



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Head's News

I would like to start off this week's Newsletter by saying thank you to all of you who attended our Open Afternoon. The children thrive on showing any visitor what they are learning in school and it is a great opportunity for all our visitors to get an insight into the curriculum that is delivered at Middle Barton.

Coming up next week we have parent meetings, so if you haven't booked yet please do so. If you are struggling to book, please let us know so we can book you in. This is a good opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled in, how they are getting on in different subjects, what you can do to support them and what their current attendance is. It is also a chance for you to ask their class teacher any questions. I will be around each evening if you would like to chat about anything.

This year we are using the main entrance and the library area as a waiting space and a place where you can look at the children's books while you are waiting for your appointment. The meetings will then be held in Maples and Willows classroom.

This week's attendance: **97.87** (We have had a couple of days this week where we have had a full house!)

Assembly



In the news this week

October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics, and health care.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you already know and understand about Black History Month in the UK.
- > This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. What are some of the ways that you think we could do this?

Personal Development

DEFINITION- The curriculum provided by schools should extend beyond the academic, technical or vocational. Schools support pupils to develop in many diverse aspects of life.

This term's Personal Development opportunities:

Forest School/Outdoor Learning for all classes

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Choir

D&T Workshop at Chipping Norton School

Art Club

Start of Black History Month

Sports Training (Cross country)

Eco club

Yoga sessions

Football club

Private piano/guitar lessons

Year 6 children running and lunch time story club

Open the book club

U11 Football Tournament

Year 6- Junior Citizens

Open Afternoon

Oaks Cake sale

2x children attended Service children's pupil's voice event at RAF Brize Norton

Next week:

Under 9 and Under 11- cross country competition- selected children

Curriculum

Acorn class

The class has been reading Leaf Man this week. They have learned new vocabulary- orchard, geese, turkey, squash. They have also spent time retrieving information from the text- Where did Leaf Man go?

In Outdoor Learning, they went on a 'windy' autumn walk today and then had hot chocolate. Reception have continued with Squiggle while you Wiggle and have worked on creating circles. In Science. Year 1 have been looking at different objects made of different materials and how they can be sorted.

Maple class

In Maths the class have been working on subtraction and have also started working on adding 3 digit and 2 digit numbers. They have finished their Biographies and have spent the rest of the week editing and improving their work.

Willow class

I know the children have been enjoying their history topic on the Tudors. Recently, they have learnt about crime and punishment, which I think was a particularly popular topic! In English, they have started to look at poetry and have learnt about the use of figurative language and descriptive language to create an image.

Oak class

Their poems are really coming along and have spent some time this week editing and improving. In Maths, they have been learning BIDMAS (ordering operations) and today they have started learning about equivalent fractions and simplifying. Well done to the class for hosting the first class cake sale, where they raised £158.00 to spend on something for their classroom!

Dates for the Diary

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

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

Wednesday 18th October – Year 4/5/6 (nominated children) CNPS cross country – 2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 18th October – NO AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB

Friday 20th October- Flu immunisations- all children

Wednesday 1st November- children return to school after half term – all clubs will restart on this date

Monday 6th- Friday 10th November- Year 6 residential visit to Yenworthy

Morning run

This week we have another certificate to celebrate – Henry L has completed his Half Marathon! Well done to you! Over sixty pupils (and six Pre-schoolers!) have run laps this week, despite the damper cooler weather and the total distance run by the school has increased to 335 miles (this week's data not included as it takes time to calculate so we often work a week behind with the totals).

Acorn class 353 laps 59 miles

Maple class 498 laps 83 miles

Willow class 536 laps 90 miles

Oak class 618 laps 103 miles

Total Laps 2005 Total Miles 335

It must be mentioned that for an Acorn class this is an immense achievement, and the other classes are all setting a great example too. Each and every class fields a good set of athletes every week - keep up the good work everybody!

Special mentions: Orlaith Ba, Albie L, Millie, Archie M, Isabelle B, Mia, Finlay and Erin.

Helpful to other track users: Ivan

Acorn Stars: Ramona and Axel

Maple Stars: Jayden and Georgia

Willow Stars: Asher and Alice

Oak Stars: Juno and Thomas

Star of the Week: Harley

FOMBS

Exciting News! Tickets for our Fireworks Night will shortly be on sale for pre-ordering via the school office: watch out for a slip in your child's bookbag!

The event will take place on Thursday 2nd November and the school gates will open at 6pm, with the firework display at 6.45pm.

There will be hotdogs, drinks, a bar, sweets and other treats on sale!

