



Middle Barton School

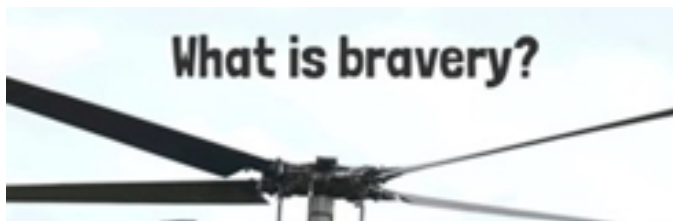
Newsletter

Friday 30th June 2023

Head's News

Lots of trips have been going on this week and some of our Year 6 children have begun their visits to their new Secondary schools. We have also had Pre-school in school. This term is always so busy and the children (and staff) are all getting rather tired and in need of their summer break!

Assembly



Four children have been found alive after surviving a plane crash and spending forty days alone in Colombia's Amazon jungle. Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro heralded the rescue as a joy for the whole country. The four siblings were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1st May. They then became the focus of a massive rescue operation, involving soldiers and local people. Speaking of the incredible feat of survival, Gustavo Petro said, 'They were alone, they themselves achieved an example of total survival which will remain in history'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What skills and attributes do you imagine the children would have needed in their situation?
- > Can you think of a time when you have needed to be brave? What happened?
- > Talk to an adult at home and ask them about a time when they needed to be brave.

Acorn class

The class had a lovely day on Wednesday when they went to visit the Woodstock Museum to look at all things prehistoric. They were very excited and had a great day, but were a little tired on their return. Thank you to all of the adults who went and helped. Today they have been making oat biscuits with Mrs Horner and creeping down to the staff room to melt the butter! I am not sure these will make it home to share!! They were delicious!!

Sycamore class

What a great day they had on Tuesday at All Things Wild! They saw lots of interesting animals and many other things too- I think they walked miles!! Although they were all very tired, it still inspired them to do some excellent recount writing on Wednesday (see below for a recount from Sienna). I have also seen some amazing handwriting in class this week- great letter formation and joining- well done Sycamores!!

Maple class

Sock monsters were being finished yesterday when I visited the class. They are so proud of what they have made and have hopefully learned a skill that might help them in the future. They class have also been writing a guide to help the next class that Mrs Sylvester will have next year- here is an example from Nate: 'When Miss Sylvester sees you're focused and listening and being helpful, then you are absolutely fine! But! If you're not, well...you have to face the consequences!' They also had a great day at All Things Wild on Tuesday.

Willow class

When Mrs Horner sent out a plea for tights, I knew exactly what was going on- Digestion!!!! The Year 4s have had great fun squishing and squeezing food products through tights until it appeared as poo! In DT the Year 5s have been working on their projects involving cam mechanisms. Their projects have to include two moving parts but they were able to choose their own theme! I look forward to seeing the finished products soon.

Oak class

This week I watched a lesson where the children had to use an image as a stimulus for a piece of writing. They had some great ideas and it was so lovely to see how far they have all come over the course of the year. More play practice and greenhouse building has also been going on as well as squeezing in a bit of yoga!

Dates for the diary

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

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

Next Term

Tuesday 5th September – all children return to school

Morning Run

This week we are very pleased to award the following certificates to these fantastic athletes:

Marathon: Toby, Alex, Asher, Freddie N, Lily B, Leá, Sachini

One-and-a-Half Marathons: Juno, Roxy, Poppy

Two-and-a-Half-Marathons: Stanley

The laps have kept rolling in, especially after the virtual marathon. The total number of laps run by the whole school is 18,158 and this is a total distance of 3027 miles! Here are the class lap totals and mileage:

Acorn class 1183 laps 198 miles

Sycamore class 3062 laps 511 miles

Maple class 3180 laps 530 miles

Willow – year 4 3697 laps 617 miles

Willow – year 5 2179 laps 364 miles

Oak class 4857 laps 810 miles

Well done, everybody – this is a great achievement! It is very fitting that Oak class have completed the most laps out of any class: they are leading by example and I have been very impressed with their dedication to the Morning Run, and also the fact that they have helped and encouraged younger runners throughout the year.

Acorn class stars Ramona and Dexter

Sycamore class stars Isabella and Teddy

Maple class stars Alfie and Elouise

Willow Year 4 stars Billy and Katherine

Willow Year 5 stars Finlay and Ruby

Oak class stars Phoebe and Harry C

STAR of the week: Charlie

Acorn Class

On Wednesday Acorn class visited The Woodstock Museum for a Dinosaur and fossil activity session.

We learnt how fossils are created, discovered, and the early paleontologists Mary Anning and William Buckland. We found out about different types of dinosaurs and how fossils tell us about them. We handled a huge range of fossils including bones from Plesiosaurs and Ichthyosaurs and stood on the footprint of a Megalosaurus.



