

Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Head's News

Creativity has been the theme in school this week, with all classes having the opportunity to work with an artist from Sculpture at Kingham Lodge. Our two visiting artists were Gill Bray and Jill Hannington. Each class spent some time learning about observational drawing. There was some great work produced that will be displayed in our art gallery. Our Year 4s have also visited Chipping Norton School and taken part in a pottery workshop.

The whole school has also taken part in SCARF workshops today. These are linked to our PSHE curriculum- https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf. Each class/year group focussed on a different theme: Acorn class- Feelings, Maple Class- My Healthy Brain and Body, Year 4- What makes me Me and Year 5/6- Looking after our physical and mental well-being.

Sad but exciting news!

Mr Smith will be leaving us at the end of this academic year (July 2024) to begin a new teaching adventure in Vietnam! He has been an amazing asset to the school over the years and I know he will be missed by all. We will be looking to recruit a new teacher as soon as possible to join our lovely team.

Assembly

How can you make your voice heard?

In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Attendance

September to today- 96.69% This week- 96.91%

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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All children- observation drawing sessions with an artist

All children- SCARF workshops

Year 4- Pottery workshop at Chipping Norton School

Curriculum

Acorn class

It has been great to see Acorn class back out taking part in Forest school sessions with Mrs Horner. They have continued to learn about London and I have seen some great independent work about the landmarks. They have been learning about the difference between a village and a city this week.

Maple class

I am so proud of Maple class and their determination to improve their handwriting and presentation recently-keep going! In Maths, they have been learning about perimeter. In Geography they have been learning about the water cycle and have made 'water cycles in a bag' to see the process for themselves!

Willow class

In Maths, the whole class has been learning about fractions this week. They have focussed on fractions greater than 1, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers, number lines with mixed numbers and number sequences. In English, they have completed short character poems where they had to use expanded noun phrases to add description.

Oak class

Year 5 and 6 have been busy cooking with Mrs Horner and produced soup using a range of vegetables. They learnt how to cook the vegetables in a range of ways. In PE, they have started learning how to play Badminton. There were some good rallies going on!

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 04.03.24. – 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

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

Friday 15.03.24. – Comic Relief non-uniform day

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

Many congratulations to the following people who have obtained their certificates this week!

Half Marathon – Jacob, Finlay

One-and-a-Half Marathons – Mollie, Katherine

Nearly fifty pupils have completed laps this week. Every class is making a sustained contribution to the lap totals of the school.

Special mentions: Henry A, Gwennie, Theo, Orlaith Bo, Millie, Alfie A, Freddie C, Juno,

Noah, Jozef, Leá and Lucy (who has completed her 100th lap this week!).

Acorn Stars: Orlaith Ba and Axel Maple Stars: Reggie and Teddy Willow Stars: Charlie and Harley Oak Stars: Ruby and Samuel

Star of the Week: Asher

Acorn Class

Acorns have been reading the book 'Stick Man' and have made their own stick men and taken them to the tree outside.











Maple Class

Creating the water cycle in a plastic bag.











Oak Class

Preparing and tasting vegetable soup.

























Artist visit

A report from Harley and Charlie

On Wednesday 28th February an artist came over and gave us many activities to do such as: drawing a watering can without looking at what our pens were doing {from a piece of cardboard} and even drawing a bike! It was a small child's bike from a boy who had grown out of its size. The entire School participated, we learnt about perspective and had a conversation about if we should use memory or observation. We had a great time with the artist.



















Easter Holiday Clubs

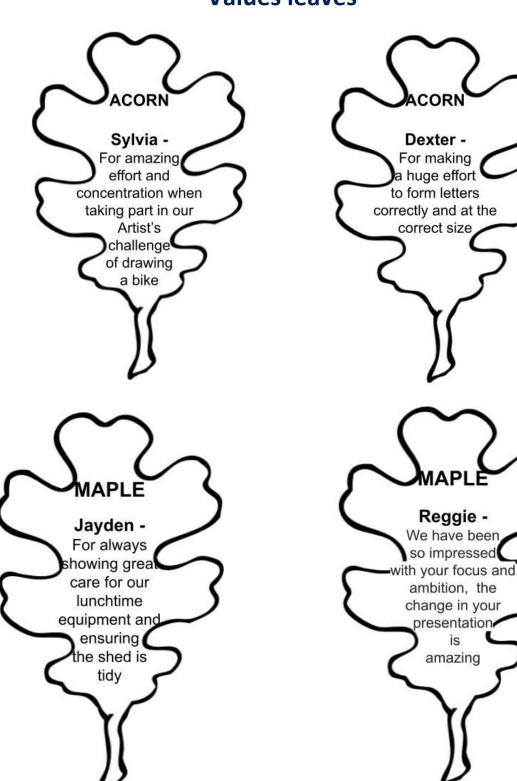


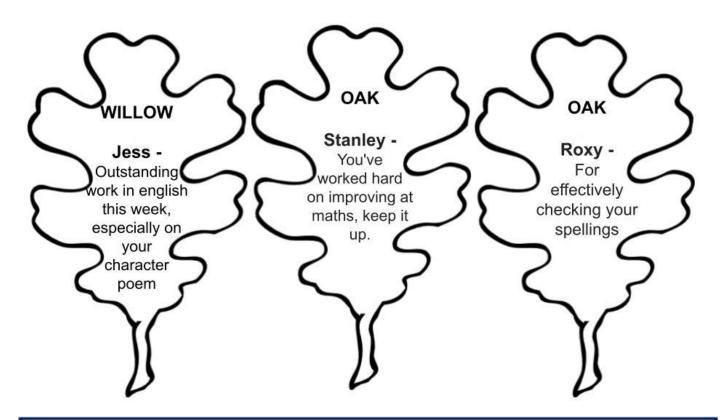


Dojo points

Acorn - Pippa Willow - Emilia Maple - Georgia Oak - Izzy

Values leaves





Safeguarding Children - what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

<u>Immediate danger</u> - 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.