



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Christmas is coming!



**Thank you for your donations –
£140.00 will be going to Spinal Muscular Atrophy**



Head's News

We are getting very close to the end of term and the Christmas performances!!

There is a lot going on at school at the moment and some extremely excited children.

The children all looked amazing in the Christmas jumpers today and were absolutely fantastic at the pantomime on Wednesday. It was so lovely to hear a comment from another group of adults, who were also watching, saying how well behaved the children were. All the children seemed to enjoy the alternative version of Cinderella- In the small town of Santa Maria de las Orejas de Soplillo (St Maria with the sticky out ears) lives a beautiful, kind and very frustrated young woman. Cinderella dreams of a new life, away from her dreary chores and her awful stepmother. But what's the use of dreaming? With Latin American music and dance, a riot of colour and non-stop, laugh out loud silliness from beginning to end – come and join the carnival! A huge thank you to the Destiny Foundation for supporting this event and paying for the tickets.

A huge thank you also goes to the Fleming Family who have kindly donated us a school Christmas tree, which has been decorated by a few children from Teatime club.

This week's attendance: **97.23** Still looking good!

Assembly

In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- > How do you imagine the people of Grindavik feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

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

Year 5 watch a performance of Shrek at Bloxham School

Year 6 Literary quiz and Chipping Norton School

Whole School trip to the Pantomime

Christmas Jumper Day for Spinal Muscular Atrophy



Dates for the diary

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

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 – Maple, Willow, Oak Christmas concert for parents

Thursday 14th December 2.15-3.00pm – Acorn Stay & Play

Thursday 14th December 6-7pm – Maple, Willow, Oak Carols for the Community

Wednesday 20th December **1.30pm** – end of term

Morning run

The terrible weather has impeded our intrepid runners this week – first frosted off, then rained off! However, we are very pleased to present two certificates for a Half Marathon to Fred and Steil from Acorns! In addition, Noah has completed a whole Marathon! Many congratulations to you all! So many more people are now getting close to achieving their goal ... we just need decent weather!

Special mentions: Leá, Finlay, Nate, Eva, Lyla, Tom D, Asher, Xander, Ramona, Henry A, Elise and Axel G.

Helpful to other track users: Roxy

Acorn Stars: Molly and Jack

Maple Stars: Teddy and Millie

Willow Stars: Harley and Alfie A

Oak Stars: Juno and Billy

Star of the Week: Ruby

Whole school trip to Chipping Norton Pantomime

A report from Roxy:

The Cinderella pantomime was a funny and moving story, from the two ugly sisters who use flammable hair spray and then put in hot hair curlers, to the beautiful Sophie (Cinderella) in her shimmering, silver dress. My favourite part was when Rudolph ran up to the other donkeys ready for work and then ran away. The songs and dancing were incredible and I loved how the story had a slight twist like: instead of a fairy godmother it was mother nature!!! I laughed out loud when the headless ghost said “why did the headless man not get to go to the party? Because he had nobody to go with!!!”

If I had to put this into three words, I would say “it was amazing!!”

Comments from Willow Class:

Hope – It was really funny and I enjoyed it, especially when the sisters were flirting with people.

Isabelle - I liked the songs and the singing and the dancing. Cinderella was really good, especially how the dress changed.

Emilia - I enjoyed it when they sang the song about Rudolf, because he was a wonky donkey.

Comments from Maple Class:

Wren - I enjoyed the pantomime, especially how the spider came down and the ugly step-sisters were quite surprised! I also liked the loud music when the evil mum came onto the stage. When Cinderella suddenly changed into the blue dress and went to the ball, it made me very happy.

Isla-Grace- It was really funny, Mr Smith had to stand up and say "I love you!" to one of the ugly sisters who were also very silly. We had to say "it's behind you!" a lot and Buttons was always tired!

