



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

Head's News

It has been a chilly week in school, but it has been great to see the children wrapped up warm and enjoying the winter season. They are all getting very excited with the run up to Christmas. This can be a very exciting time for the children and they are going to be super busy in school over the next few weeks. Mrs Lawmon has produced a fantastic calendar of events but please keep your eye on dojo for updates.

The children are working hard to learn songs and lines and we hope many of you can attend the performances that will be happening over the next few weeks.

Attendance: 97.23% Whole School – this is great!

Assembly

In the news this week

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows. Polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has been so concerned about the radical changes to Antarctica that he founded the 2041 Foundation, with the aim of ensuring the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability to combat the effects of climate change. The charity, 2041 School, encourages young people to learn more about the initiative.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- > Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

Curriculum

Acorn class

They have continued with reading 'Going on a Bear Hunt' and the Year 1 children have been writing some great sentences using adjectives to describe the setting: oozy mud, dark cave.

Maple class

They have been writing poetry this week. They have been looking at rhyme, alliteration, sibilance and personification. I was in there when they were looking at rhyming words and Miss Sylvester had set them quite a challenge- what rhymes with 'pudding'?

Willow class

In writing, the class has been focussing on finishing their narratives. I saw some great editing, with a focus on up-levelling vocabulary. They also had to add in dialogue to advance action and use similes and personification to create suspense.

Oak class

Maths has been all about fractions- adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying fractions! Diaries are being written up and I look forward to sharing some of those next week!

Personal Development for this term

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, Year 4/5 AIM Art workshop at Chipping Norton School, Year 5 watch a performance of Shrek at Bloxham School, Year 6 Literary quiz at Chipping Norton School.

Dates for the diary

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

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

This week's chilly weather has meant that we have not been able to complete laps every day due to the danger of slipping over. However, there have been many determined people, and I would like to give a special mention to four Pre-schoolers who have been doing laps regularly as well! Oaks have been leading the way with the most participants, setting a great example to the younger members of the school.

Participants in each class:

Acorn = 13 Maple = 13 Willow = 15 Oak = 16

With the frosty weather underfoot, please be careful when completing your laps, and always look out for other track users, passing carefully if necessary.

Special mentions: Jacob, Finlay, Alfie W-S, Albie C-D, Billy, Archie M, Fred, Millie, Tom D, Mollie, Reggie, Annabelle M, Albie L, Katherine, Freddie C, Stanley, Axel and Henry L.

Helpful to other track users: Ben

Acorn Stars: Ivan and Orlaith Ba

Maple Stars: Theo and Georgia

Willow Stars: Nate and Harley

Oak Stars: Ruby and Freddie N

Star of the Week: Noah

CNPS AIM Art Workshop

A report by Annabelle and Amelia

On Tuesday 28th November we went to the Art Workshop at Chipping Norton School. When we got inside we played some Dobble and Amelia won by 14 and Annabelle was 2nd with 8. We went down this very large and long corridor, down to the art classroom.

We filled from the back table to the front tables and we were at the front of the line, so we were at the back table. We moved to the middle table to see what we were doing. We were doing printing art, based on the circus. We got two circus papers and we got to choose two circus people or animals.

We put them on the back of the paper facing up and stuck them with masking tape, then we got this thick ink and we smoothed the ink out with a paint roller, with a piece of newspaper to blot the ink because it was wet. We took our piece of paper and put it on the ink, we outlined our pictures with a green pen [one we have in school]. To see we lift the piece up and you see the outline of your picture then you lifted it and you have done. We got a certificate for joining and took our piece of paper home.

CNPS Literary Festival

A report from Juno and Leá

On the 30th of November, four members of our school went to a book quiz where we competed against other local schools. It was very fun and we even won a packet of fruit pastilles. Although we didn't win the competition, we still enjoyed the time there. We were one point off from being third, but were still happy with our score - 4th.

To get picked for the team, we had to complete a quiz that Chipping Norton School had sent us beforehand and get the top 4 scores. Nate, Juno, Rose and Leá got picked and we all were super excited when we got there. We all loved it and thought it was extremely fun.

CNPS Sports Hall Athletics

A report from Archie and Gabbie

Athletics was really FUN! On Wednesday afternoon we went on the brilliant Barton bus to Chipping Norton leisure centre.

For the first race we started with a roll, then we did high knees, next we did 5 tuck jumps and finally we jumped 2 hurdles.

On our 2nd race we started off with another roll, more high knees, 5 tuck jumps, slide under a mat and finally 2 hurdle jumps.

On our 3rd race we started off with another roll then we had to slide under a mat then jump over 2 hurdles.

Finally in our last race it was a running race where we had to run across the room and back then tag our teammates.

Year 5 visit to Shrek the Musical at Bloxham School

A report from Roxy and Gwennie

The Shrek play was a talented and funny thing to watch, the actors were brilliant and made the stage glow up. The welcome was friendly and, as we sat down in the comfy seats, the play began. As the actors sang lots of amazing songs we were pulled into the world of Shrek, with the funny, clumsy donkey who ran across the stage as Shrek got lost with his upside-down map.

Our laughter rose as the short self-important prince waddled onto the stage, and just as we started to calm down Gingie came along.

It was a wonderful play, we will treasure forever.

Willow Class

A scientific study of the travelling of sound vibrations



Close up



A bit further!



And even further!

