



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

Head's News

I can't quite believe how much we have squeezed into the first week back!

The week began with 'Brilliant Beginnings' in Maples, Willows and Oaks. We have also had our Year 4s and 5s out taking part in Bikeability sessions. They braved the rain and were absolutely fantastic. The instructors were so impressed with the children and their resilience.

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is a great opportunity for the children to share their love of books and become inspired to read. This year we are asking children to come to school dressed as a character from a story.

Please do not go out and spend a lot of money on new outfits or costumes. Please bring in the relevant book to share as well. Here are a few ideas:

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

Each child will also be sent home with a World Book Day voucher.

Attendance

September to today- 96.62%

This week- 96.65%

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 4 Bikeability

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Curriculum

Acorn class

They have started their new English lessons this week, using *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak as their focus book. They have also begun their topic on London.

Maple class

In Reading, they have begun to read *The Boy and the Whale* by Nizrana Farook and for writing, they are using the book *Grandad's Island* by Benji Davies. They have also begun their Geography topic on rivers.

Willow class

They have gone to slightly colder climates and have started to learn about the Arctic. They have also started a new text as part of their writing units called *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy.

Oak class

They are off to Japan this term as part of their Geography topic. For writing, the class is using *The Promise* by Nicola Davies and for reading, they are using a non-fiction text about earthquakes and volcanoes.

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 26.02.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – Teams sports for Y5,6 (tag rugby)

Tuesday – Choir for Y3,4,5,6

Wednesday – Open the Book for Y1,2,3

Thursday – Eco club for Y4,5,6

Friday – Football Club

Friday 01.03.24. – CNPS pottery workshop for Y4

Wednesday 06.03.24. – CNPS dance festival for Y1

Thursday 07.03.24. – World Book Day

Friday 08.03.24. – CNPS Author talk for Y5,6

Wednesday 13.03.24. – CNPS multi-skills festival for Y2,3

Thursday 14.03.24. – Open afternoon and Maples bake sale

W/C 18.03.24. – Parents' evenings

Tuesday 19.03.24. – heights & weights YR & Y6

Thursday 28.03.24. – end of term **1.30pm**

Morning Run

Well done to everyone who has been running laps in this even worse weather! Total runners are slightly down, but Oak class have been leading the way. We are very pleased to announce that the first person to reach Two Marathons has got his certificate – congratulations to Nate F! And this week Tom D has achieved his full Marathon – well done!

Marathon – Tom D

Two Marathons – Nate F

Here are the lap totals for each class and the mileage:

Acorn class 1259 laps 210 miles

Maple class 1654 laps 276 miles

Willow class 2051 laps 342 miles

Oak class 1984 laps 331 miles

Total 6948 laps 1158 miles

Great work everyone! This is a fantastic achievement, especially for Acorns who have done the most out of any Acorn class ever at this point in the year!

Acorn Stars: Ramona and Steil

Maple Stars: Layla and Sienna

Willow Stars: Henry and Archie M

Oak Stars: Mollie and Juno

Star of the Week: Xander

Bikeability

A report by Finlay and Billy

On Monday we came out of school fresh and excited since we were doing bikeability. Firstly, we did an ABCD check (an ABCD check is when you check your air, brakes, chain and direction.) First, we were riding around the playground, then we did a right shoulder check and a left signal. After lunch we rode to Rectory Crescent and practised U turns and going into primary road position and secondary and then we went back.

On Thursday we lined up on our bikes (it was absolutely tipping it down with rain) in two groups ready for the road. We walked to the main road, mounted our bikes and started to pedal. We practised turning and doing multiple U turns at junctions. After a while we went to lunch for a break. After lunch, not everyone came, but we went to a T junction at the main road and practised turning and U turns. After that we went in the cosy library and talked about signs. At the end everyone got certificates.



Wheels for all: Witney

recumbents • trikes • wheelchair carriers



Supportive, safe and inclusive cycling sessions for those with additional needs.

Every Saturday:
11am - 1pm, ages 2 yrs - 16 yrs. Family members welcome.
1pm - 2pm for 16+ yrs.

£3 per session.

Wood Green School,
Witney, OX28 1DX



Book by phone, email or website:
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From Middle Barton Sports & Social Club:

The Sports and Social Club have an ever-growing growing pile of clothing that's been left in the playing fields or inside the club - there's a lot of kids clothing. If it is not claimed by 13th March we shall donate it to charity.

Forthcoming event:



Our school clubs this week

Monday - Team sports

Focusing on tag rugby this term, in preparation for the forthcoming CNPS event.

Tuesday – Choir

Starting to practise for Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey in June.

