



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

Head's News

So much going on this term and this week has been a busy one!

This week began with three visitors coming to the school. Being part of the River Learning Trust means we get well supported by other colleagues and the Central Team. Felix Raynard, Deputy Director of Education, Bryony McCraw, Headteacher of Barton Park and Paul Shaughnessy, Director of Education for the Ridgeway Education Trust, all came and spent the day with us on Tuesday. They spent time in classrooms, worked with teachers and spoke to groups of children. All three visitors commented on the lovely atmosphere around school and how the children's behaviour was amazing! We know that our children at Middle Barton are great but it is always nice to hear it from someone external.

On Wednesday, Mrs Saxby and I took Maple class to Chipping Norton School to take part in a multi-skills festival. They really enjoyed it and took part in every activity with such enthusiasm and determination. Yet again the behaviour was amazing as they listened to the instructions from the Sports leaders.

On Thursday, we had our Open Afternoon and Maple cake sale. It was really well attended and it was so great to see so many people join in, especially in yoga. Lucy, our yoga teacher, sent me an email last night commenting on how lovely it was to have parents there joining in and how much she enjoys coming to our school.

Maples then held their cake sale which raised.... £234.50. The highest total so far!!

And finally... today we have had Comic Relief. The children have come in their own clothes to help support and raise money for a worthy cause. We have managed to raise over £100, which is just amazing.

Survey

Please don't forget to complete our annual survey. It is always really important to hear the positives and areas that we could improve on. So far, we have only had 21 responses so please take just a few minutes to complete using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGq5hn4pOwtlwVytjG3tVrHkuuT59xMul3-geel6M2MewHGQ/viewform>

Next week.....

Parent meetings

Please don't forget that we have parent meetings next week. Please come in via the main reception entrance. In the library you will be able to wait and look at your child's work. The teachers will then come and collect you for your appointment. I will be around each day if you wish to catch up with me about anything.

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week the book fair is arriving. You will be able to purchase books straight after school on Thursday and Friday and Monday and Tuesday the following week. The book fair will be set up in the main reception area and payment can be made by cash or via a QR code using your mobile phone. A percentage of the money comes back to the school, which is then used to purchase new books.

Attendance this week: 96.7%

Assembly - this created a lot of discussion, especially amongst the older children!!

In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?

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:

On-going cub opportunities- Year 4/5/6- sports club, KS2-choir, Year 1/2/3- Open the book, All- football, Y4/5/6- Eco- club

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

Year 1- Dance festival at Chipping Norton School

World Book Day

Year 5 and 6- Author talk at Chipping Norton School

Year 4/5/6- Ukulele lessons

Open afternoon

Maples cake sale

Comic Relief fundraising

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 18.03.24. – last week of clubs for this term:

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

W/C 18.03.24. – Parents' evenings

Tuesday 19.03.24. – heights & weights YR & Y6

Thursday 21.03.24. – Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 26.03.24. – dental check YR

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

Morning Run

This week we are pleased to congratulate the following superstars who have obtained their certificates!

Marathon – Freddie C

One-and-a-Half Marathons – Millie J

The number of runners each week is remaining fairly constant at around half the school on a regular basis. Keep up the good work everybody!

Special mentions: Jesse, Oliver R, Theo, Jacob, Molly, Lucy, Ramona, Orlaith Ba, Charlie, Rose, Tahlia, Ruby, Juno, Stanley, Archie A, Mollie and Katherine.

Acorn Stars: Axel and Andrew

Maple Stars: Noah and Tom

Willow Stars: Nate F and Alex

Oak Stars: Nate BG and Leá

Star of the Week: Jozef

CNPS Y2/3 multi-skills festival

A report by Sienna and Isla-Grace

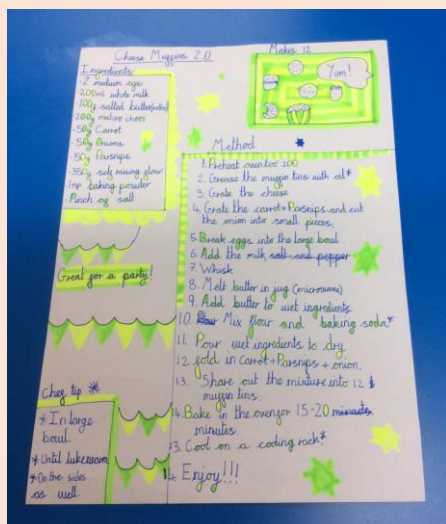
We did a lot of fun things like jumping side to side, we threw rockets and we had fun throwing balls as well.

We had races and we jumped over hurdles during he races. And our classmates made new friends.



Oak class

The development of the cheese muffin recipe – with very tasty results!



Willow Class

Outdoor learning



Maple class

Rivers – considering water pollution and filtering, the course of a river



Acorn class

Yoga session



Community News:

Middle Barton Sports & Social Club



We need a new logo for the Bartons Memorial Sports and Social Club and we are reaching out to you to help us design one.

There will be a £25 Amazon Gift Card for the one that we choose to use.

Please be as creative as you want, all entries will be considered. It must either/both state 'Bartons Memorial Sports and Social Club' or 'BMSSC'

Please send digital entries to kelly@bmssc.org before Sunday, 7th April.

Anyone, whatever age, is welcome to take part.

