



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

Head's News

It is so lovely to see the children trying to embrace the move to summer. I have seen a number of summer dresses appearing, but unfortunately tights are still needed! The children keep asking me when they don't need wellies, but

unfortunately the rain still keeps coming. 

Thank you to the families who came to help on TLC day, last Saturday. We managed to get quite a few jobs completed. We really do appreciate everyone giving up their free time to support the school and make it a lovely place for all of the children.

I have some very exciting news! A couple of weeks ago we carried out interviews for a new class teacher, as sadly Mr Smith is off to teach in Vietnam. I am glad to say that we were able to recruit a fabulous candidate- Miss Georgia McGrath. Miss McGrath is already known to the school, as she trained with us a couple of years ago alongside Mrs Bryce. Miss McGrath will be joining us for various events before the end of the school year, including our transition day, so you will get the opportunity to meet her before she begins in September.

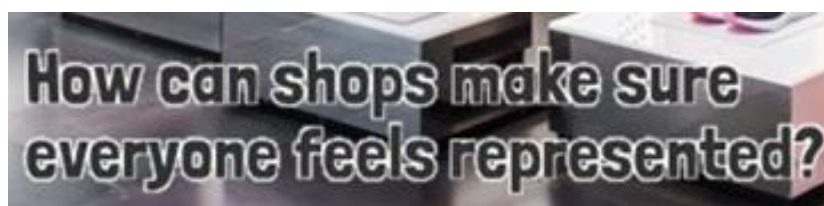
A little message from Miss McGrath:

Hello everyone,

I'm Miss McGrath and I look forward to joining your school in September as a class teacher. Some of you may remember me from a couple years ago, when I was training to be a teacher in Oaks class with Mrs Bryce. I love to read and enjoy spending my time reading children's books and share my favourites with students. Another hobby of mine is baking; I am always baking birthday cakes and cupcakes for my family and friends. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

I know some of you may have already started to think about next year and who will be teaching your child. We are currently working on the budget and staffing for next year so we will let you know when a final decision has been made.

Assembly



Stef Reid MBE, a former Paralympian medal-winner who represented Canada and Great Britain, is asking Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees. The request comes after noticing the company using mannequins with running blades to promote its products in shops. Stef has said that by refusing to sell single shoes, Nike is not living up to its values of diversity and inclusion. In a video viewed over 3 million times, Reid said she was thrilled to be shown photos of mannequins in Nike stores with running blades wearing a single shoe.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe all sportswear companies should sell single shoes to single-leg amputees? Ask others at home to share their thoughts.
- Can you think of any shops or businesses that take action to celebrate diversity?

Attendance

This week: **97.4%** Year so far: **96.6%**

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 3- Tennis Festival CNS

Oaks class- trip to Woodstock Museum (WW2)

FOMBS- Movie night

Year 4 Modern Foreign Languages Festival- CNS

Oaks/Willows- Ukulele lessons each week

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 22.04.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – team sports Y4,5,6

Tuesday – choir Y3,4,5,6

Tuesday – tennis for Y2,3

Wednesday – open the book Y1,2,3,4,5,6

Thursday eco club Y4,5,6

Friday – football Y1,2,3,4,5,6

06.05.24. – Bank Holiday, school closed

w/c 13.05.24. – SATS week – Y6

15.05.24. – CNPS rugby tournament – selected children

22.05.24. – CNPS athletics tournament – selected children

23.05.24. – Open afternoon and Willows bake sale

24.05.24. – End of term 5 – finish 3.10pm

03.06.24. – Return to school after half term

Morning Run

Very well done to this week's super certificate winners:

Half Marathon – Samuel

One-and-a-Half Marathons – Tom D

Two-and-a-Half Marathons – Albie L, Harley

Each class is making an especial effort and the number of participants fielded by each class is roughly similar. Oaks and Willows are setting a great example to the younger ones, but sometimes the Maples and Acorns go around the track quicker!

Special mentions: Romy, Fred, Jacob, Ramona, Jayden, Millie, Freddy J, Sienna, Alfie A, Juno, Archie M, Faith, Nate F, Leá and Mollie.

