



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

Head's News

What a week!  

We have had performances, Christmas lunch, Santa run, Stay and Play, to name just a few things going on in school this week. The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch and we very much appreciate all the work from Denise and Steph in getting it all ready – thank you!

It has felt very Christmassy this week in school. The Acorn Nativity was just amazing and so well performed. Maples, Willows and Oaks sang their hearts out during their performances in the church and in school. Thank you to all of those who came to watch the children. I know how important it is to the children to see you there. We definitely have some budding actors, singers and musicians at our school! Thank you to all of the staff that have made these performances so amazing. I would also like to thank Kelly for working with the choir and ensuring that their performances were outstanding.

We also had Jennie Barry, Jenny Jackson and Deborah Bailey in to visit on Monday. They told a version of the Christmas story from the point of Festive Fred. The children enjoyed their performance and joined in the singing and playing the bells at the end.

Thank you to FOMBS for selling hot chocolate and delicious goodies at our two evening performances. We now have a new FOMBS team with Lydia and Abby B as co-chairs, with others also joining. Becky Bye, Kelly Peedell, Richard Brown and Wendy Denby have now stepped down- we thank them for their amazing support over the years. If you would ever like to help out at an event then please let us know, as I know all help is always appreciated.

We also have a number of others who support in school on a regular basis so thank you to Cally, who runs art club; Dave J, who helps at Eco club; Jennie, Jenny, Deborah and Fran who run Open the Book club; Karen, who listens to readers in school; Lucy who teaches yoga each week; Jackie our Lollipop Lady, who is out in all weathers to ensure the safety of the children on the road crossing.

In the last few weeks, we have spent time raising money for others. In total we have raised £421 for charity. £166 for Children in Need, £155 for Spinal Muscular Atrophy and £100 for Katherine House Hospice. Thank you so much for your support with these events!

Average Attendance so far for this year: **97.04** Still on target!

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 for 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 at Chipping Norton School; whole School trip to the Pantomime; Christmas Jumper Day for Spinal Muscular Atrophy; Santa run- Katherine Hospice House fundraiser; Christmas Lunch; Christmas Performances- Nativity/Concerts

Dates for the diary

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

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

Monday 8th January 2024 – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL - RLT inset day for staff

Tuesday 9th January 2024 – Children return to school

Morning Run News

What a fantastic effort at this year's Santa Run to raise money for Katharine House Hospice! Everybody tried so hard and many laps were completed, catapulting several pupils into the certificate zone:

Half Marathon: Orlaith Bo, Thomas J, Orlaith Ba, Juno

Marathon: Henry L, Mollie V, Annabelle M, Katherine

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week, and well done to all participants!

Special Santa Run mentions: all of Acorn class! Sienna, Nell, Isla-Grace, Reggie, Noah, Albie L, Archie J, Harley J, Isabelle B, Freddie C, Charlie, Juno, Archie H, Gabbie and Stanley.

