



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Head's News

This term seems to be flying by, with the weeks whizzing past us. In such a short term we always seem to try and squeeze in so much!

We have quite a few events coming up in the next week. We have a team attending the Hockey tournament at Chipping Norton and our Under 11 girls representing us at the West Oxfordshire cross country finals. We have 3 children attending the AIMS workshop at Chipping Norton to take part in a drama workshop. Mrs Horner and her Eco-Committee are organising the clothing swap and Rags to Riches collection. The following week we also have our Open afternoon and Acorn cake sale as well. WOW!!

Assembly



In the news this week

Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted. He believes that fully autonomous vehicles, in which people become passengers in their own cars, will arrive in the UK that year and follow a gradual rollout. The government introduced a bill in a speech by King Charles III that paved the way for autonomous cars, without a safety driver, after pressure from industry, MPs, and Sir Patrick Vallance in his recent review of technology regulation.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think you would like to travel in a self-driving vehicle?
- > Make a list of the positives and negatives of self-driving vehicles.
- > Do you believe we will see more self-driving vehicles on the roads over the next few years?

Attendance

September to today- 96.7%

This week- 96.5%

Slight decrease from last 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:

A variety of clubs: Choir, Sport, Football, Eco-committee, private guitar and piano

Swimming lessons

Swimming Gala at Chipping Norton

Year 4/5 Science club at Chipping Norton

Ukelele Assembly

Curriculum

Acorn class

They have been to the moon and back this week! 🌕 They have been reading the text 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. They have been looking at the events in the story and sequencing them. In History, they have learnt about who was the first person to walk on the moon. 🧑🏽 In their Friday cooking session, they have been making cheese scones! 😊

Maple class

Their diaries set in Egypt are coming on nicely, with a focus on using their senses to help add description. 🐪 I have also had many visitors this week from Maples showing me their handwriting- they are all working so hard! In Maths the focus is on division and they have been learning about remainders. 🖋️

Willow class

In Science, the Year 4 children have been learning about digestion and labelling and learning the names of the digestive organs. Year 5s have been working with Year 6 and learning about refraction. In Maths, the Year 4 children have been learning how to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit and then a 3-digit by a 1-digit. The Year 5s have been learning how to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. ✕

Oak class

In Writing, the class have been writing up their balanced arguments about deforestation. There was some great use of language and knowledge in their writing! In Art, they have continued with their masterpieces which are in the style of pointillism and inspired by Seurat.

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 29.01.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – Teams sports for Y5,6

Tuesday – Choir for Y3,4,5,6

Wednesday – Open the Book for Y1,2,3

Thursday – Eco committee (nominated children from classes) until half term

Friday – Football Club

Wednesday 31.01.24. – CNPS hockey tournament (nominated children)

Friday 02.02.24. – West Oxon cross country finals, Bicester (nominated children)

Friday 02.02.24. 3.10pm – clothing swap

Monday 05.02.24. – Rags to Riches textiles collection

Wednesday 07.02.24. 2.30-3.10pm – Open afternoon for parents and Acorns' bake sale

Wednesday 07.02.24. – CNPS ball skills festival for Years 3, 4

Friday 09.02.24. 3.10pm – end of first half of term (football club on as usual)

Morning run

What a great effort this week from our Morning Runners: nearly sixty pupils took part even though it is winter (at least no snow and ice!). Many congratulations to our intrepid certificate winners!

Half Marathon: Xander

Marathon: Jayden, Axel

Keep up the good work everyone!

Special mentions: Orlaith Bo, Steil, Lucy, Orlaith Ba, Millie, Albie CD, Albie L, Noah, Amelia M, Mia, Alfie A, Charlie, Lyla, Harley, Archie M, Mollie, Stanley, Roxy, Archie A, Gabbie, Archie J, Annabelle M, Leá, Juno, Gwennie and Samuel.

Helpful to other track users: Molly (Acorn)

Acorn Stars: Jack and Indy

Maple Stars: Layla and Teddy

Willow Stars: Henry and Nate F

Oak Stars: Finlay and Ruby

Star of the Week: Alice



Protecting your child from measles

A short guide for families

How high is the risk of a child catching measles?

NHS England estimates that over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. One in five children will require a hospital visit if they become unwell with measles. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

How can I protect my child from catching measles?

It's important to note that there is no medical treatment for measles. Vaccination is the best protection against becoming seriously unwell.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination is free on the NHS with the first dose being offered when a child is one year and the second at 3 years and 4 months old. This provides long-lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella which can cause long-term health conditions such as blindness and asthma.

How can I check if my child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations?

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up on any missed doses. If your child has missed their first or second dose of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

In assembly today we have had an introduction to the ukulele!

