



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

Head's News

It feels like we have had a rather sporting theme going on this week. A group of swimmers from Year 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in their water safety session, which I am glad to say they all passed. We have also taken a group of children from Year 4, 5 and 6 to the Hockey Tournament at Chipping Norton School, please read their writeup below. The children were an absolute pleasure to take and really gave it their all! Finally, our Under 11 girls have represented us in the West Oxfordshire cross country finals today, and all of them finished in the top half of the 64 runners, third team overall – well done!

Assembly



In the news this week

A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week. The main focuses of the challenge are creativity and sustainability, with the contestants having to use second-hand materials. As people's awareness of the impact of fast fashion increases, sustainable clothing is becoming more at the forefront of shoppers' minds.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you remember the last item of clothing you bought or were given? Where was it from and what was it for?
- > What does 'being fashionable' mean to you? Is it important to you? Talk to others at home.
- > What do you do with the clothes that you no longer need or that no longer fit?

Attendance

September to today- 96.7% This week- 97%

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, Open the Book, Eco-committee, private guitar and piano
Swimming lessons Swimming Gala at Chipping Norton
Year 4/5 Science club at Chipping Norton Ukelele Assembly
Under 11 Hockey Tournament Under 11 girls Cross Country final
Year 5 AIMS Drama workshop Clothing Swap

Curriculum

Acorn class

The class has continued to read Whatever Next and the children have produced some lovely books all about the text. In History, they have learnt about the first British person to go to space- Helen Sharman. With Mrs Horner they have all made carrot muffins. 😊

Maple class

In Science, they are continuing to learn about magnets and they have carried out an experiment about different magnets and their strengths. In Maths, they have been learning about measurements, with a focus on metres and centimetres.

Willow class

The class have been working on diary writing this week, with a focus on emotive language. In Art, things may have got a little messy this week! They have been using paints to continue their work inspired by the artist Kehinde Wiley.

Oak class

In Writing, the class has begun to write a newspaper article about the Viking raid of Lindisfarne monastery. In Maths, there looks to have been a lot of problem solving going on for ratio and proportion.

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 05.02.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – Teams sports for Y5,6

Tuesday – Choir for Y3,4,5,6

Wednesday – **CANCELLED** - Open the Book for Y1,2,3 (due to clash with Open Afternoon)

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

Friday – Football Club

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. – **CANCELLED** - CNPS ball skills festival for Years 3, 4 (due to clash with the Open Afternoon)

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

Monday 19.01.24. – return to school after half term

Morning Run

This week over 65 pupils have participated in Morning Run and I am very pleased to announce our certificate winners below. Congratulations to you all!

Half Marathon: Teddy

Marathon: Archie M, Jozef, Charlie

Mrs Henderson has calculated how many laps everyone has run as a whole school and here are the totals per class:

Acorn class 1119 laps 187 miles

Maple class 1390 laps 232 miles

Willow class 1750 laps 292 miles

Oak class 1666 laps 278 miles

Total: 5925 laps 989 miles

This is excellent news – well done to everyone for your efforts so far! Soon we will reach 1000 miles! Incredible work from a small primary school.

Special mentions: Oak class who have fielded 20 runners this week, Theo, Oliver G, Molly, Ben, Isla-Grace, Amelia-Rose, Samuel, Alfie A, Alex, Rowan and Orlaith Ba.

Acorn Stars: Ramona and Steil

Maple Stars: Elise and Tom D

Willow Stars: Archie J and Freddie

Oak Stars: Tahlia and Gabbie

Star of the Week: Evie

CNPS AIM Drama

A report from Lyla, Amelia M and Charlie

After school we went to Chipping Norton School to do drama with other schools. We met many different people and made lots of new friends. At the drama we did lots of poses, also we were doing freeze screens. Then we got into groups and then the teacher told us to do different poses like trains and chocolate jars. It was loads of fun.



CNPS Hockey Tournament

A report from Finlay and Billy

When we arrived, our hearts were brimming with excitement and adrenaline. First, our sports leaders took us to play stuck in the mud. It was especially hard in the warmups for Finlay the goalkeeper since he was wearing full hockey gear. He quoted "Being in goal was very difficult because your movement is limited since you wear: helmet, big foam shin pads, kickers so you can kick the hockey ball, hand pads and body armour." Miss Fisher (the head sports leader) said "Good luck everyone!"