Helpful to other track users: Archie A, Thomas J, Alfie A, Axel G, Billy, Oliver G, Jack

Acorn Stars: Ben and Oliver

Maple Stars: Layla and Theo

Willow Stars: Freddie C and Eva

Oak Stars: Erin and Samuel

Star of the Week: Jack

This week's safer internet tip:

Roblox parental controls

Parental controls

- Click the **Gear icon** in the upper right corner and click **Settings**
- Select **Parental Controls** in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen
- In the **Parent PIN** section, press the **Toggle** button
- You will be asked to **create and confirm the PIN**
- When you're done, press **Add**



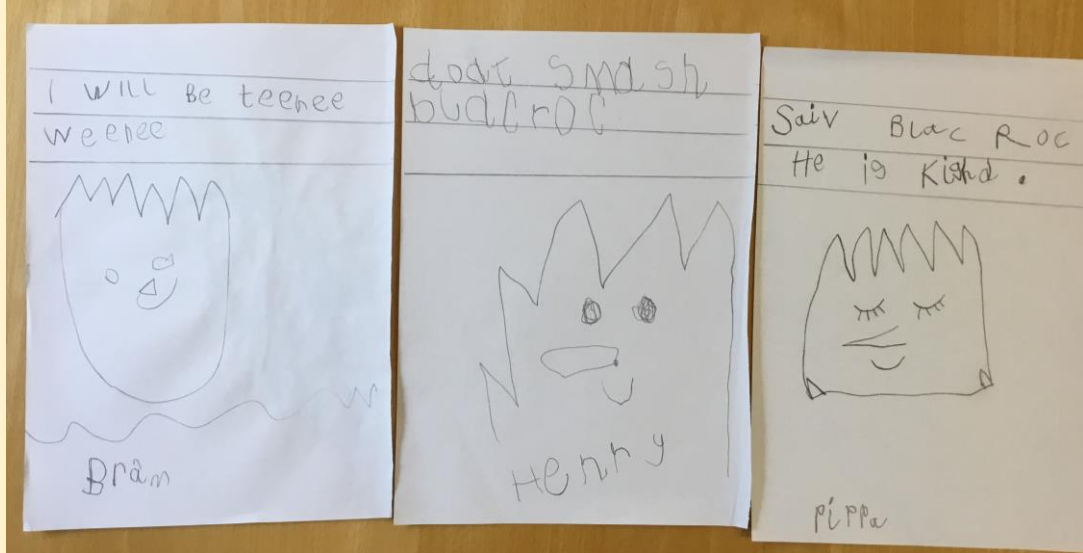
All parental control settings are protected by the account PIN, which will need to be entered in order to make any changes.

Creating a PIN requires a verified email address. You will be prompted to add and verify your email if the account does not have one.



Acorn Class

This week in Acorns we have been using our key text *The Secret of Black Rock*. The Reception children have written amazing posters to save black rock. In forest school we have found frogs in the pond, we also made flower crowns.





Maple Class

This week, we have begun our persuasive letters to the king telling him why banning the dark is a bad idea - based on our book *The King Who Banned the Dark*. We have also finished off our Mass and Capacity unit in Maths with some real-life application in baking!





Willow Class

Willows are making great improvements in their ukulele lessons. They are learning how to read tabs, move through the frets and play a variety of songs. Yesterday they learned The Spooky Song which had mixed reviews from the class! In art, Willows have been using black acrylic paint in two ways to create a background wash and detail. They have practised by creating patterns inspired by Pueblo pottery in their sketch book.

During their English activity today, Willows were analysing images from our text - The Journey - and using the five senses to explain how the characters were feeling, as well as unpicking what was happening in the scenes.





Oak Class

This week Oaks' 6s have worked hard at preparing for their SATS and I've been really impressed by their hard work and determination to succeed. The 5s have been working hard on increasing the complexity of their sentences. In art we have been experimenting with creating and layering stencils to create artwork. In science we have studied the components of the bloodstream and how they work together.

(Now we know why Mrs Horner had red Cheerio's adorned round the staff room!)





