



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Head's News

We have a new sports kit!! We had a very kind donation from a member of the community along with some funding from FOMBS and were able to purchase long and short sleeved tops for team sporting events. The tops are school blue with the school name printed on the back. They made their debut at the Netball Festival this week and will be used for many future events. We are so grateful when people are able to donate to school, so thank you.

School uniform

Please can I remind everyone that we have a school uniform and school PE uniform that we ask all children to wear, unless they are taking part in Outdoor Learning or Forest School. As we are getting into the colder months, please make sure children are wearing suitable warm clothing. If the children would like to wear 'skins' or an alternative, please can these be worn under clothing so they are not visible. I always enjoy showing prospective parents around school and seeing them dressed in their smart school uniform makes me feel a very proud headteacher.

Each year we write a SIP (School Improvement Plan). This is decided by analysing many sources- data, surveys etc. This year's targets are:

- To ensure there is ambition for all in Maths and Writing to increase the % of children reaching the expected standard or above, so outcomes are inline or better than National standards.
- To increase the % of children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing, Maths, so that outcomes are inline or above National standards.
- To improve the quality of teaching and learning, so that pupils know and understand the purpose to their learning and develop their intellectual curiosity.

This week's attendance: 96.43%

We have had a slight dip this week due to illness- please make sure you contact the **OFFICE** if your child is absent from school.

Assembly

In the news this week

Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months. With cold weather continuing, charities and campaign groups are concerned that households face higher energy bills than last year. More than 12,000 warm banks were used by millions of Britons last winter in response to rising energy prices that worsened the UK's cost of living crisis. The scheme was set up by local councils, charities, and partner organisations.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > As well as warmth, what other benefits do you think warm spaces will provide for communities?
- > Can you think of any other ways that we can support each other during difficult times?

Curriculum

Acorn class

This week the class has been 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. They have used the text as an inspiration for so many areas of the curriculum. The Year 1s have been writing sentences about the settings and all the children have read the text and looked at the characters and sequencing the events. In Outdoor Learning this week the class have been practising sitting around the fire and all the safety aspects involved ready to have a real fire very soon!

Maple class

They have been reading their class text 'The Queen's Shadow' by [Cybele Young](#). I have been very impressed by the vocabulary they have been learning for this text: lavish, blood-curdling, authoritative, deduction....

They have been learning all about creating a leaflet about Middle Barton and trying to persuade people to visit the village.

Willow class

They have continued to read their class text 'The White Giraffe' and answer various questions. They have also learnt a lot of new vocabulary: Fervently, Quelled, Instinct, Contentment.. In PE they have been taking part in yoga sessions and have been outside learning netball skills!

Oak class

I have visited a number of times this week and seen some great reading lessons. There has been a real focus on interpreting the text to find the meanings of new words or delving into what the characters are like. They have continued to write their diaries with a focus in apostrophes and using emotive language.

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:

Year 6 Residential- Yenworthy; a variety of clubs: Art, Open the Book, Eco, Sport, Choir; Non- uniform day- Children in Need; Year 5/6 Street Dance; Year 5/6 Netball Festival

Dates for the diary

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

Wednesday 29th November – CNPS Sports Hall Athletics – selected children

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

Wednesday 6th December 1.15-4.15pm – CN Pantomime visit for whole school

Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Tuesday 12th December – Santa Run for Katherine House Hospice

Tuesday 12th December 2.30-3pm – Acorn Nativity to parents

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch for all children

Wednesday 13th December 4.30-5pm – Acorn Nativity to parents

Thursday 14th December 10.30-11.30am – Christmas concert for parents

Thursday 14th December 6-7pm – Carols for the Community

Wednesday 20th December 1.30pm – end of term

Morning Run

The certificates keep rolling in as everyone is trying so hard to accomplish their personal challenge. This week, we are happy to present three more Half Marathon certificates. Congratulations to Charlie, Billy and Tom D! And great news – another super runner has completed his whole Marathon! Well done to Harley J! Sixty-five pupils and four Pre-schoolers have run laps this week as the list of those approaching a certificate gets longer, and the number of people receiving a tick-off chart after the half-way mark increases. Again, Acorn class need a special shout out for their dedication (and dare I say it? a little competitive streak!), plus I would like to commend all those in Maple, Willow and Oak who have returned after a break.