The games

The boys were very courageous and open-minded. In the first match (against Great Tew) Great Tew started and passed back and were on the counter attack, but luckily Billy tackled a player and passed upfield. Even when the boys were losing they still had faith in themselves, but unfortunately we lost 2-0. The second game was better because it was 0-0 thanks to Finlay (we played Enstone) and in the final match against Chadlington it was tense, but sadly the end result was 3-0 to them. With the girls' team (and Finlay in goal) in the first match against Great Tew we lost 2-0, but luckily the goalkeeper stopped a few from going in. In the second match against Enstone we lost 2-0, but luckily everyone never lost determination. Against Chadlington we lost 1-0, but thankfully we enjoyed it. I think that everyone who went should be congratulated (Billy, Finlay, Jozef, Archie A, Charlie, Alfie A, Alex, Amelia W, Eva, Lyla, Tahlia, Roxy, Mollie, Rose, Katherine and Leá)



West Oxfordshire Primary Cross-Country Finals 2024

A report from Katherine and Mollie



5 Girls from Middle Barton School went to the cross-country event in Bicester. The girls were: Ruby, Roxy, Juno, Katherine and Mollie.

It was very gruelling and windy but that didn't stop us! The under 11 girls had to run 2K.

Our race was last and it was a long wait, but we cheered the other teams on with great sportsmanship. We got very muddy but it was worth it. All the teams did well and tried their hardest.

Overall we found our place in the end.

Middle Barton School came 3rd out of many schools, though it was very upsetting to find out that the final was only the first two schools so we didn't get through. The places we came were, 8, 13, 27, 30, 32.

Oak Class

Looking at light and prisms



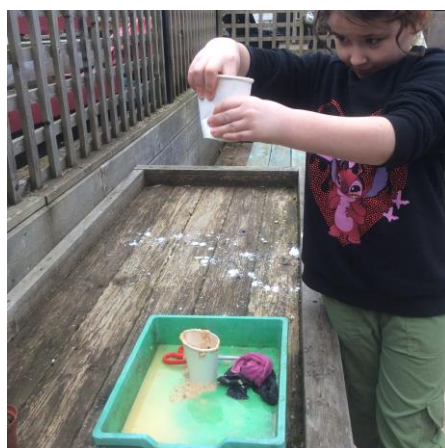
Oak class

Tidying up the Eco classroom and trying to stop the pigeons!



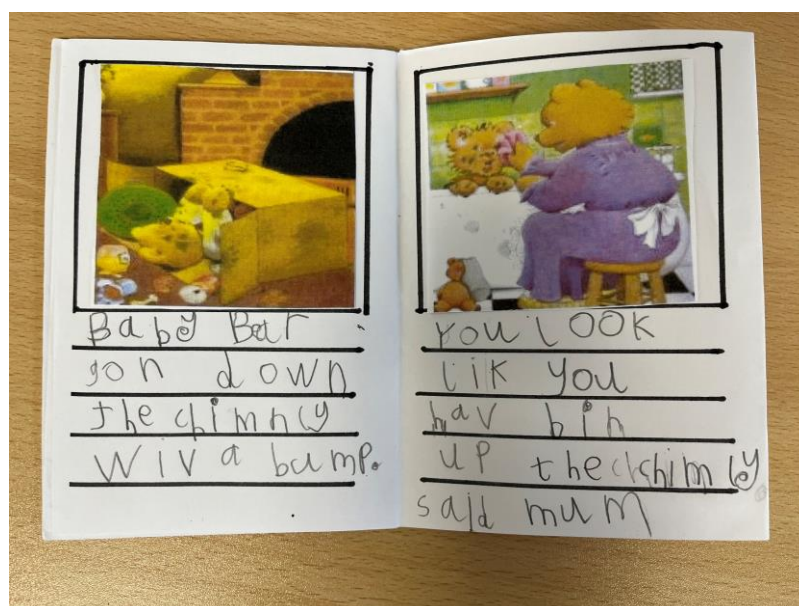
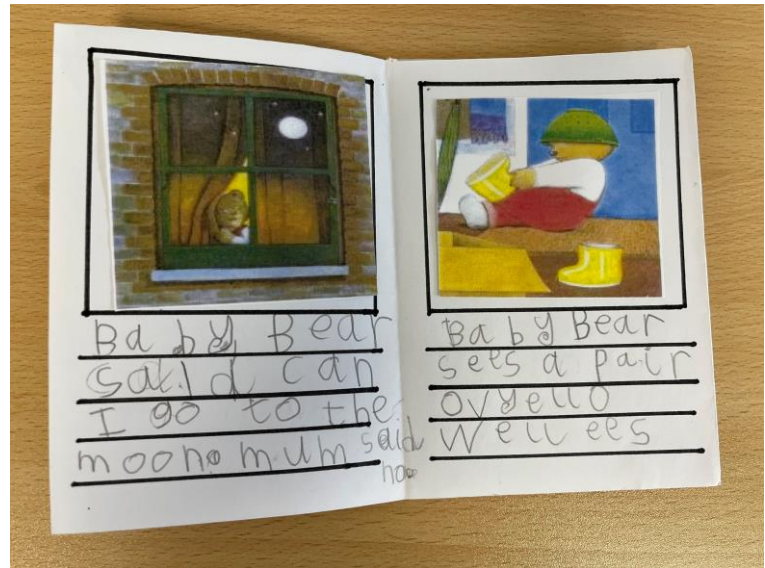
Willow Class

Digestion!



