



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Head's News

It has been a lovely week in school and it has also been a little bit drier! The sun has been out, but winter is definitely on its way. Please make sure the children have a coat every day and it may be a good idea to start to think about gloves and hats too!

Our Year 6 children had the most amazing week last week at Yenworthy Lodge, which is located close to Lynton, high on the Exmoor coast. They have written a supplement to this week's newsletter so please see the attachment. The instructors were very complimentary about our children. They were very impressed with how they coped with the outdoors, the weather (rain, high winds and cold!), their ability to tackle new challenges and their teamwork. The school adults were very impressed that they slept all night and even had to be woken up!!

This week's attendance: **96.69% WHOLE SCHOOL**

#### Assembly

A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon. The robot is in its first few weeks of trials at Amazon's facility in Seattle, USA, as the company tries to improve automation in its processes. To begin with, the robot is being taught to pick up and move empty boxes to ensure that they are ready for reuse. The yellow boxes, or totes, are used throughout the company's fulfilment process.

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

- > Do you think that robots will be used more and more in workplaces and homes? If so, what do you feel they will be used for? Why?
- > Make a list of jobs that you think robots would be good at and a list of those that you think people will always be needed for.

#### Curriculum

##### Acorn class

Acorn class this week has been reading the book 'A bird's eye view'. This book is all about a bird crossing all around the world. In Outdoor Learning, the class has been making bird feeders out of apples or pears, berries and sunflower seeds.

##### Maple class

In English, they have been writing about Middle Barton. In Maths, the class has learning about inverse operations and how they can be used to help solve calculations. They have also begun learning about multiplication using arrays.

##### Willow class

In English, I visited a lesson this week where the children were editing and writing up their letters as if they were Martine, a character from their reading text. I really noticed a great improvement in presentation and the children taking great pride in their work.

##### Oak class

They have been reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. They have also begun writing a diary, so I look forward to reading those.

#### Personal Development

Year 6 Residential - Yenworthy

Year 5/6 Street Dance workshop

## Dates for the diary

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

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – CNPS Netball Tournament – selected children

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – CNPS Sports Hall Athletics – selected children

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1-3.30pm - Year 5 to see Shrek at Bloxham School

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1.15-4.15pm – CN Pantomime visit for whole school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day for Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Santa Run for Katherine House Hospice

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-3pm – Acorn Nativity to parents

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch for all children

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4.30-5pm – Acorn Nativity to parents

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30-11.30am – Christmas concert for parents

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm – Carols for the Community

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – end of term

## FOMBS

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday. FOMBS is pleased to announce that several people volunteered for places on the committee and also as trustees to keep our charity status.

This week FOMBS is saying thank you and goodbye to our outgoing Chair Becs, Secretary Wendy, members Kelly and Sally, and our founding Trustee and charity advisor Richard Brown MBE.

We welcome our co-chairs Lydia and Abigail, secretary Sam and members Ella and Susan, most of whom have also agreed to stand as trustees. Our treasurer Liz remains in post, along with committee members Jenny, Emma, Vicky, Zoe and Jess. We are very grateful that a number of parents and Grandparents have expressed an interest in helping at our forthcoming events and we always welcome any other support that families can offer. This puts FOMBS in a strong position going forward, securing fun events for the children and adults alike, and continuing to raise funds for extra provision for all the children in the school. Many thanks!

## Morning Run

This week, we are very glad to say that three more dedicated runners have gained their Half Marathon certificate! Congratulations to Archie M, Alfie A and Freddie C! What's more, we have had another person complete their whole Marathon! Well done to Albie L!

I'm giving a special mention to Acorn class as they have fielded the most participants out of all the classes and are showing great dedication, even though the weather is colder and wetter – well done!

Here are the lap totals and distance covered for each class:

Acorn class 529 laps 89 miles

Maple class 707 laps 118 miles

Willow class 808 laps 135 miles

Oak class 887 laps 148 miles

**Total laps 2931 laps Total = 490 miles Great effort, everybody!**

Special mentions: Archie J, Mia, Molly, Jayden, Henry, Millie, Asher, Ramona, Andrew, Juno, Riley, Annabelle M, Jacob, Stanley, Steil, Orlaith Ba, Orlaith Bo and Alex.