Helpful to other track users: Archie A and Stanley

Acorn Stars: Ivan and Fred

Maple Stars: Elise and Jayden

Willow Stars: Archie M and Alex

Oak Stars: Ruby and Jozef

Star of the Week: Tahlia

Santa Fun Run for Katherine House Hospice



Acorn Nativity Play



Maples, Willows, Oaks Christmas Carols



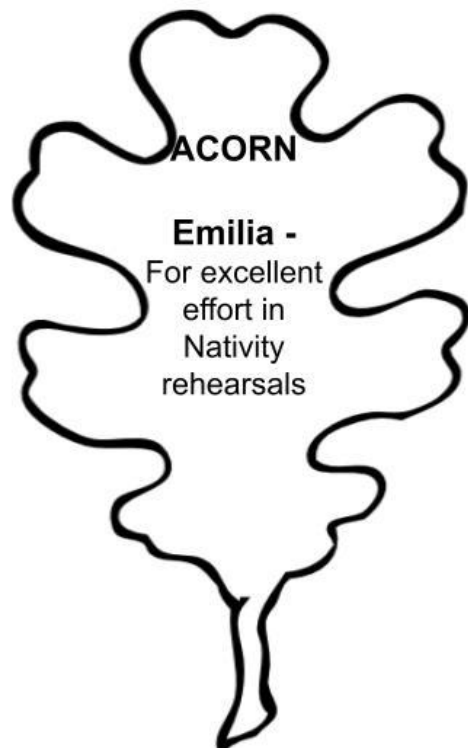
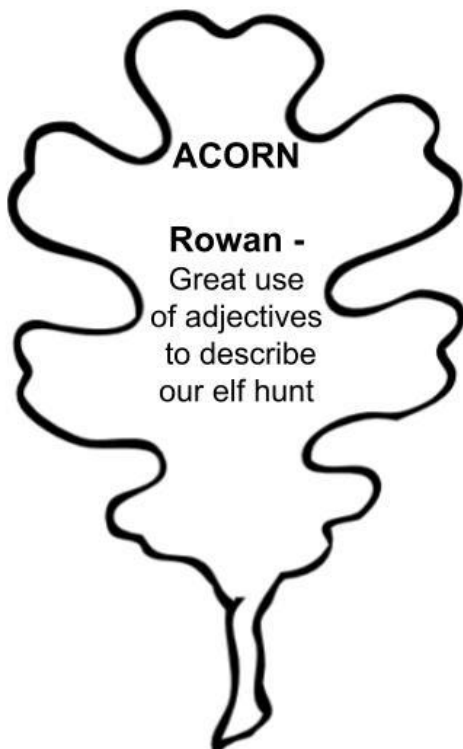
Christmas lunch