Participants in each class:

Acorn = 17 Maple = 15 Willow = 17 Oak = 16

Great work, everybody! I am so impressed with your efforts.

Special mentions: Mia, Finlay, James, Riley, Orlaith Ba, Orlaith Bo, Asher, Lucy, Ivan, Fred, Rowan and Eva.

Welcome to Morning Run: Henry A, Jessica and Amelia M

Helpful to other track users: Leá and Juno

Acorn Stars: Indy and Jacob

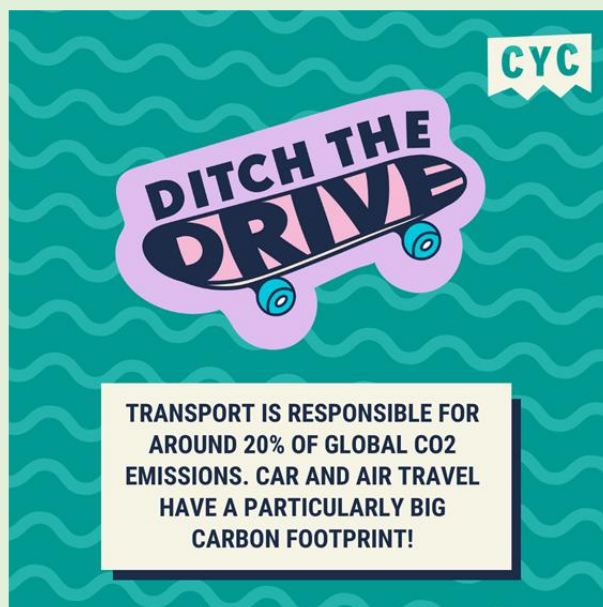
Maple Stars: Jesse and Jayden

Willow Stars: Alex and Amelia M

Oak Stars: Stanley and Archie A

Star of the Week: Lyla

Cut Your Carbon Month



A generation ago 70% of primary school children walked to school, now it's less than half! Young people in Eco-Schools know that promoting sustainable transport is a great way to cut carbon and protect our planet.

We would like to encourage all our children and parents who live in the village to 'ditch the drive' and walk, bike or scooter to and from school. Don't forget to cross the main road with the Lollipop Lady! For those living outside the village, why not park a bit further away and walk the last part into school?



This morning some of our Eco Committee logged a total of **35 vehicles** dropping off outside the front of the school. Further spot checks will follow! We would also ask that, if vehicles have to be brought to school, the engines are switched off.



CNPS Netball Festival

A report by Freddie and Tahlia

Our new kits

We would like to say thank you. We got to wear a new Middle Barton School kit, it had a soft and thin fabric. It was as blue as the sea. It was a very loose and baggy short sleeve top that went under the long sleeve top. It was very comfortable. We had to bring our own trousers and it had Middle Barton School on the back of both of the tops.



Netball games

Footwork activity

We started off with some games to help us. The first game we did was to help us balance and with our footwork. We would run for a short distance and jump on one foot and stay on that foot for 4 seconds.

Passing and moving Activity

Then we did another game when we passed the ball and went to the yellow line and back again. This was to help us to move down the court.

The Passing Activity

We got the ball and started random types of passing to our partner, 15 seconds each time to see how much passing we could do

Footwork Activity

We got back into two lines and put one foot in each space, you would pass the ball and pass it back then run to the end of your line. Then we ran in and out of cones and back to the end of our line.

Shooting activity

We stood in two lines in front of the netball nets and we were trying to get it in. Once you had tried to shoot you would go to the back of the line.

The Games

We played two games each and drew 3 and won 1. We were split into two teams to play. The first team was light blue and included: Finlay, Katherine, Charlie, Ruby and Freddie and team two were dark blue and included: Billy, Jozef, Tahlia, Mollie and Roxy. Thank you Chipping Norton School for organising this event. We all enjoyed it.



Acorn Class

Going on a BEAR HUNT!



