



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Head's News

I can't believe we are at half term already but I know the children (and staff) are ready for it! They have all worked so hard in this first term and it is so lovely to see so many of them already making great progress.

Thank you to everyone who attended parent meetings this week. I hope you found them informative and have an insight into the learning that is going on in school. If you do have any further questions or are unsure about anything that was talked about, please let us know.

We have had great sporting success this week. Our Under 9 and Under 11 Cross Country Teams went to Chipping Norton School in the rain and wind, but powered through with great success. Our Under 11 girls came 2nd, Under 11 boys came 8th, Under 9 boys came 2nd and Under 9 girls came 3rd. A big thank you to Finlay who stepped in at the last minute to help out the Under 11 boys. Please read Katherine and Mollie's account of the event.



Well done to all of the children who have had their flu vaccination today. They were all very brave and so polite to the nurses who administered them. 😊

A big thank you to Lynda Webb who has spent the afternoon with our children singing and enthusing them with her musical expertise.

Thank you to all of those children who entered the competition to design and create the poster for the 'turning on of the Christmas lights'. We have our winners: 1st- Sally (Acorns), 2nd- Gwennie (Oaks), 3rd- Rose (Oaks) and Noah and Theo (Maples). Special commendations go to: Roxy (Oaks), Juno (Oaks), Erin (Oaks) and Georgie (Willows). Isabelle B's (Willows) picture will be used to advertise the Crib Service for the church.

Attendance (5th September - October 20th): **97.27** (slightly lower than last week)

Assembly



In the news this week

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special?
- How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered?

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 AIM

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

Open the book club

Year 6 children running and lunch time story club

U11 Football Tournament

Year 6- Junior Citizens

Open Afternoon

Oaks Cake sale

2x children attended Service children's Pupil Voice event at RAF Brize Norton

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

Lynda Webb - Music workshop

Dates for the diary:

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

Wednesday 1st November- children return to school after half term – Art club and Open the Book will restart on this date – NO TEAM SPORTS CLUB TODAY

Thursday 2nd November- Team sports club for Y5/6: netball

Thursday 2nd November- FOMBS fireworks 6.00pm

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

Morning Run

We are very pleased to present four more certificates for completing a Half Marathon – these go to Millie, Noah, Mollie V, Stanley and Katherine! Well done!

This week saw sixty participants again, including two 'new' starters this year in Morning Run – welcome Oliver R and Amelie! The crazy weather is not stopping anybody from continuing their personal challenge.

Special mentions: Orlaith Bo, Rowan, Lucy, Fred, Molly, Ivan, Tom, Charlie, Jane, Alex, Toby, Alfie W-S, Roxy and Finlay.

Acorn Stars: Orlaith Ba and Albie C-D

Maple Stars: Teddy and Isabella

Willow Stars: Alfie A and Mia

Oak Stars: Leá and Samuel

Star of the Week: Alice

Congratulations to all those athletes who represented Middle Barton School at the Partnership Schools Cross Country competition at Chipping Norton on Wednesday! There were many excellent individual performances and a real sense of team spirit. All the training has paid off because the U11 girls team finished 2nd out of ten teams, the U9 girls and U9 boys teams finished 4th and the U11 boys finished 8th. Special thanks to Finlay and Archie A who stepped in when there were not enough U11 boys to make up the team. This meant that overall Middle Barton School was placed 4th (out of 10 schools) in the results table – and in the small schools section we came 2nd! Podium finish for our excellent runners - fantastic news!

CNPS Cross Country run

A report by Mollie and Katherine

Middle Barton primary school did so well in the race.

The under nine girls came 3rd

The under nine boys came 2nd

The under 11 girls came 2nd

The under 11 boys came 8th

They all tried so hard, especially because of the rain and wind! Some of the under 11 boys had to step in suddenly because some didn't want to go.

The under nine boys and girls ran one and a half laps of the Chipping Norton field. Under 11 girls and boys ran 2 laps. Very impressive! They are all super runners at long distance and were amazingly well behaved!

We did extremely well this year because we had a cross country training club after school on a Wednesday.

The teachers who trained us in the running club were: Mr Smith and Mrs Griffin. Thanks to all the people who helped us go.

