



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Head's News

An absolutely fabulous start to the school year! I cannot believe how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines. They have just amazed us all. 😊

Our Year 6s have been thinking about their new responsibilities and taking them very seriously. So far, we have talked about how they are responsible for setting up the hall for assemblies, running the library at lunchtimes and helping with the younger children at lunchtimes. Some of them have even been to see me about running a 'storytelling' club at lunchtime for the younger children. At the other end of the school our new Reception children have settled so well. They have just amazed me with how they have embraced everything new. I think there may be a few tired children (and staff) this weekend!

Healthy Snack

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are all provided with a healthy snack by the school- this is a variety of fruit or vegetable. If your child would like to bring in their own healthy snack then they are more than welcome. From Years 3-6 the children need to bring in their own healthy snack for break times. As we are working towards our Eco-award, we ask that the snacks are not wrapped in lots of packaging.

Below are some examples:

Fruit

Vegetables

Savoury rice cakes

Cheese

Savoury crackers

Bread sticks

Savoury popcorn

Savoury sandwich/wrap

School uniform

The children have all come back looking very smart in their uniform. Attached is a copy of the uniform list- the only change that has been made is that we ask that all children have waterproof trousers, a waterproof coat and wellies in school (including KS2) at all times. Just to remind you all that the only piece of clothing that must have a logo is the school jumper and that the blue polo shirt can also be worn for PE.

The Hive

As you may know over the past year the Old School House, which formerly housed the library, was refurbished. We are glad to say it is now up and running! This space is being used for various purposes, including where Mrs Saxby will be running groups and 1:1 sessions. Mrs Saxby has worked her magic and turned it into a lovely calm space where the children spend time with her. It also has a meeting room space and a small kitchen downstairs. This will be available to see when we have our first open afternoon.

Open afternoon

Last year the open afternoons were a great success and the children loved 'showing off' all of their learning. This year we will be continuing with these. There are 4 spread out across the year but we have decided to tag on a little extra! The whole school will be open for families to visit as before, but we have decided that at the end of the day that each class will be holding a cake sale at some point in the year (more information to follow). We will be asking the families of the chosen class to provide cakes to sell to the whole school at the end of the day. All the money raised will then go to that class and they will be given the responsibility to spend the money raised on something to enhance their classroom. This is to help children understand the value of money!!

I feel this may get a little competitive!

Governors

Our School Governing Body is looking for new members. They are a friendly group who help to strategically support the school so it can improve and develop. No past experience is necessary as there are opportunities for any training required. If you would be interested in supporting the school in this then either contact myself or one of our current Governors.

Ali Umney & Rachel Houghton (Chairs)-

aumney@middlebartonschool.org/ rhoughton@middlebartonschool.org

Patrick Hunter (Parent)

Claire Hague (Parent)

Fiona Probert (Community)

Bex White (Parent)

Steve Bryan (Parent)

Emma Merry (Staff)

<https://www.middlebartonschool.org/governors/>

Dates for the diary

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

Friday 8th September- Maples- meet the teacher 3.15pm-3.45pm

Friday 8th September- The Fox- Community event- in the hall

Monday 11th September- Acorns- meet the teacher- 3.15pm-3.45pm

Friday 15th September- Football Club starts

Monday 18th September - Whole school- individual and class photographs

Wednesday 20th September- Year 5 (nominated children)- CNPS School Games Crew training- 12.30pm-3.00pm

Wednesday 20th September- Reception- Introduction to Early Years meeting- 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 27th September- Year 5/6 (nominated children)- CNPS Under 11 football tournament - 2.30pm- 4.45pm

Friday 29th September- Year 6- Junior Citizens (in school time)

Monday 2nd October- Year 5 (nominated children)- CNPS DT AIMS workshop - 3.35pm- 5.15pm

Friday 6th October- FOMBS Disco

Tuesday 10th October- Open afternoon (WHOLE SCHOOL)- 2.30pm-3.00pm

Tuesday 10th October- Oaks cake sale- 3.00pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 11th October- CNPS Boccia (nominated children)- 2.45pm-4.45pm

Monday 16th October- Friday 20th October- Parent meetings

Friday 20th October- Flu immunisations- all children

Morning Run – from Wendy Denby

Welcome back to Morning Run! And welcome to anyone who does not know about it yet!

Before school, the track is open to everybody to complete laps. These laps done by the pupils are counted up and once a child has completed 78 laps, they are awarded a certificate because they will have run a Half Marathon!

Parents, carers, grandparents, pre-schoolers and others are welcome to join in, but usually only the children are awarded certificates. You can jog, walk, run, skip, or a combination of these, so long as everybody takes care of other track users.

Half a marathon is a distance of 13 miles, and after that you can continue to a whole marathon: 26 miles (156 laps) or more! The Morning Run is only usually closed if there is too much rain or snow, or the track is too slippery with ice... and we carry on until the end of the year in July!

So just come along whichever days you like and make sure to tell the person with the hooter your name so I can record your laps. Every lap counts to a healthier, happier, more motivated child – and every one of you is capable of completing it with persistence – just keep turning up. If you walk one lap a day, you will have walked 78 laps by the end of January to receive your certificate! You can do it!

Morning Run - Week 1

Well done to everybody who has tried out Morning Run this week! I am so pleased to say that half the school has completed laps of the track! We have been doing Morning Run since before COVID (with interruptions to certain years, of course) and so many pupils who have been before are happy to come back, showing younger ones what it is all about... and so many Acorns and new starters have also been to have a try! What an excellent start to the year!

Special mentions:

Amazing Acorns: Ivan, Indy, Fred, Steil, Jack, Annabelle W, Rowan, Ben, Riley, Axel, Molly and Albie C-D.