Finding out about landscape and geography



Willow Class

Making pan pipes



Oak Class

Planting trees



This is the **VERY TALL** tree donated by FOMBS. Next stage is to erect the seat to go round it.



Christingle

This year's Christingle service will be at Sandford St Martin Church on Sunday 10th December at 3.30pm (before Santa's Sleigh!).

Christingle Preparation

Saturday 9th December at 2.30pm at Sandford St Martin Church

Come along and make some Christingle oranges for the service on Sunday.

Informal hour of Christmas crafting, with drinks and snacks provided!

For further information, contact Wendy on 07512 816701

or email wendydenby@btinternet.com

Dojo points

Acorn - Sally

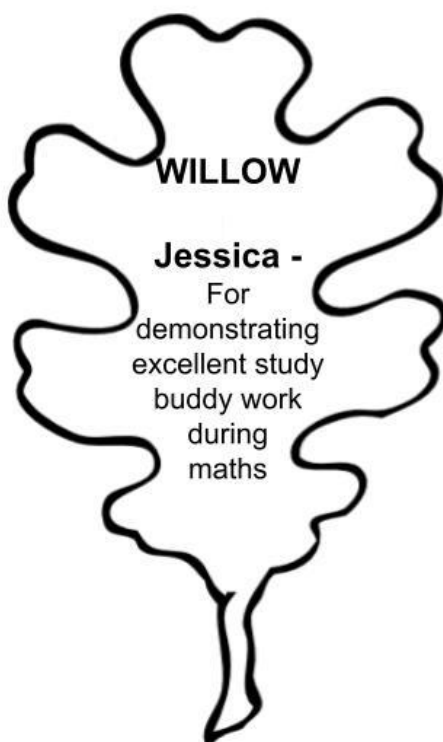
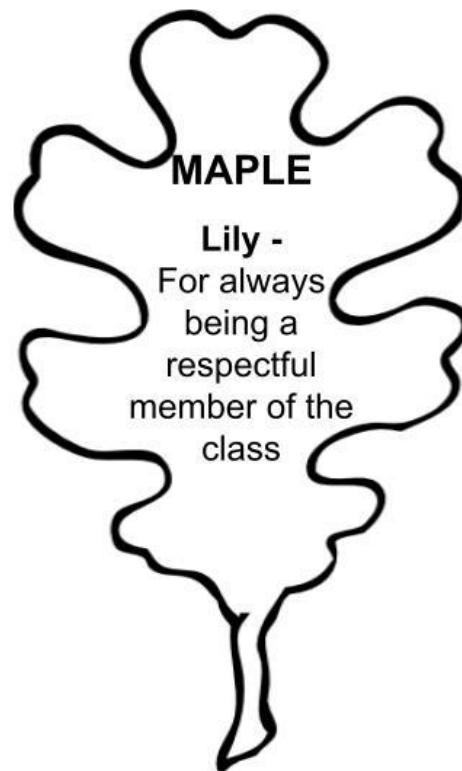
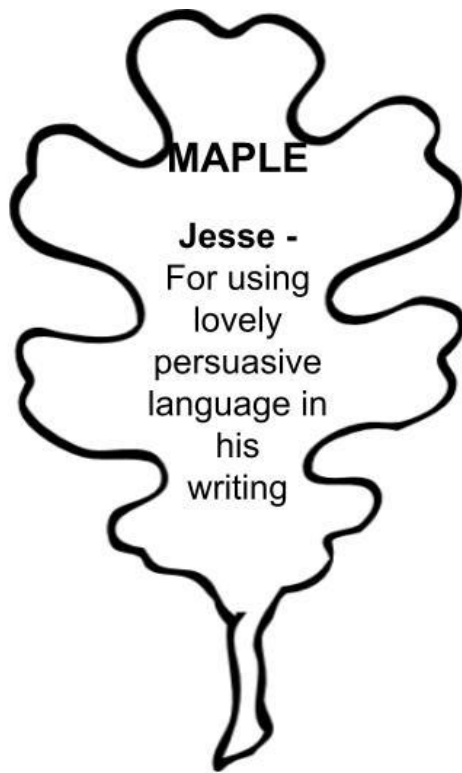
Willow – Isabelle C

Maple - Nell

Oak - Amelia

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.