



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Head's News

Another great week in school with lots of learning going on inside and outside. Most clubs have begun this week and for such a small school we are so glad to be able to offer such a variety. This often relies on staff and volunteers giving up their own time, so we really appreciate this support.

We have added an additional Inset Day to the calendar- Monday 8th January. This is a Trust wide training day for all staff. It has been agreed by our Governors and The River Learning Trust. This is an addition to the others already shared with you. We are sorry if it causes any inconvenience and we hope we have given you enough notice to make arrangements if necessary.

This week's assembly

In the news this week

In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats. Parents, guardians, or other adults supervising children could be subject to a fine of up to \$200 (£130) if they do not comply. In the UK, currently, there is no legal requirement for anyone using rivers and seas for leisure purposes to wear a lifejacket/personal flotation device (PFD).

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of lifejackets. Have you ever been required to wear one? Where were you? Did everyone wear them?
- Can you make a list of all the times you think lifejackets should be worn?
- Do you feel there should be laws in place to ensure people wear lifejackets on boats at sea? If so, do you believe they should apply to everyone?

Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?

Acorns

The Acorns have been very busy this week and really getting to grips with their routines and expectations. The Year 1s have been a brilliant support for our new Reception children. Recently in the outdoor sandpit we had noticed that there had been a visitor or two. It turns out that it is a friendly squirrel, so the class have been doing some work with Mrs Horner and made some Squirrel food in outdoor learning.

Maples

Place value has been the main focus in Maths this week and they have all been working really hard. They have also spent time learning their 3 times table through a very catchy song! They have also been writing their own song lyrics in Music.

Willows

In Reading they have started looking at their class novel 'Spy Master'. In Writing they have been researching their history topic on the Tudors and are working towards writing a non-chronological report.

Oaks

The class have begun reading their novel 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. In Art they have started their work on manga and learnt about the changes from Katsushika to Osamu Tezuka. I was very impressed and I hope to see some lovely artwork in our gallery very soon.

Have a lovely weekend

Dates for the diary

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

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

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

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

Friday 20th October- Flu immunisations- all children

FOMBS

Welcome back to an exciting term with your friendly school committee FOMBS!

Friends of Middle Barton School hosts a variety of events throughout the year to raise money for items to enhance your children's school life, including transporting the children to trips, providing sports equipment, little treats at Christmas, and other things such as the outdoor benches for the Acorn class garden, and the running track around the school field.

You can help us by supporting our events, some of which are for the children (our forthcoming Welcome Disco) and some of which are for adults such as our Quiz night, and some for everybody such as the Fireworks Night in November.

Sometimes we need helpers to run a stall, and we are also looking for parents or carers to join our committee to help plan events and maybe bring us new ideas! You can contact Liz A, Wendy D, Jenny E and others in the playground, and Mrs Walker and Mrs Merry in school if you have any questions or would like further information.

FOMBS also has an email address: fombs1@gmail.com where we will answer any questions.

FOMBS Welcome Disco Friday 6th October

Preschool to Year 3, including young siblings, 5.30pm – 6.30pm (accompanied by an adult)

Years 4 - 6 (can be dropped off and collected at the end) 6.45pm – 8pm

Tickets £3 per child for entry. There will be drinks and tuck shop food available to buy.

Car Boot Sale Sunday 1st October in school grounds from 11am

Have a pitch to sell craft items, plants, second hand items that you no longer need.

£10 per car for sellers. Free entry to buyers on foot. Light refreshments available. Book your pitch in the school office with a non-refundable £5 cash deposit, pay the remainder on the day (also cash).



Eco-Schools Green Flag Award



This year our focus is on working towards the Green Flag Award as part of Eco Schools. Here is some information:

Eco-Schools is a charitable organisation that encourages students to protect their school and the wider environment through accomplishing eco-challenges along a journey towards the award of their ultimate accolade, a Green Flag Award. Involvement of every member of the school community is essential to raise awareness of environmental issues through planning and running the eco-projects in school and currently, over 19.5 million students around the world are engaged with Eco-Schools.

It is the world's largest schools' environmental programme and pupils taking part can learn about everything from litter and biodiversity to energy and global citizenship.

The programme is open to all schools from nurseries to sixth forms. For schools to reach the internationally recognised Green Flag standard, they must follow a seven-step framework that requires them to cover environmental topics in the classroom and make their school grounds more sustainable.

Seven Steps Overview:

1. **Eco Committee** - An Eco-Committee is a group of young people who, with the support of one or more adult Eco-Coordinators, lead the Eco-Schools programme in the school. The Eco-Committee will meet regularly throughout the academic year, plan and deliver environmental projects, and inspire their schoolmates and wider school community.
2. **Environmental Review** - A set of fact-finding questions linked to the Eco-Schools topics that have been designed to help the Eco Committee understand the environmental work the school is already doing, whilst inspiring further student-led actions.
3. **Action Plan** – the Eco Committee plans and delivers plans and projects for up to 3 of the Eco topics to work on during the academic year.
4. **Curriculum Links** – including environmental education linked to the topics in the learning throughout the year.
5. **Informing and Involving** – engaging the whole school and its community in eco projects and action.
6. **Monitoring and Evaluation** – assessing the impact of the projects, providing a platform to build on.
7. **Eco Code** – a whole-school promise to protect the planet, reflecting the work the Eco Committee has completed in the Action Plan during the school year.

What we will be doing at Middle Barton School:

- Mrs Horner is our Eco Co-ordinator and will be recording all the information on our Eco projects as evidence to apply for the Green Flag
- forming an Eco Committee - 2 representatives from each year group
- Updates in the Newsletter with a weekly focus
- carry out energy monitoring within school
- making a commitment to help the planet
- taking part in at least three eco projects each year

If this is something that you have a keen interest in and would like to get more involved, please let us know in the office. Look out for our updates!

Morning Run

Well done to everybody who has persisted with running their laps in the mornings before school!

Morning Run is an opportunity for every child to get active and have a personal challenge that it is possible to complete with some dedication. Anybody can join in at any time, take their time to build up their laps and enjoy a little exercise before school ... if you do a little often, your total will build up steadily. Fifty-seven children have participated this week and Acorn class have fielded the most people – seventeen! Followed by Willow Class with 16, Oak class with 14 and Maples had ten runners.

Astonishing Acorns: Oliver, Indy, Brâm, Axel, Steil, Ivan, Orlaith Bo, Albie C-D, Jacob, Pippa, Ben, Fred, Orlaith Ba, Rowan, Riley, Ramona and Jack.

Magnificent Maples: Isla, Albie L, Reggie, Noah, Xander, Jayden, Theo, Tom and Teddy.

Wowser Willows: Asher, Harley, Nate F, Henry L, Alfie A, Toby, Archie J, Mia, James, Freddie, Alex, Jane, Charlie, Samuel, Archie M and Elouise.

Outstanding Oaks: Jozef, Juno, Billy, Katherine, Stanley, Mollie, Nate B-G, Ruby, Leá, Thomas, Archie A, Roxy, Annabelle M and Archie H.

Star of the Week: Millie

Keep up the good work, everybody!

Acorn

Enjoying Forest School



Maple

Writing their own lyrics to a song of their choice



Willow

States of matter



Oak

Down by the pond



Dojo points

Acorn – Ramona

Maple – Wren

Willow – Harley

Oak - Juno

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.

Values Leaves