Our focus for this week:

Year 5 eco reps write - "We would like to see the end of single use plastic in lunch boxes and snacks."

Alternatives to this are:

- Reusing snack pots
- Using an alternative to cling film, such as paper or wax wraps
- Reusable zip-lock bags

Please consider buying a wax wrap made by Eco Club! They will be on sale in reception for £1.50 - correct cash only!



Dojo points

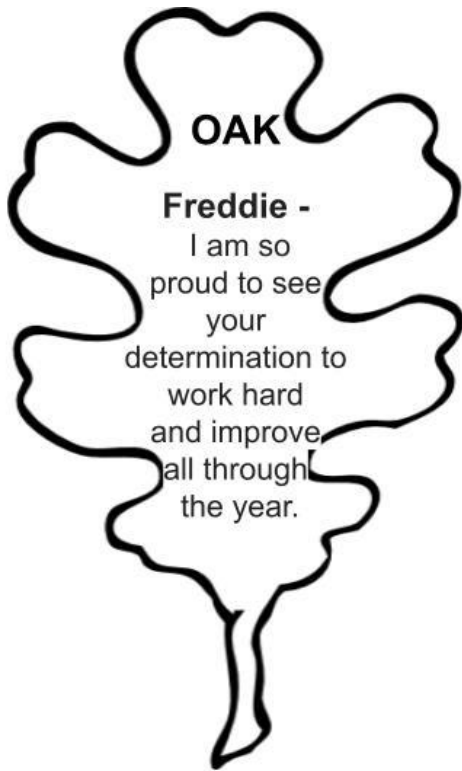
Oak - Billy

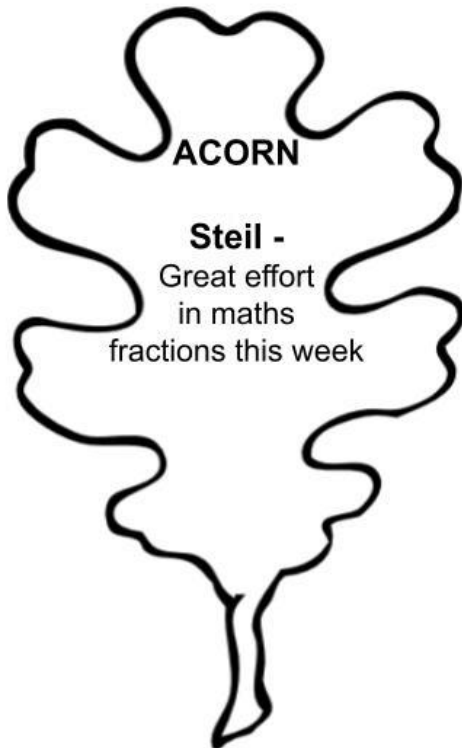
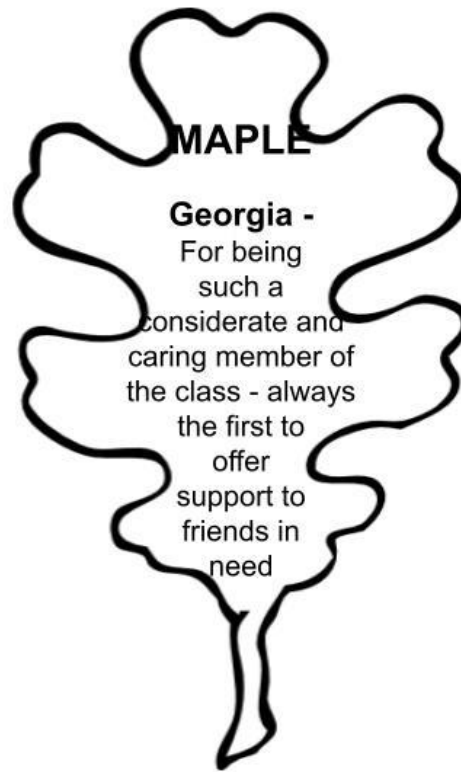
Willow - Mia

Maple - Reggie

Acorn - Jacob

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.