Wednesday – Open the Book

They have looked at the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den and made masks:



Thursday – Eco Club

They have made octopus bird scares for the eco classroom:



Dojo points

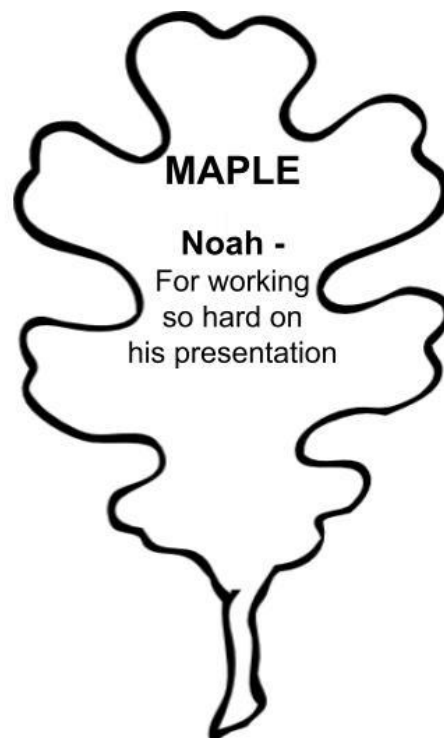
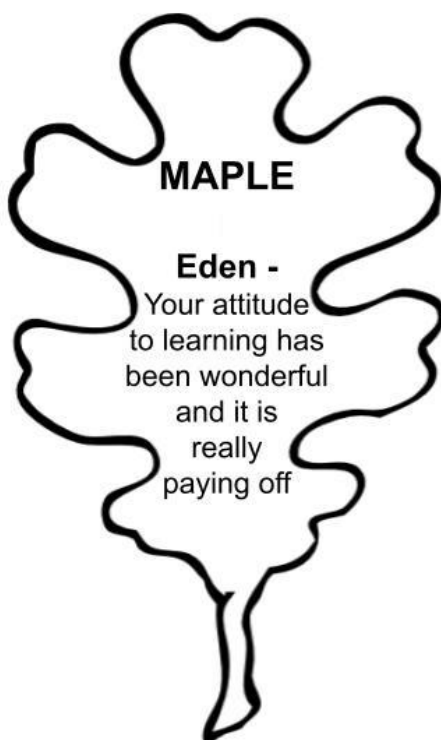
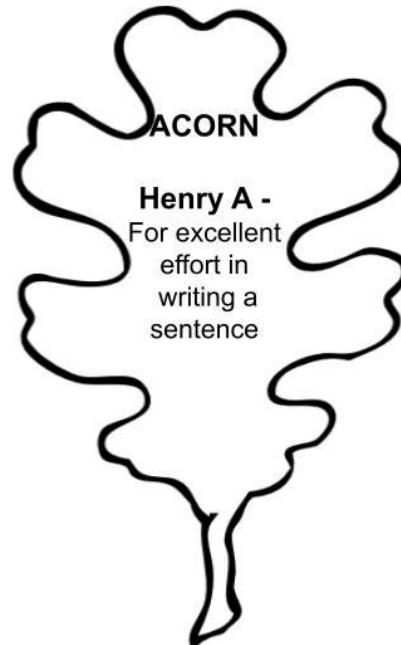
Oak - Gabbie

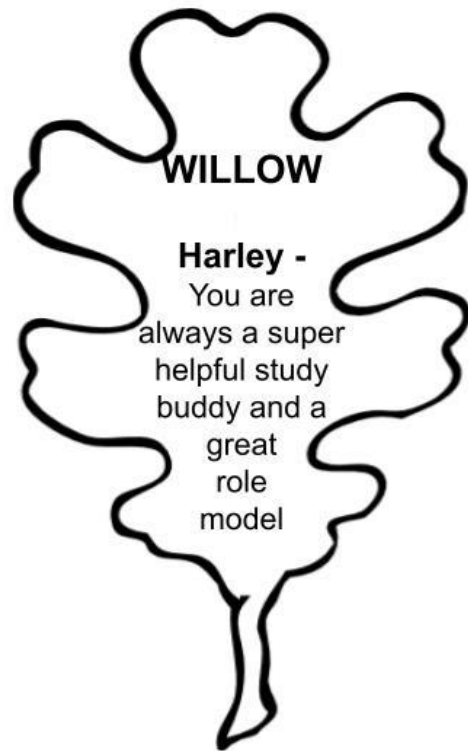
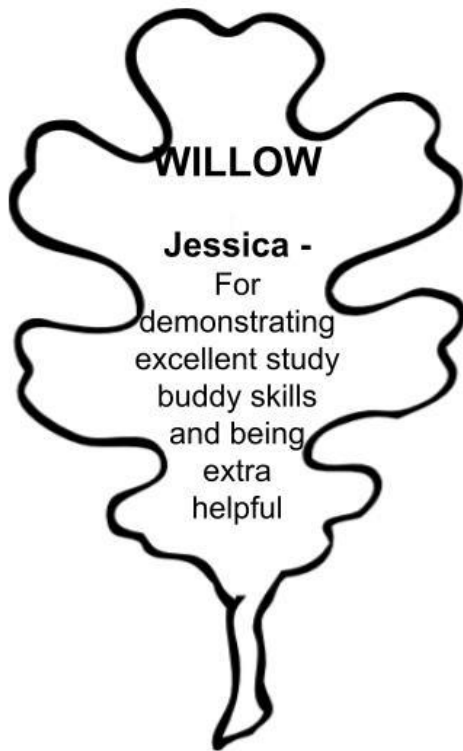
Willow - Eva

Maple - Sienna

Acorn - Brâm

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.