Children in Oak and Willow will be participating in 10 free class sessions to learn the basics of the ukulele (dates to be confirmed). There is also the opportunity to have small group lessons and children will be bringing home a paper copy of this information:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beginning this term, a limited number of spaces will become available for group guitar & ukulele tuition for pupils at your child's school (existing students please disregard). Guitar lessons are available for students in years 2-6 and ukulele lessons for students in year 1-3.

KEY INFORMATION

- Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place during the school day.
- Lessons take place on a set day of the week at each school. We will confirm prior to the lessons beginning, which day they will take place at your child's school.
- Lessons are ongoing throughout the school year.
- Each group usually contains between 4-6 students.
- Lessons are £6.25 per student, but fees are invoiced on a termly (5-7 weeks) basis.
- There is a one-off joining fee of £6.25, which covers the cost of all the resources your child will be given over the course of their tuition.
- Students can borrow a guitar in school for their lesson, but we advise they purchase their own instrument at some point, so they are able to practice at home.

Further details about our lessons can be found on our website at:
www.wecreatemusic.co.uk



SCHOOL GUITAR LESSONS

SCHOOL UKULELE LESSONS

Please fill out the form below and return to the school office to attend a **FREE TASTER SESSION** that will be taking place soon (we will contact you when the date has been confirmed).

Child's Name

Child's School

Instrument (Guitar or Ukulele)

School Year (& class name if applicable)

Parent/Guardian Name

Telephone Number (Mobile)

Email Address

Acorn class have been to the moon this week!

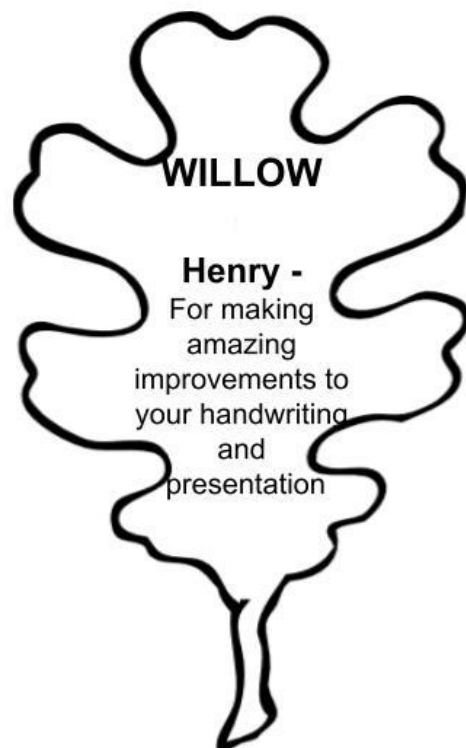
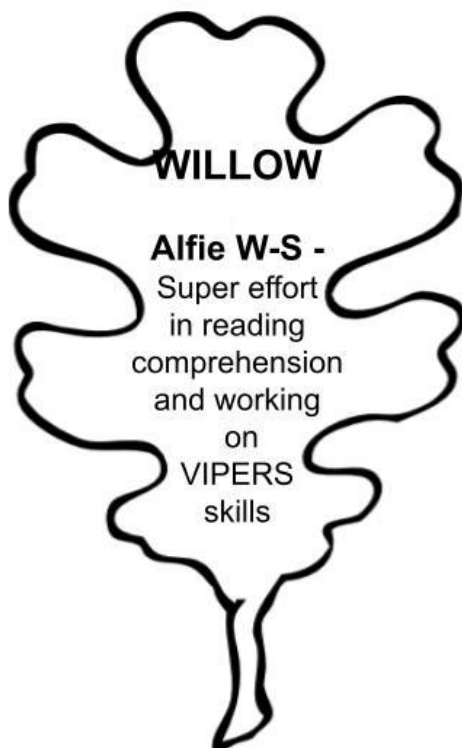
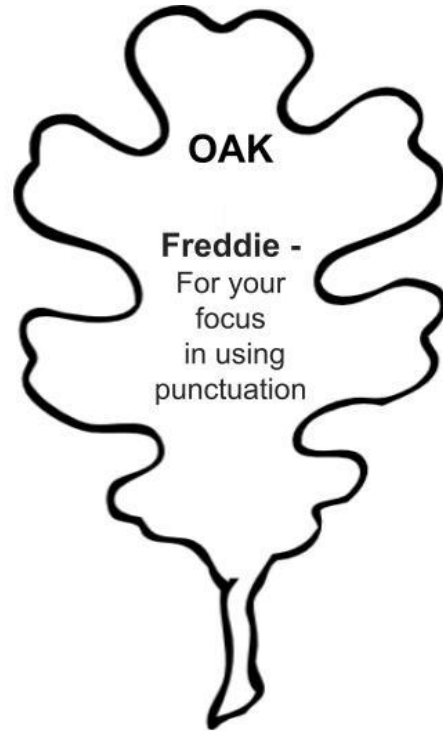
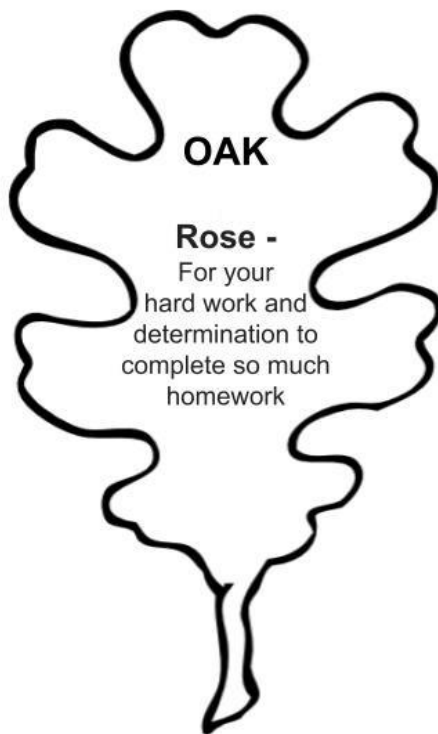