This is a big fund-raising event in our calendar so please try to support us, and any offers of help on a stall or as a fire marshal will be gratefully received! Contact Vicky Walker in the office, or email fombs1@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Save the date - Wednesday 15th November at 8pm at school.

Come and enjoy wine and nibbles whilst we tell you exactly what FOMBS has been raising money for and spending it on to benefit our children.

Our long-standing Chair Rebekah (whose children have now left the school) will be standing down, as well as secretary Wendy so if anyone would like more information in advance about how they could step into either of those roles, please speak to Wendy on the playground, Vicky in the office or email fombs1@gmail.com with your questions, or any other queries you have about the committee. There will also be spaces for additional non-specific committee members, but please remember that it is a legal requirement for a charity like FOMBS to have the three officers in place (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) so if we cannot fill these roles it is likely that FOMBS will have to close down and henceforth our children will be unable to experience school trips and visits, Christmas treats and extra-curricular resources. Many thanks.

Service children's Pupil Voice event

We were invited to send children from our school to this exciting event, bringing together Service children from across the county to share their experiences, hear their voices and have some fun. Finlay and an invited friend, Jozef, attended the day and here is their report:

On Friday we went to the activity day for service children at RAF Brize Norton, along with children from other schools in the county. Our first activity was we had to write our names in bubble writing and wrote stuff about ourselves inside the writing. The next activity was a man called Clive who did some poetry about our parents departing for the armed forces.

Then it was lunch when we had a buffet and there was so much food (yum) and cakes.

Afterwards we got shown around a fire truck that fired a torrent of water out of its cannon and it had really big wheels. Soon after we sat on a bench ... that had a huge WASPS NEST! Thousands in seconds. Jozef didn't get stung but Finlay got stung on the ear. We needed to leave early but we went in a RAF POLICE VAN!!! Jozef and Finlay got to sit in the front, then they drove in sirens blazing and accidentally interrupted the assembly.



Acorn Class

Autumn leaves



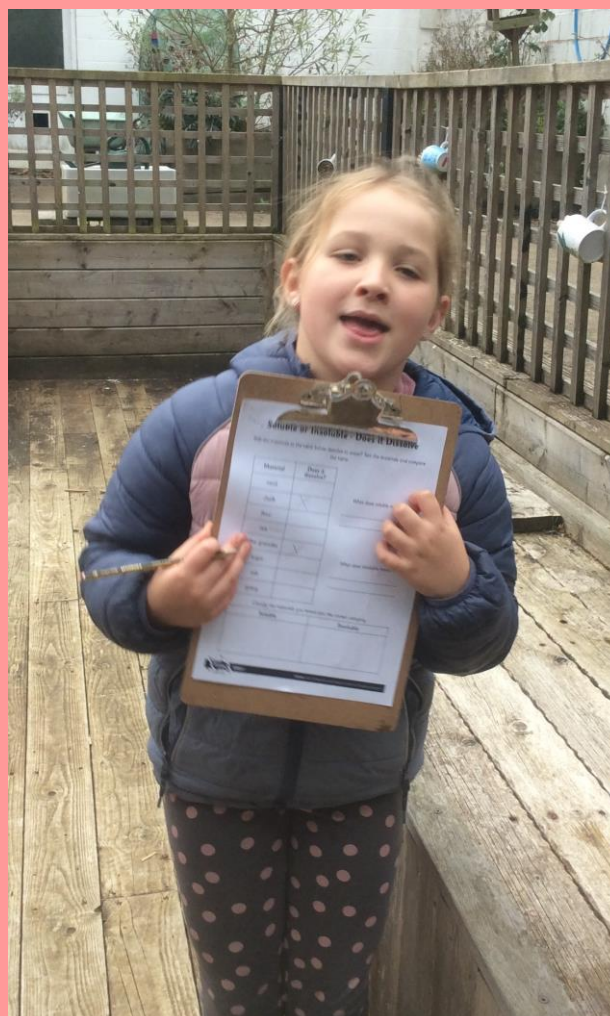
Maple Class

Stone age painting using natural tools



Willow Class

Solutions – seeing what is soluble and dissolves



Oak Class

Planting bulbs for Spring



Dojo points

Acorn – Sandali

Maple - Layla

Willow – Archie

Oak - Nate

Values leaves





WILLOW

Archie M -

Your
descriptive
sentences for
your poem
were
amazing



OAK

Amelia -

You've shown
brilliant work
ethic and worked
hard on your poem



OAK

Gabbie -

For being
enthusiastic
about your art and
applying what
you've learnt
at home

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.