Sycamore Class

Sycamores had their class trip to All Things Wild. Here is a report from Sienna:

✓ Thursday 29th June
All things wild

2 On Tuesday I went to All things wild, when I was going there I went on a coach, my partner was Millie. First we saw Meerkats, But there was a dog toy in there enclosure. Then we saw a sign that said Zebras and camels to the left so after that we went to the camels, they were shreadding there fur because it was summer, there were 3 camels. Next we had a Habitat lesson about Beavers, Camels, Reinder and Zebras, Zebras have teeth that stick out. After it was lunch, I had Orange juice, Pasta, baby chocolate buttons, Strawberrys and a crasont. After that I saw a Cotton top Tamarin It was my favorite animal. A bit after that we saw laughing Kooka burrows one bashed in the glass so the other one laughed at him that happened three but then they both laughed. Finally we went to the dino Sours and I saw my favorite dino sour a Dipladocus and my least favorite a T-Rex its my least favorite because its so common as a favorite and saw tran chillas and insects and Tllyrs that looked like Otters, but the best was the yellow snake.



Maple Class

Maples also enjoyed their day at All Things Wild



Willow Class

Year 4s have been learning about the digestive system.



Dojo points

Acorn – Lucy

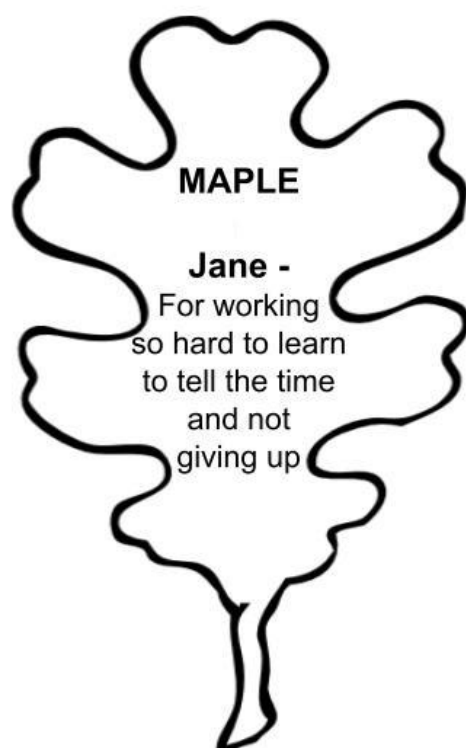
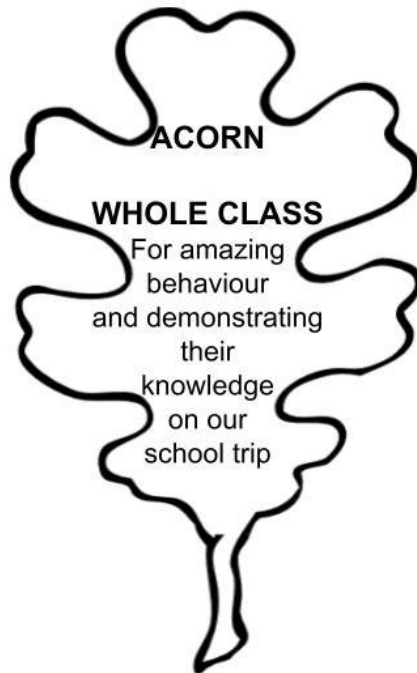
Sycamore – Layla

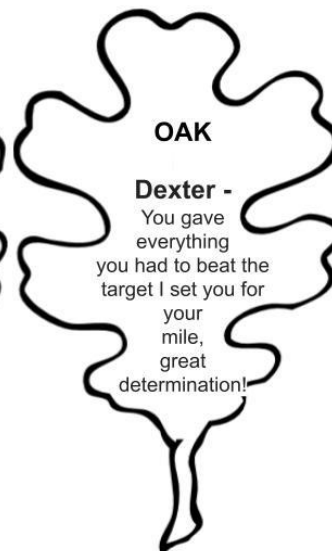
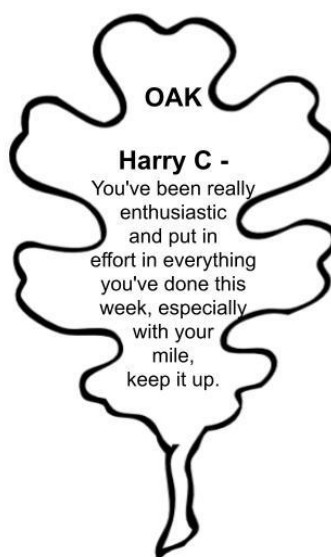
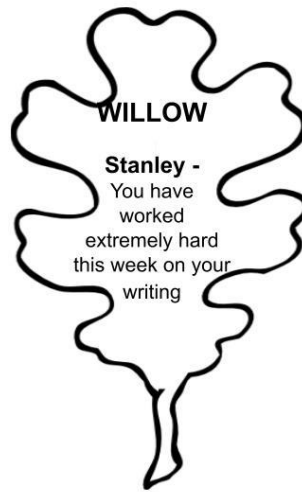
Maple – Toby

Willow – Gwennie

Oak - Riley

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.

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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