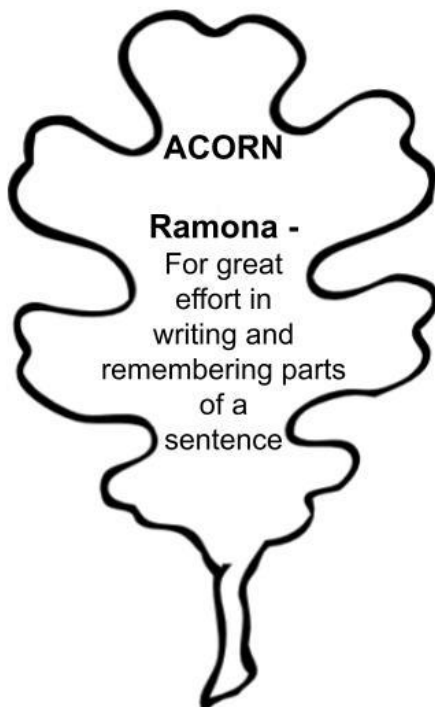
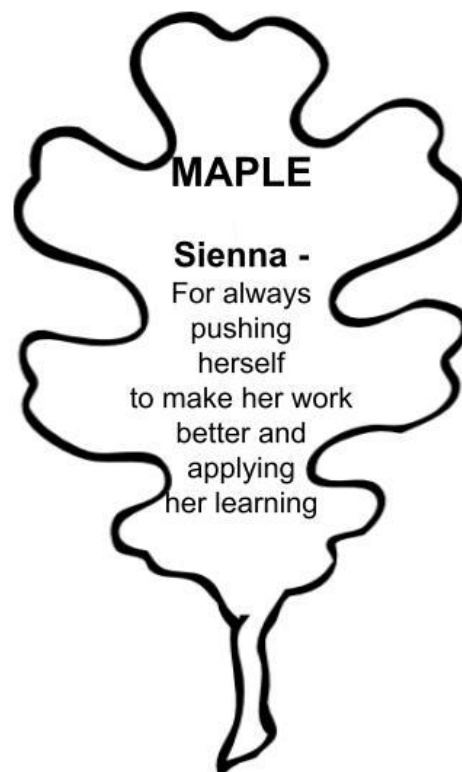
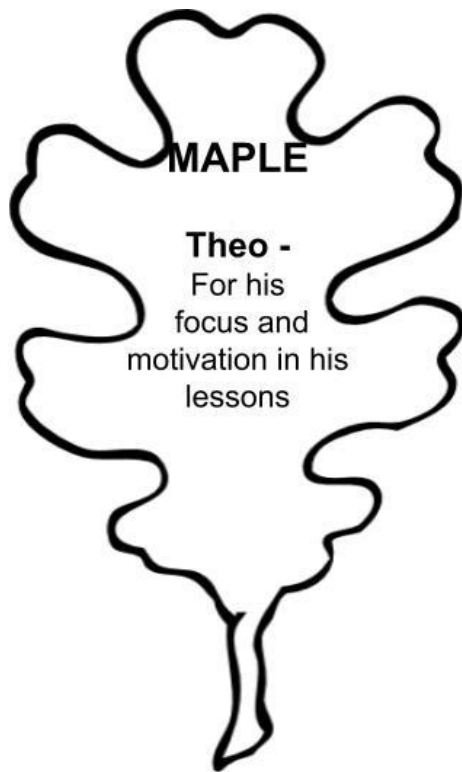
Dojo points

Acorn - Fred
Willow – Georgie

Maple - Isla-Grace
Oak - Samuel

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.