Dojo points

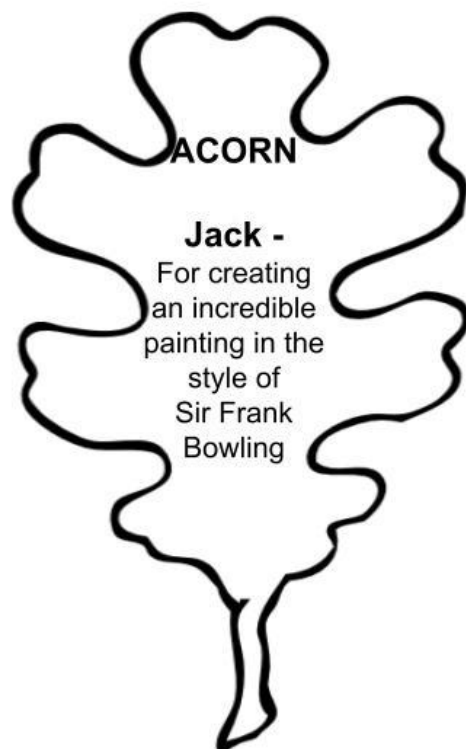
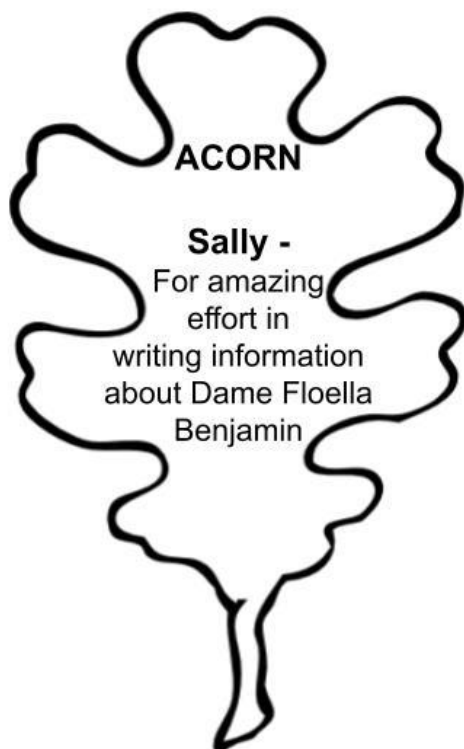
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Willow – Mia

Maple - Georgia

Oak - Leá

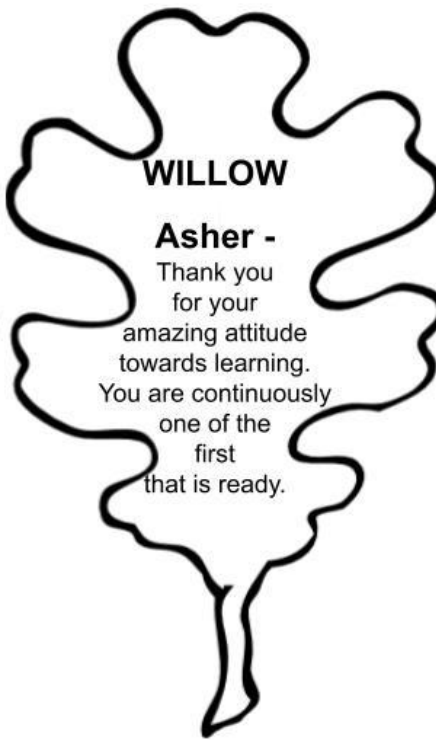
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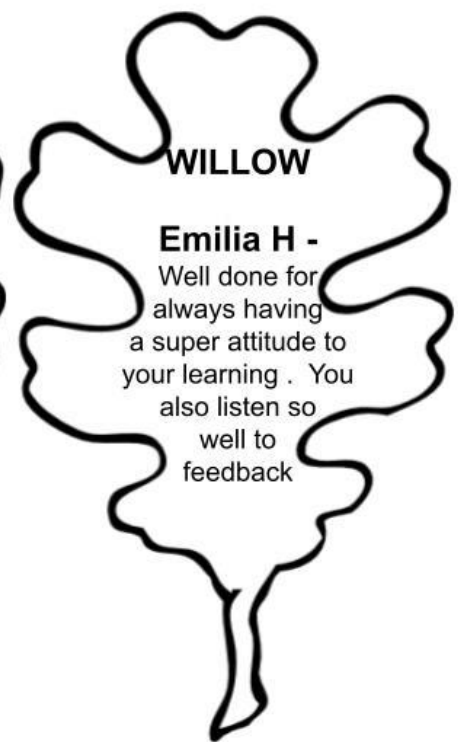
MAPLE

Millie -
For her
enthusiastic
attitude towards
her writing



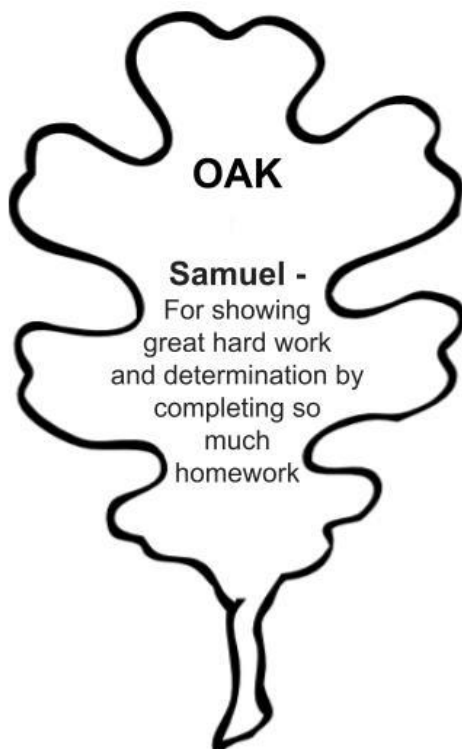
WILLOW

Asher -
Thank you
for your
amazing attitude
towards learning.
You are continuously
one of the
first
that is ready.



WILLOW

Emilia H -
Well done for
always having
a super attitude to
your learning . You
also listen so
well to
feedback



OAK

Samuel -
For showing
great hard work
and determination by
completing so
much
homework



OAK

Finlay -
For stepping
up to help the cross
country team.

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.