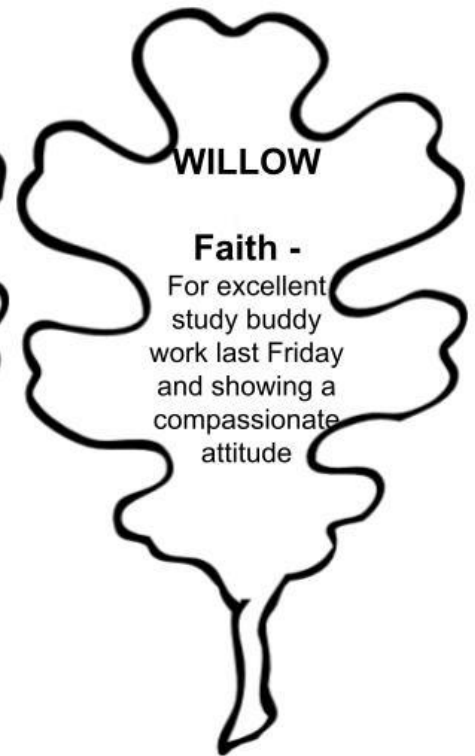
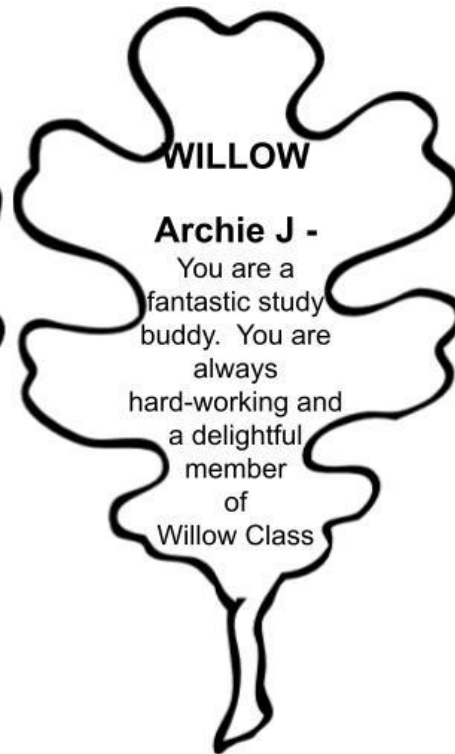
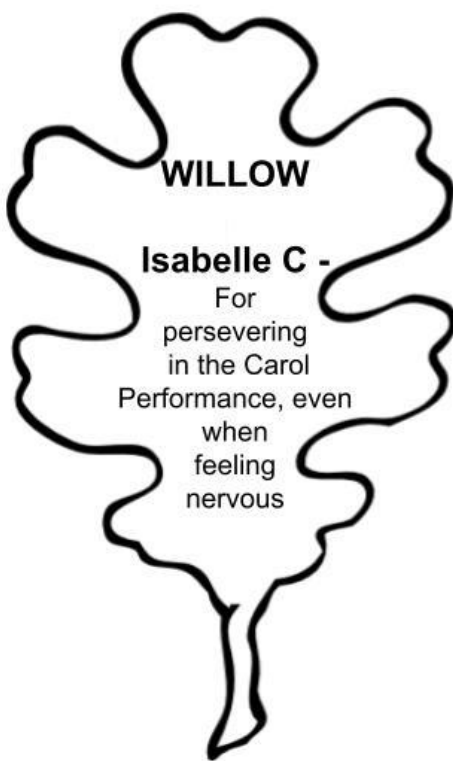
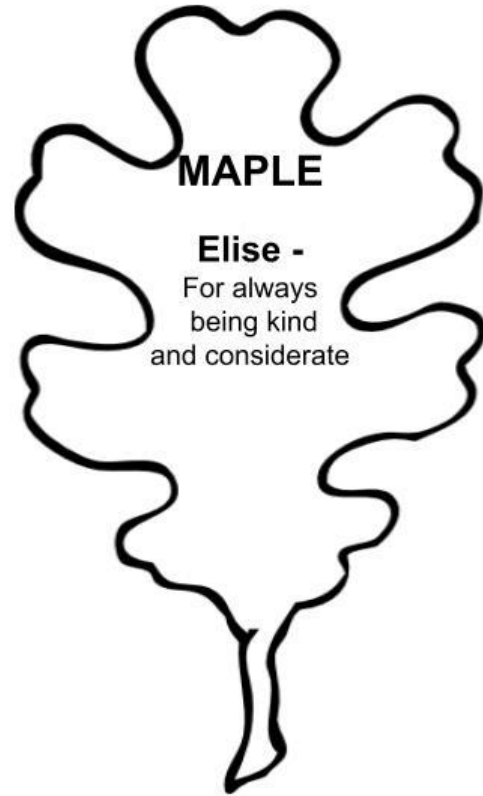
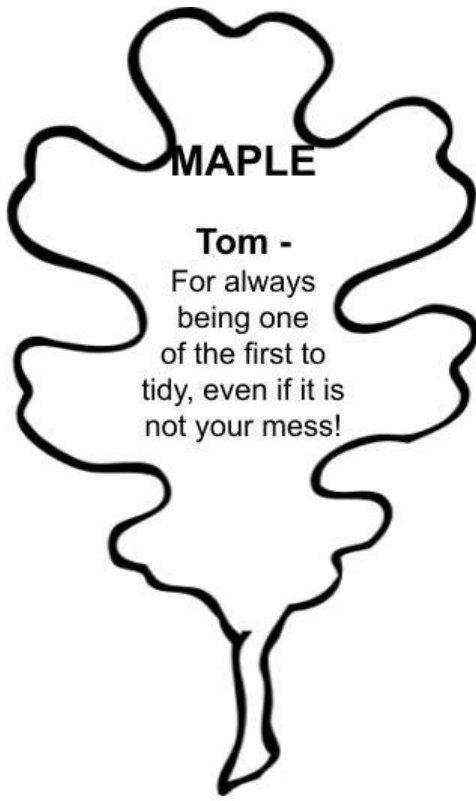


Dojo points

Acorn – Rowan **Maple - Amelia-Rose**
Willow - Alfie A & Archie J **Oak - Roxy**

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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