



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Head's News

There are a lot of weary faces coming through the gate at the moment and I know the children (and adults) are all looking forward to their summer break, but we still have a very full couple of weeks coming up!

Don't forget we have movie night tonight- doors open at 5.45pm and entry is £4 which includes popcorn and a milkshake.

A huge thank you to FOMBS helping with funding all of the class trips this term. We really do appreciate it and I know the children all had an amazing time.

#### Assembly



A new UK government campaign hopes to encourage young people to 'respect, protect and enjoy' the outdoors. The campaign follows new research from Natural England, which shows that 80% of children and young people agreed that looking after the environment was important to them, and 83% said they wanted to do more to look after nature and wildlife. The well-known cartoon character, Shaun the Sheep is the new face of the Countryside Code.

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

- Share what you know about the Countryside Code and ask an adult at home what they know. Ask them where they've visited before and what they remember about their experiences.
- Share your thoughts on the Shaun the Sheep campaign. Do you feel it is a good idea to help young people understand the Countryside Code?

#### Acorn class

They have been busy little bees this week. I spent the day with them on Wednesday and we learnt about all things related to bees. They found out some interesting facts and have made some little bees to go into 'The Hive'. They have also been measuring dinosaurs with Mrs Merry and even ventured out into the rain with Mrs Horner and Mrs Overton for forest school this week.

#### Sycamore class

Another class of worker bees! They made some great 3D bees for 'The Hive' and learnt about bee poo and what colours bees like the most. They have also done some amazing sewing and created some fabulous finger puppets- they were all very proud of them.

#### Maple class

I think they had a lovely time at the park and were rather tired on their return so as promised in their letters, they got plenty of exercise. Maples class made an amazing bee mobile with Mrs Horner which will be hanging in 'The Hive'.

#### Willow class

On Wednesday, following on the bee theme, the class did some amazing loose watercolour painting of bees and created 3D collages of bees and flowers using buttons which will be framed and exhibited in 'The Hive'.

#### Oak class

They had a fabulous time sailing despite it being rather windy and getting rather wet! They have been making the most amazing props and the majority have also been for their transition days to their secondary school.

## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – whole school class swap transition afternoon

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – CONFIRMED Sports Day 0930-1200 followed by family picnic

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 performances Cinderella Rockerfella, 1.30pm and 6.00pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – reports out to parents

w/c 17<sup>th</sup> July – NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – RESERVE Sports Day 0930-1200 (if wet on 12<sup>th</sup> July)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' assembly 0930

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – FINISH AT 1.30PM

### Next Term

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – all children return to school

There will be no clubs in the first week back to school

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Football Club will restart – information to follow

## Morning Run

This week we give congratulations to the following dedicated superstars who receive their certificate today:

Half Marathon: Elouise

Marathon: Millie B

Two-and-a-half Marathons – Archie M

Three Marathons: Mollie V, Katherine, Harley J

Three-and-a-half Marathons: Harvey, Alfie V

There are only eight days left of running in the mornings before the final totals are calculated, and it is a very busy time in school. There are still fifteen people on the Laps to Go list who could take home a certificate for their final challenge! Well done to everybody who has been enjoying participating in Morning Run this year – so many people have joined in! Great news for your fitness, stamina and well-being.

Acorn class stars Albie and Jack

Sycamore class stars Elise and Jayden

Maple class stars Asher and Henry

Willow class stars Gabbie and Jozef

Oak class stars Harris and Lily B

STAR of the week: Millie J

## Some of our Bee artwork this week



# Information from Dolce:

The Autumn menu will offer puddings – due to increasing costs, it is more economical to produce puddings than fruit and yoghurt, so we will be trialling this from September.