We look forward to seeing your entries #getcreative

Middle Barton Scouts

COME AND JOIN THE FUN WITH OUR SCOUTS BINGO AFTERNOON



SATURDAY 23rd MARCH

@ SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

DOORS OPEN AT 2.30pm

EYES DOWN TO START AT 3.00pm

£1.00 per book

Tea, Coffee, squash, and cakes



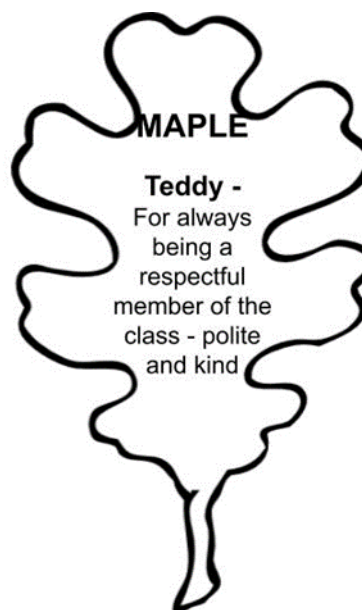
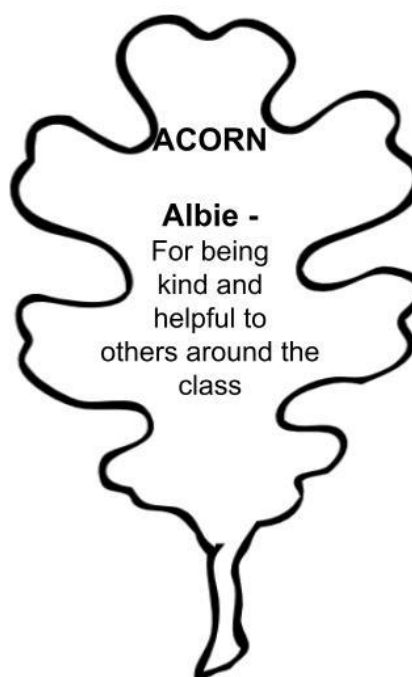
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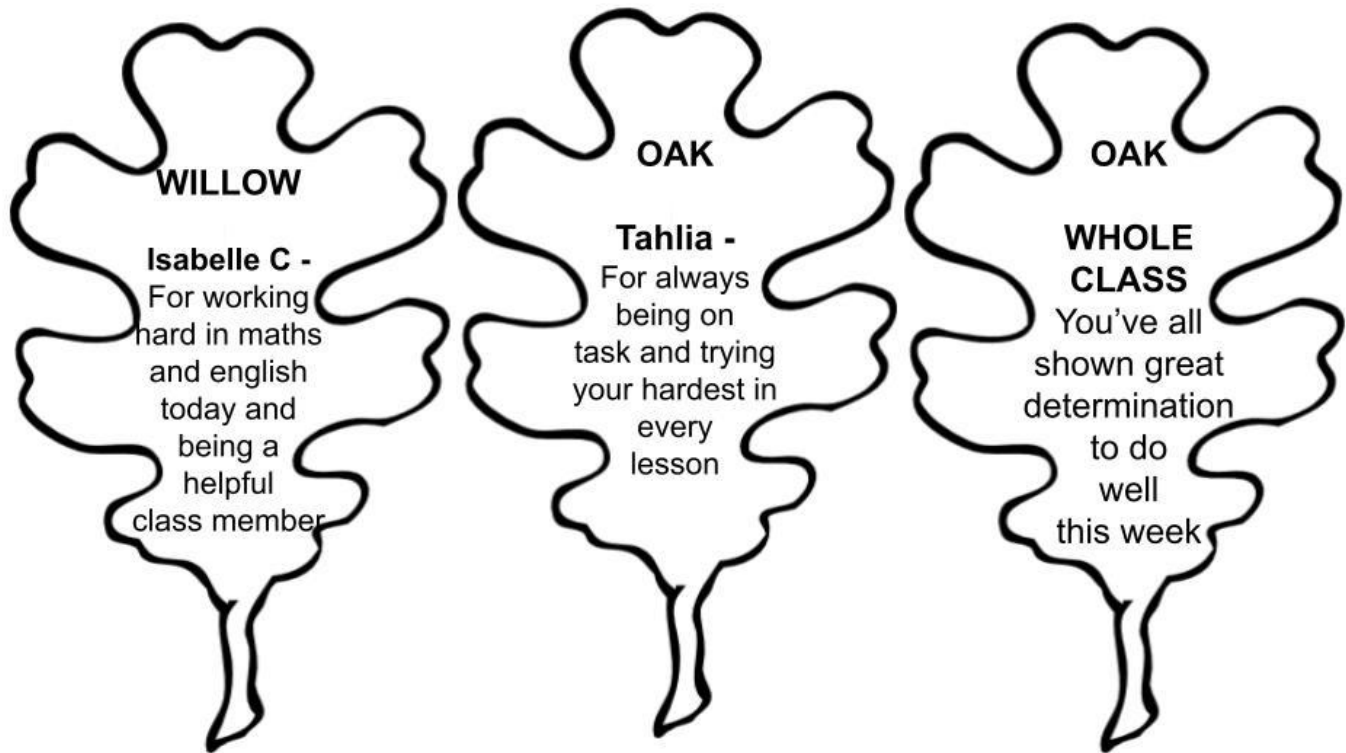
Dojo points

Acorn - Oliver
Willow - Nate

Maple - Elise
Oak - Tahlia

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.