Acorn Class

Whatever Next! The booklet.

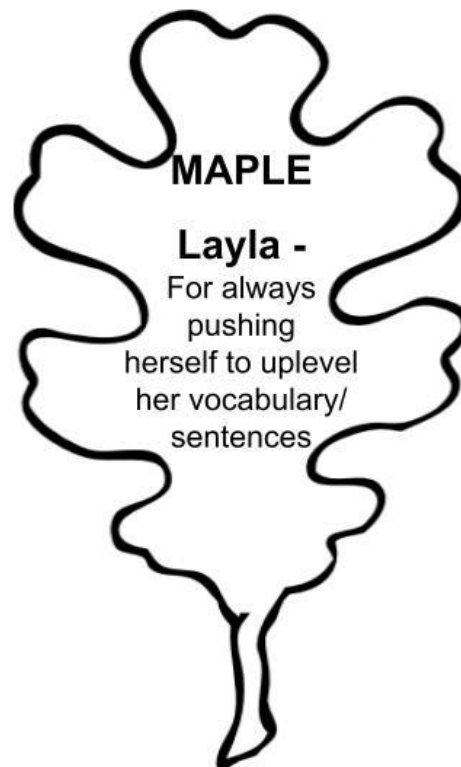
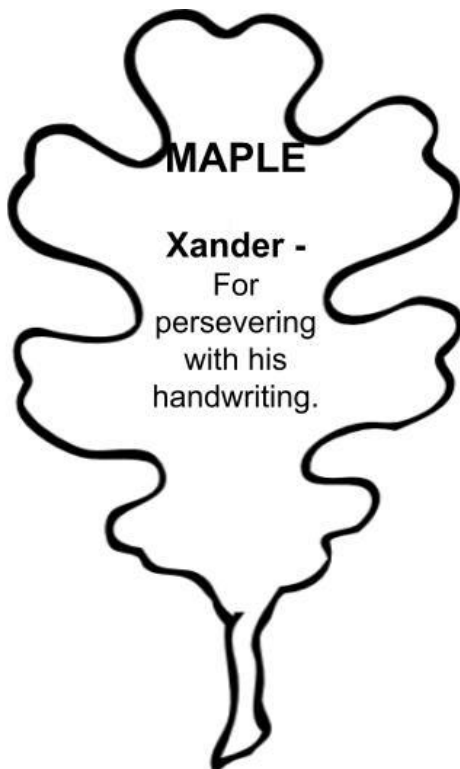
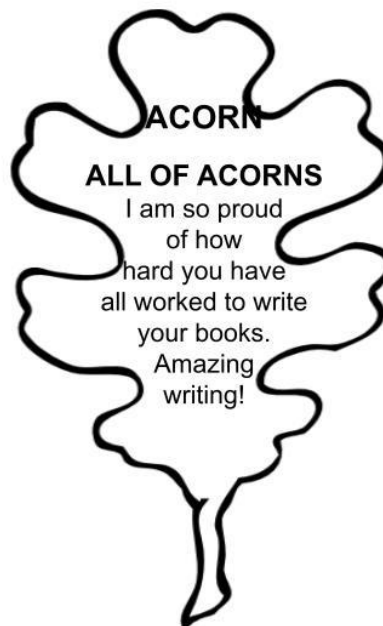


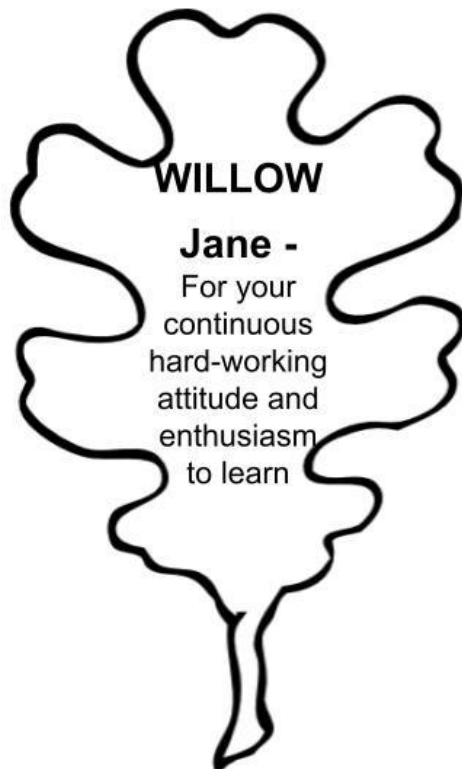
Dojo points

Acorn - Indy
Willow - Asher

Maple - Wren
Oak - Stanley

Values leaves





WILLOW

Jane -

For your continuous hard-working attitude and enthusiasm to learn



OAK

Juno -

You've worked hard this term at checking your spellings, keep it up!

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.