CHOICE AUTUMN			
	<b>WEEK 1</b> Weeks starting: 28th Aug, 18th Sep, 9th Oct 30th Oct, 20th Nov, 11th Dec	<b>WEEK 2</b> Weeks starting: 4th Sep, 25th Sep, 16th Oct 6th Nov, 27th Nov, 18th Dec	<b>WEEK 3</b> Weeks starting: 11th Sep, 2nd Oct 23rd Oct, 13th Nov, 4th Dec
	<b>Mega Mondays</b> 	Hand Stretched Margherita or Pepper Pizza with Garlic Sauce (V) Mexican Bean Chilli & Home Baked Tortilla Chips (VG) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Green Beans, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Ice Cream Roll (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	Hand Stretched Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Garlic Sauce (V) Vegetable Biryani (VG) (GF) Sandwich of the Day (V) Green Beans, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Chocolate Crispy Cake (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)
	<b>School Favourites</b> 	Oven Baked Sausages Cheesy Pasta Bake (V) Sandwich of the Day Crushed New Potatoes (VG) (GF) Peas, Carrots, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	Cottage Pie (GF) Neapolitan Pasta (V) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Carrots, Peas Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Lemon & Courgette Drizzle Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)
	<b>Roast Wednesdays</b> 	Roast Chicken (GF) Baked Bean Potato Pie (VG) (GF) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Skin on Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF) Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Fruit & Jelly (VG) (GF) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	Roast Chicken (GF) Cheese & Onion Pie (V) (GF) Sandwich of the Day Crushed New Potatoes (VG) (GF) Broccoli, Carrots, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Ice Cream & Fruit (V) (GF) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)
	<b>Tasty Thursdays</b> 	Penne Pasta Bolognese Cheese & Tomato Stromboli (V) Sandwich of the Day Green Beans, Cauliflower Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Oaty Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	Hand Stretched Pepperoni Pizza with Pasta Salad Stir Fried Rice & Vegetables (VG) (GF) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Green Beans, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Chocolate Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)
	<b>Fishy Fridays</b> 	Breaded Fish Fingers Vegetable Sausages (VG) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Apple Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	Sausage & Baked Bean Casserole Shepherdess Pie (VG) Sandwich of the Day Crushed New Potatoes (VG) (GF) Broccoli, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Sliced Bread (VG) Apple Flapjack (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)
V = Vegetarian   VG = Vegan   GF = Gluten Free For full allergen information please refer to your School Grid Account. *Gluten free products are prepared in a kitchen that handles products containing gluten.			

## At the end of this term, Dolce will be phasing out the option of Direct Debit payments, information below:

We sincerely hope that your child is enjoying their Dolce school meals as much as we enjoy preparing and serving them. If you have any feedback on how we can improve our service please let us know by contacting our customer care team.

Although only a small percentage of our customers use the Direct Debit facility, we have an increasing level of debt caused by failed payments that we cannot unfortunately continue to sustain. For this reason we have made the decision to phase-out this payment option.

From w/c 21st August 2023 ALL existing Direct Debit accounts will be cancelled and accounts will be set to 'cash' which means you can pay online or over the telephone.

### Final Collection

Usual 1st of the month collections:

There will be a direct debit collection on or around 04.08.2023 for meals taken 26/06/23 to 21/07/23.

Direct debit statements may be sent, by email, slightly later than the 15th of the month if this D/D fails, there will then be a second attempted collection on 15.08.2023. Usual 15th of the month collections:

Usual collection will take place for meals taken 01/07/23 to 31/07/23.

Direct debit statements will be sent on the usual date of 01/08/23.

There will be no recollection should this direct debit fail.

### How to make future Payments

You can make a payment online by logging on to your SG account and clicking [account] - [make a card payment] or by contacting customer care on 01942 707709 (option 1).

We ask that all School meal accounts are kept in credit at all times. Any meals taken will be deducted from your remaining credit.

If a meal is taken with no credit on your account, a polite reminder will be sent to you by email. If a maximum of three meals has been taken and no payment has been made then we will not be able to supply further school meals until the balance is cleared.



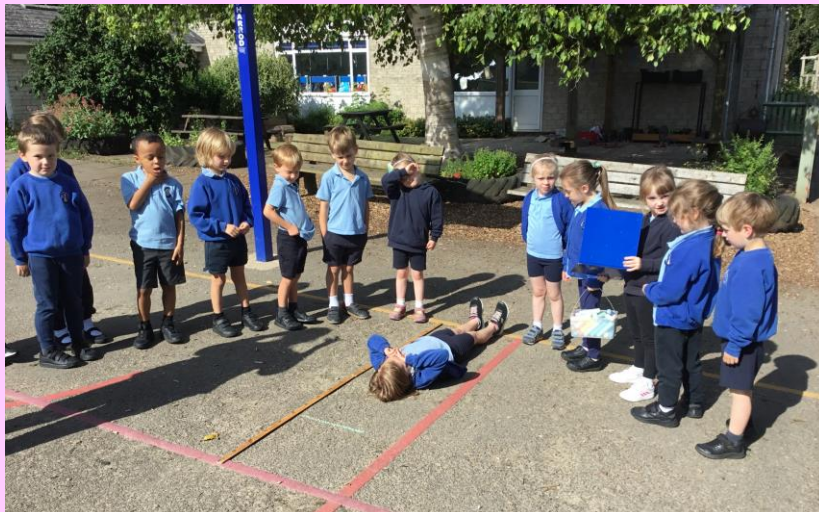
## Acorn Class

Acorns have had a busy and varied week:

### Splatter painting



### Measuring



### Trying honey on toast (some for the first time!)





# Sycamore Class

Sycamores have been making finger puppets





## Maple Class

Maples have been making bee mobiles





# Willow Class

Willows have been loose watercolour painting



# Oak class

## Sailing at Farmoor Reservoir, a report from Poppy, Gracie and Lily B:

On the 3rd of July, all the year 6 class went sailing at Farmoor Reservoir as their end of school trip. Some of us arrived in The Barton bus whilst some of us went in Mrs.Griffin's and Mr.Smith's car. We went with Mr.Smith, Mrs.Griffin, Mrs.Hogan and Mrs.Mortimer.