Dojo points

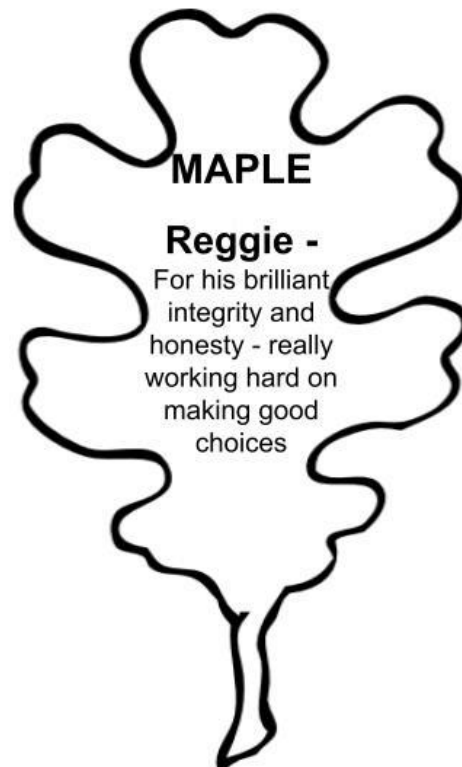
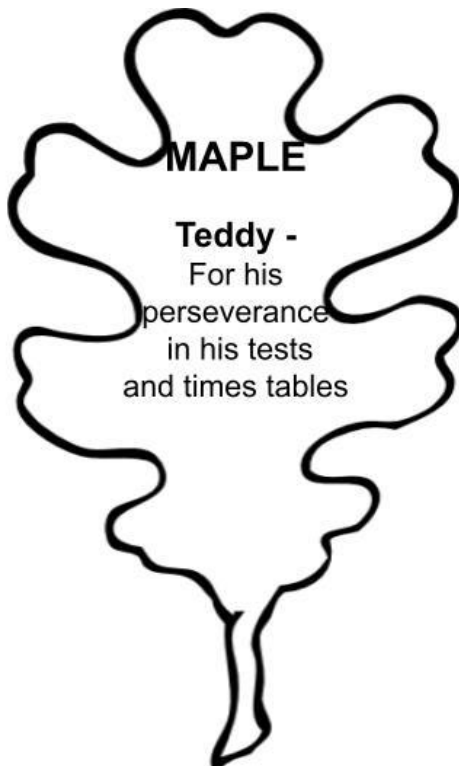
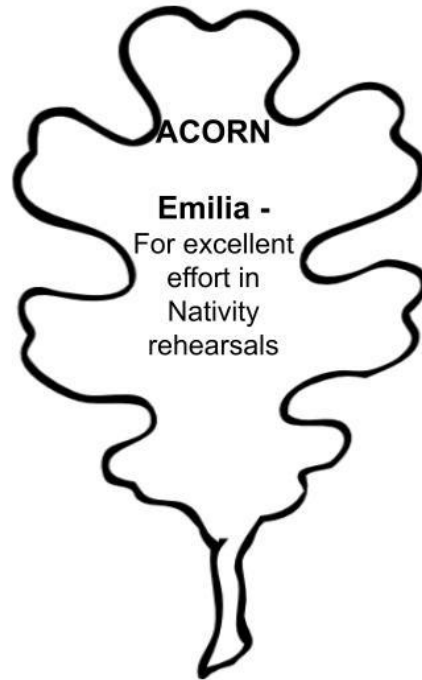
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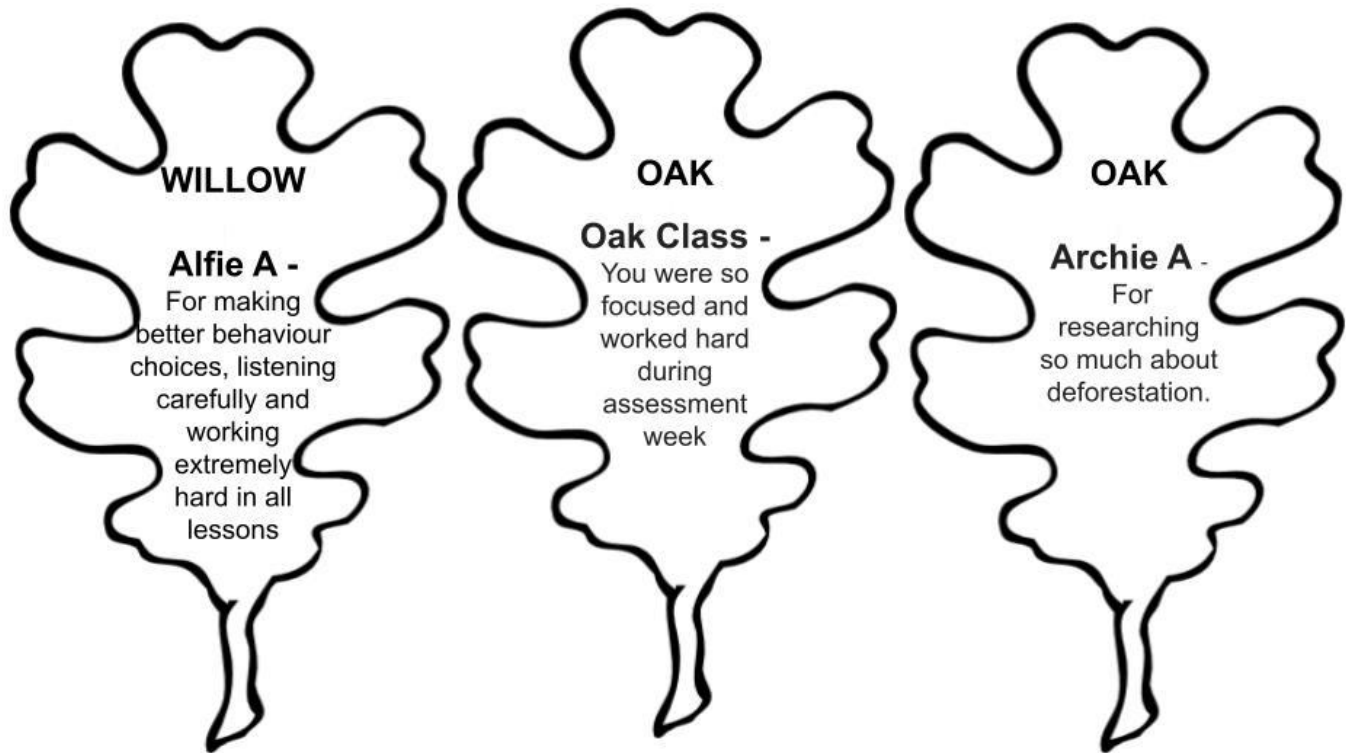
Maple - Layla

Willow - Archie M & Asher

Oak - Rose

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.

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you know is being **sexually exploited**. Contact the Kingfisher Team on 01865 309196

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