Marvellous Maples: Albie L, Xander, Jayden, Noah, Reggie, Millie J, Isla, Tom D, Elise, Nell, Sienna, Layla, Teddy and Georgia.

Wonderful Willows: Henry L, Nate F, Freddie C, Alfie A, Toby, James, Asher, Harley, Alfie W-S, Alex and Archie J.

Oh-my-goodness Oaks: Billy, Annabelle M, Mollie, Katherine, Stanley, Archie A, Jozef, Juno, Leá, Archie H, Finlay, Roxy, Freddie N and Nate B-G.

Star of the Week: Orlaith B (reception year).

See you next week for more Morning Run!

Welcome to The Hive!



The Library



Welcome to our new children in Acorn Class



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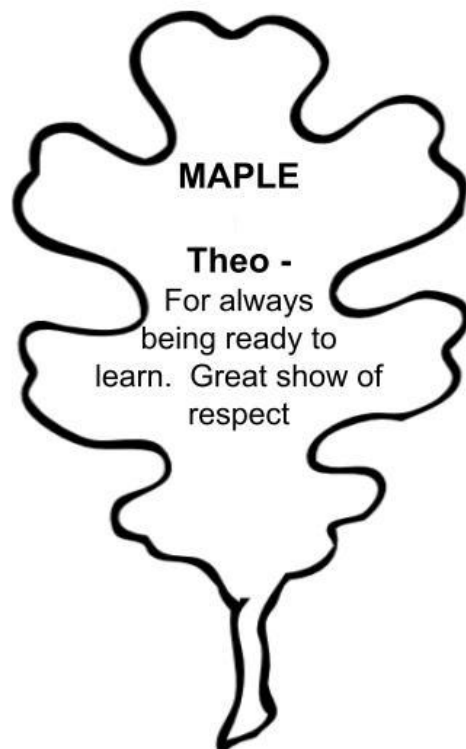
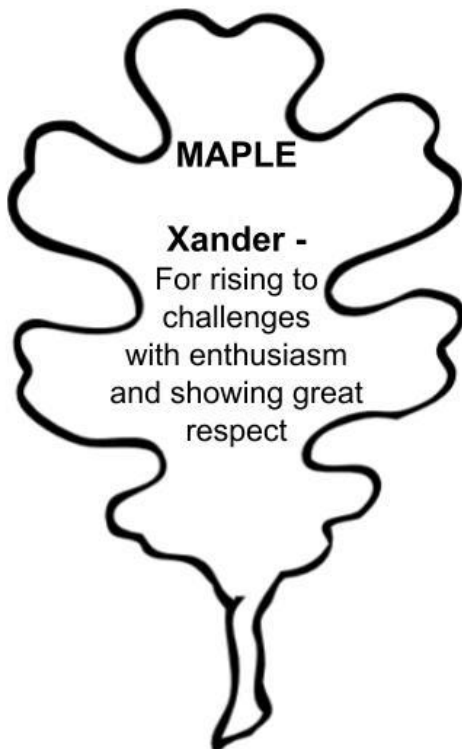
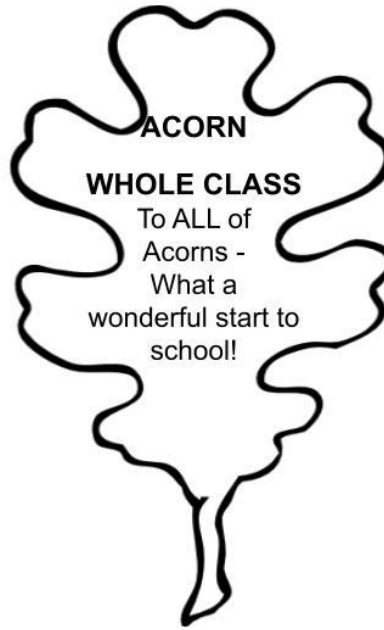
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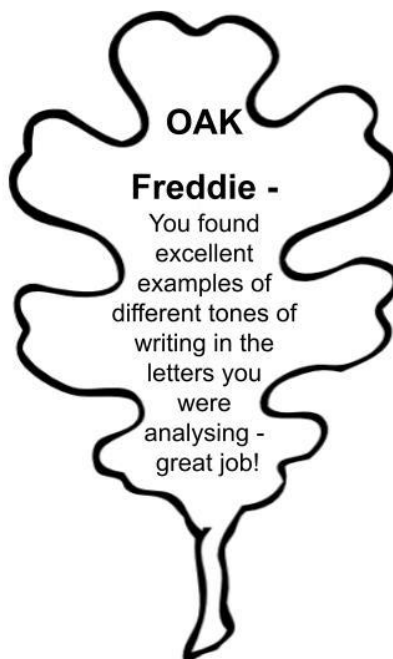
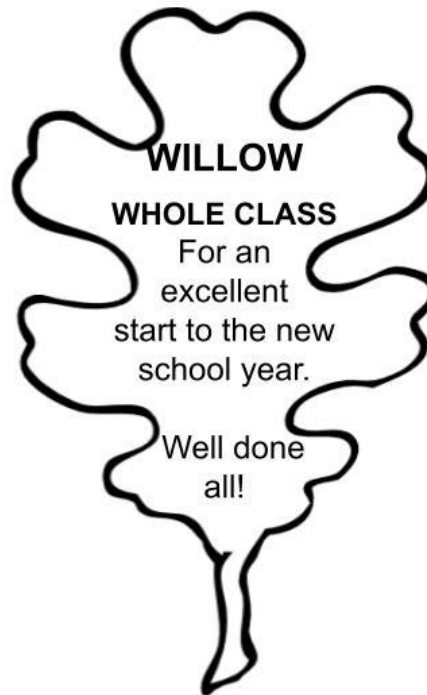
Maple – Nell

Willow - Eva

Oak - Finlay

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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