LilyB: "I thought it was really fun, but a bit terrifying because one of the instructors was on a speed boat speeding past us which created waves almost knocking us over."

PoppyE: "I really enjoyed it apart from the fact it was so cold, but when we got in it was actually quite warm."

DexterS: "It was interesting and fun to try a new thing as our end of school trip. It was very fun watching everyone else fall in."

BrodieB: "I enjoyed being towed by the boat because it was fun because Harley kept rocking the boat and it was fun when the instructors went past on their boat and made massive waves."

RileyH: "I really enjoyed the food in Mr.Smith's car and I really enjoyed the waves. I thought it was very cold and very scary".

HarryB: "The massive waves were very fun but we almost got tipped over and got very wet clothes. Bringing the boats back to land was very hard as we had to vigorously keep the boat going."

Harley: "It was very cold and the water was warm. It was nice eating in the car with Dexter and Riley. It was very hard to paddle the boat. I thought it was very fun."







### Dojo points

Acorn – Steil

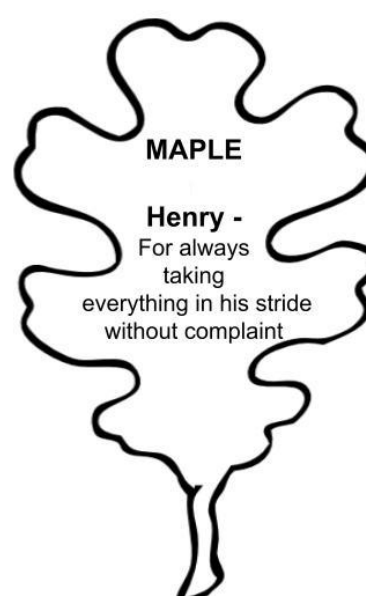
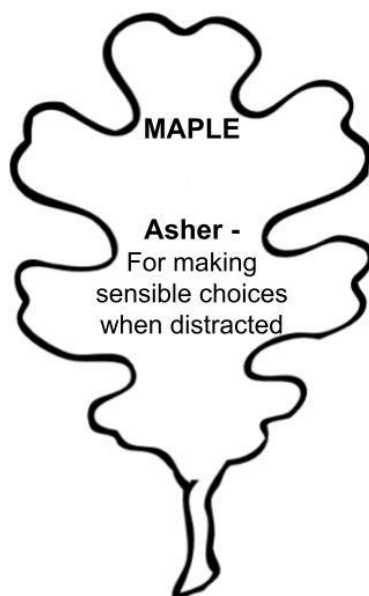
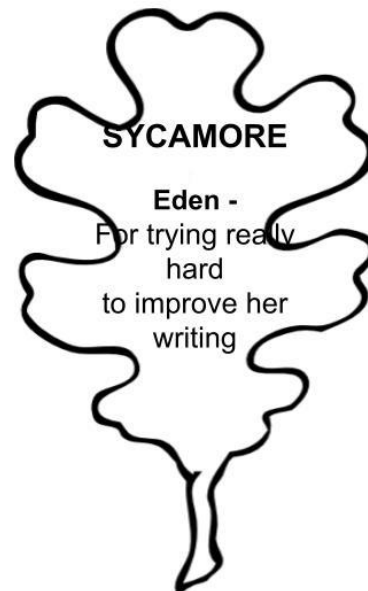
Sycamore – Albie

Maple – Nate

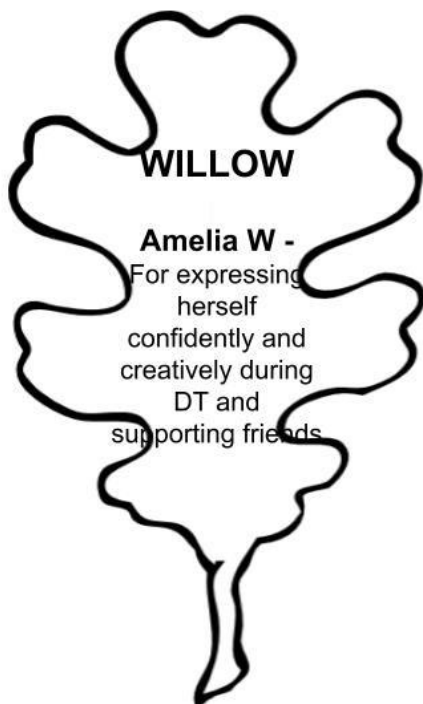
Willow – Freddie

Oak - Rory

## 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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