Helpful to other track users: Fred, Henry L

Acorn Stars: Lucy and Rowan

Maple Stars: Isla-Grace and Tom

Willow Stars: Harley and Alice

Oak Stars: Archie A and Leá

Star of the Week: Reggie



## Acorn class

### Making bird feeders





# Maple Class

## Compass directions and co-ordinates on the playground





# Willow Class

## Tin and string telephones!



## Dojo points

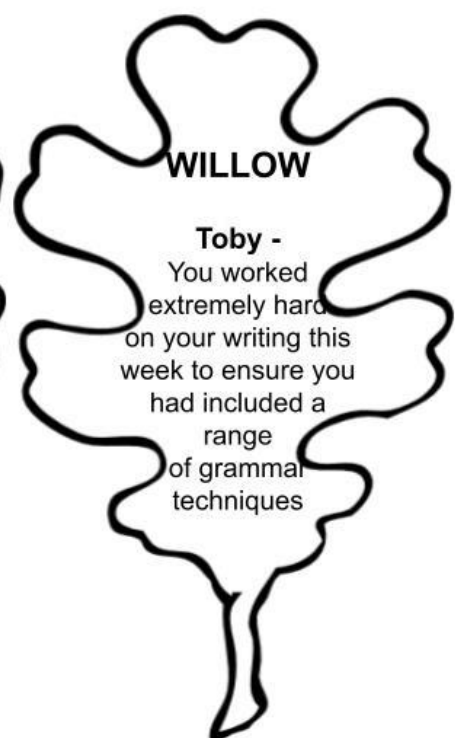
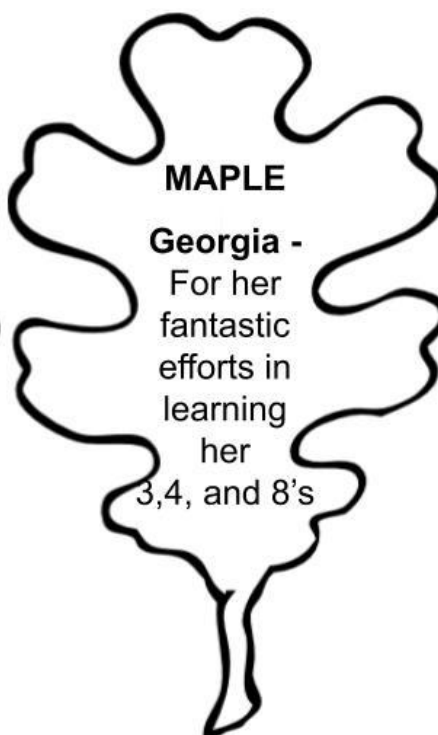
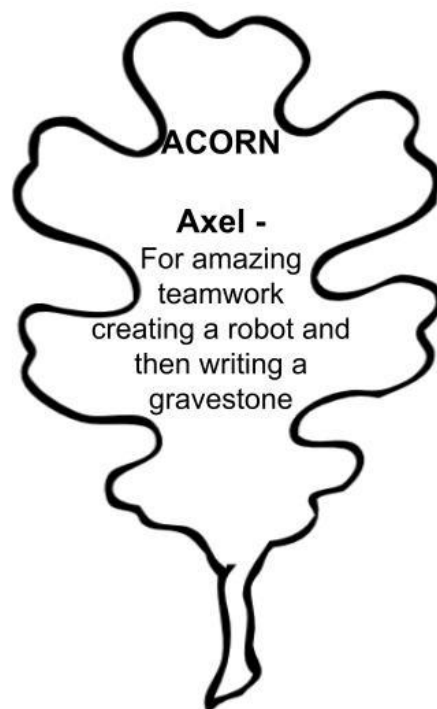
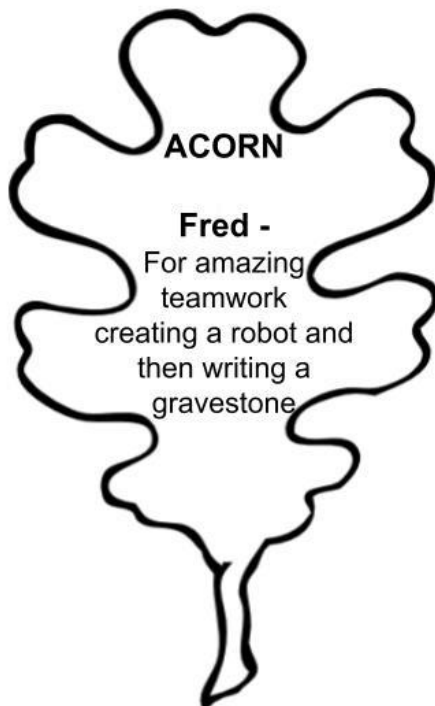
**Acorn – Ben & Ramona**

**Maple - Tom & Minnie**

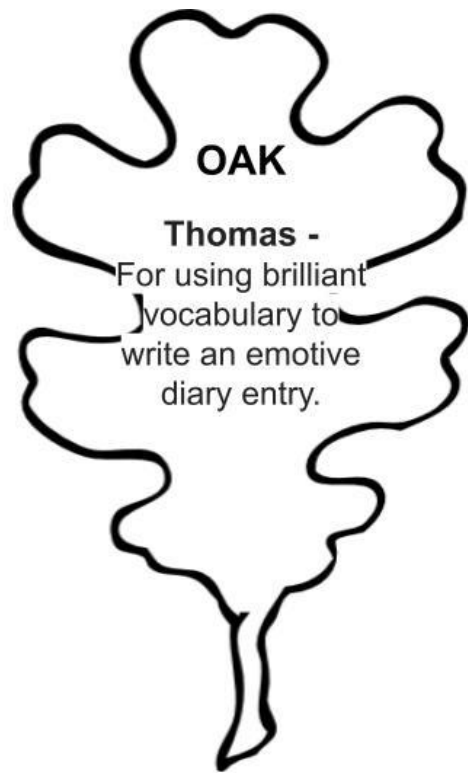
**Willow – Charlie**

**Oak - Tahlia**

## 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.