Maple Class

Drawing lines of latitude and longitude



Dojo points

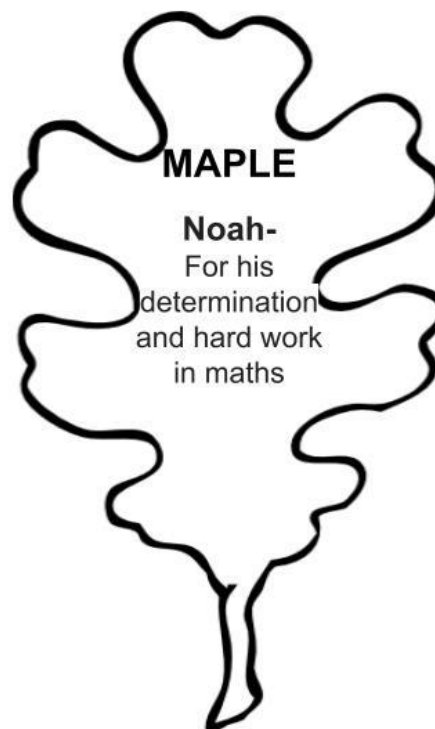
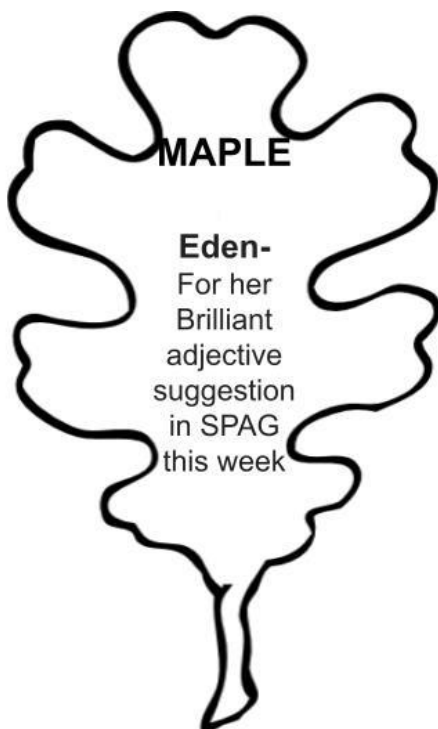
Acorn – Albie C-D

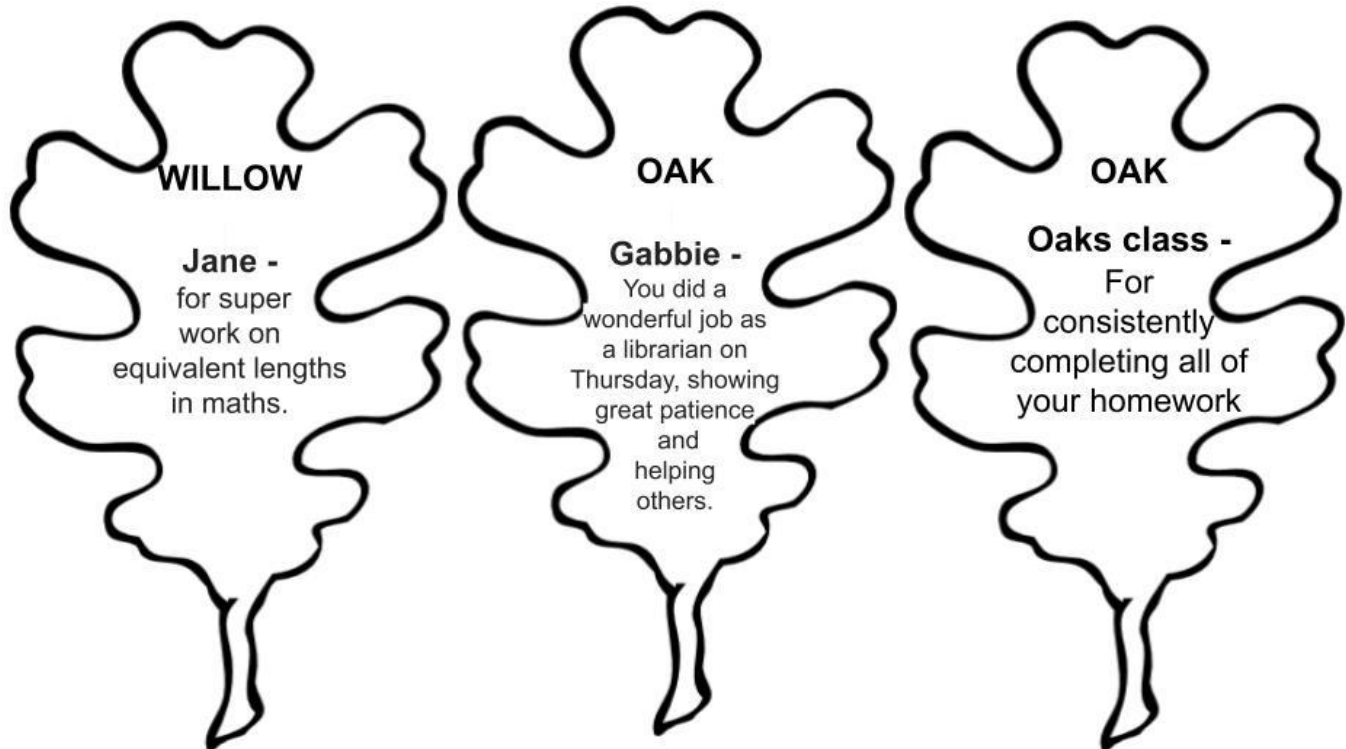
Maple – Jesse

Willow – Alice

Oak – Roxy & Juno

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.