STAR of the week: Henry L

Acorn Class Rainbow Day





Tadpole update

Acorn class have visited the pond today and Jacob and Albie are delighted to report that the froglets have legs!



Greenhouse update

One of the walls is complete!



CNPS Cricket Tournament

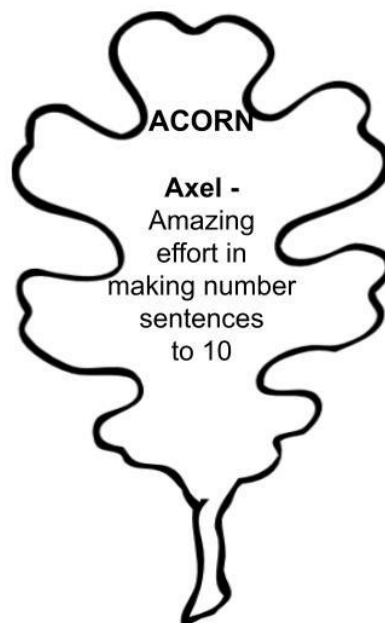
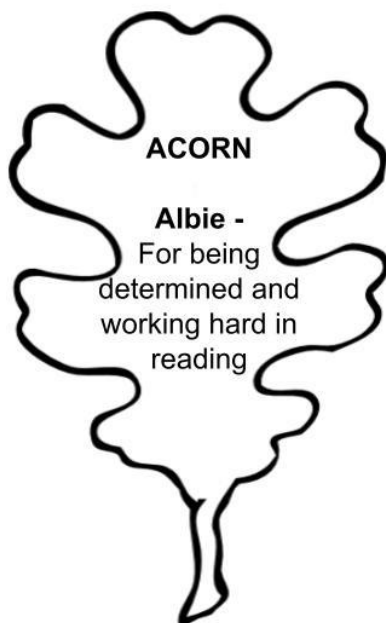
A report by Phoebe and Gracie

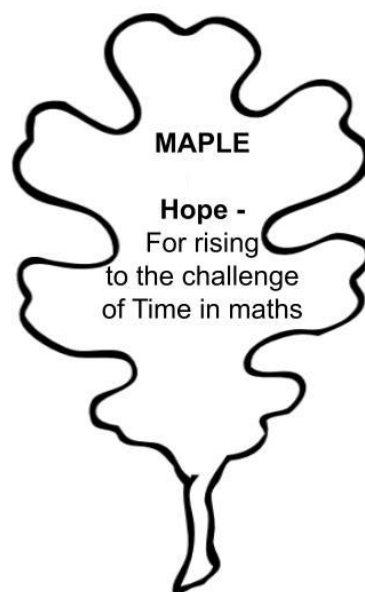
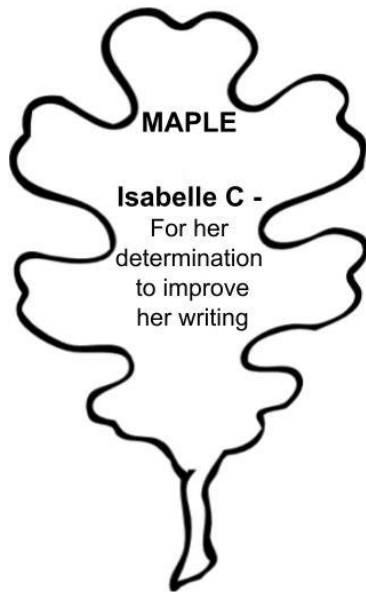
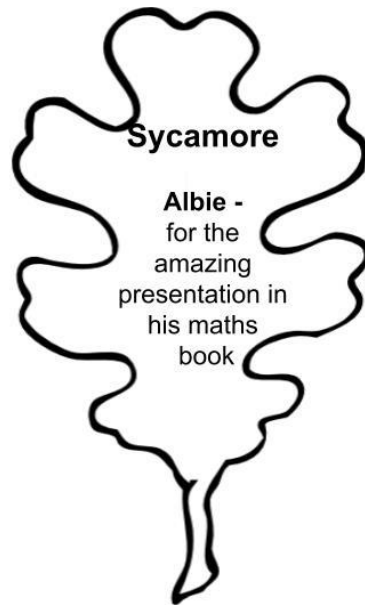
On Wednesday 21st of June, a group of 12 year sixes participated in a sports event for CNPS. We did four matches of cricket, fielding, batting and bowling; we went up against Great Tew, Great Rollright, Enstone and Chadlington.

We won against Great Rollright and out of the four small schools, we placed in fourth. Gracie and Lily B both got awarded a sporting champion certificates for their amazing perseverance. Even though we didn't place in the top three, the most important thing is that we all tried our best.



Values leaves





Dojo points

Acorn – Ramona

Sycamore – Eden

Maple – Nate

Willow – Thomas

Oak - Harrie P

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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