



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024

Head's News

It has been a bit of a higgledy-piggledy week in school, with our Year 6 children taking their SATS tests. All the children have coped brilliantly with changes of rooms, timetables and break times.

Our Year 6 children have been an absolute credit to the school this week and completed their assessments with such maturity and determination. They have worked so hard and I know they all tried their best and put in maximum effort.

A group of children from Year 4 and 5 took part in the Chipping Norton Rugby Tournament on Wednesday. They worked so well as a team and played their socks off! Please read Mollie's and Amelia's recount of the event. 🍌

A staffing update

Mrs Mortimer will sadly be leaving us at the end of this year. She has been such a valued member of staff over the years and has inspired and supported so many children during her time at Middle Barton School. I know she will be missed by everyone- children, parents and staff! 😞

Mrs Horner has decided to reduce her hours next year but I am glad to say she will still be with us for 2 days a week. She has been such an inspiration and an integral part of the school for such a long time.

We will be advertising for 2 part time support staff (Teaching Assistant) roles. The adverts will be out next week so if you are interested, or would like more information about the roles, please come and speak to myself or Mrs Walker.

Tax Free Childcare

Did you know that you could get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. Follow this [link](#) for more information and to check your eligibility. Tax free childcare payments are accepted at Wraparound Care here at Middle Barton School.

Attendance

This week: **94.7%** - quite a decline this week 😞

Year so far: **96.5%**

Assembly

In the news this week



Cambridge University has returned four spears to the descendants of an indigenous community in Australia, who crafted them. The four aboriginal spears are all that remain of the forty or so that British explorer, James Cook, and his team took from the Gweagal people more than 250 years ago. On their arrival in Australia in 1770, they became the first known Europeans to reach the country's east coast.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response with someone at home to the news that the spears are being returned after 250 years. Do you both feel the same?
- > What belongings are important to you? Do you have any items from grandparents or other relatives that have special value to you?

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 20.05.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – team sports Y4,5,6

Tuesday – choir Y3,4,5,6

Tuesday – tennis 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

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

We are very pleased to announce the following fantastic certificate winners this week:

Half Marathon: Ben

Marathon: Steil, Orlaith Ba

One-and-a-Half Marathons: Billy

Two Marathons: Millie

Congratulations to these pupils, and also to everyone else who is helping to build the school's total to an incredible 1640 miles! Amazing work!

Acorn class 1792 laps 299 miles

Maple class 2515 laps 419 miles

Willow class 2782 laps 464 miles

Oak class 2753 laps 459 miles

Special mentions: Year 6 (SATs week has not stopped them – on the contrary they have found it helpful to stride out their legs before the tests – see extra Oak stars below), Orlaith Bo, Ramona, Fred, Tom D, Sienna, Isla-Grace, Elise, Nell, Reggie, Jesse, Amelia-Rose, Freddie C, Eva, Alex, Faith, Rose, Evie, Mollie, Juno and Leá.

Acorn stars: Romy and Jack

Maple stars: Georgia and Xander

Willow stars: Harley and Lyla

Oak stars: Ruby, Freddie N, Izzy, Finlay and Erin

Star of the Week: Isabelle B

This week's safer internet tip:

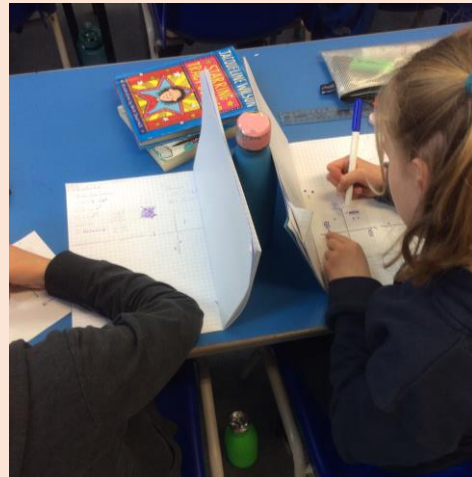
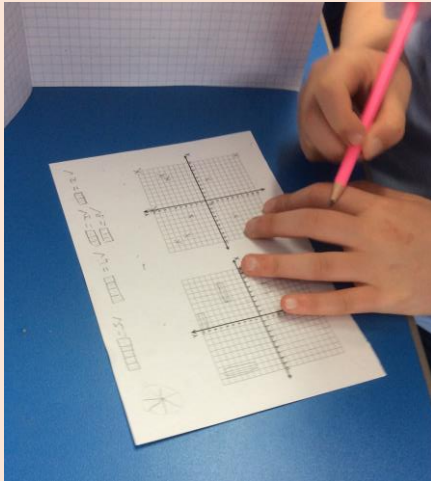
Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Oak Class

Oaks have played battleships to reinforce their knowledge of coordinates, participated in a boomwhacker orchestra, learnt about Anne Frank and read some of her diary - I was very humbled by the class's insightful comments and questions that arose. Oh, and Year 6s also had SATS! Well done for all of your hard work.



Meanwhile, Year 5s learnt the practicalities of the Three Little Pigs story, by 'blowing that house down' (with Mrs Horner's leaf blower!)





Willow Class

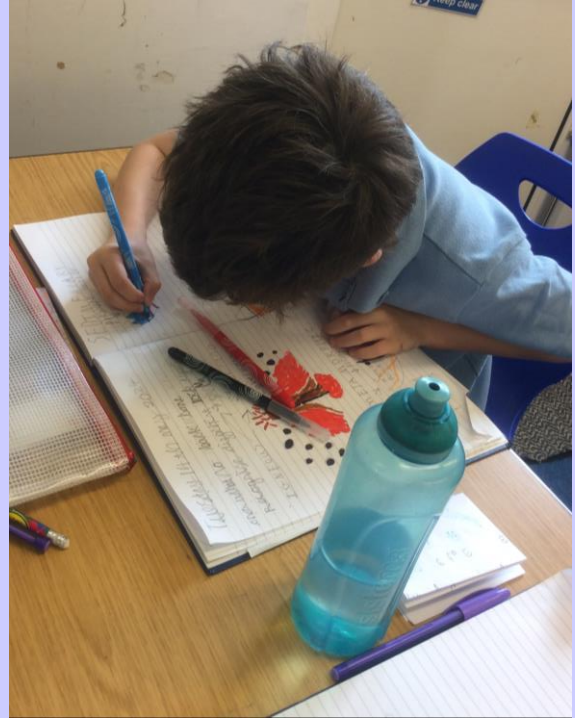
All of the children in Willows class have been amazing this week with all the changes due to the year 6 SATs - they have had to decamp in the mornings from our classroom to the library and outdoor classroom, all of which they did very graciously. They have been completing a range of outside learning activities, as well as consolidating some maths and English objectives. The children also designed and made clay pots as part of their art curriculum. The children have also designed posters for our cake sale next week - look out for them appearing around school over the next few days. The children also enjoyed a range of games in PE including throw and run which got very competitive!





Maple Class

Maples have been learning about rock types this week and finding out how metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous rocks are formed. They have also been very happy to have Yoga Lucy back!





Acorn Class

We've had a very arty week in Acorns. We've learnt about the colour wheel and primary colours, we've studied the art of Matisse and Mondrian and created collages and line art. There are definitely some future artists in our class.



CNPS Tag Rugby Tournament

A report from Mollie and Amelia W:

When we got there, Chipping Norton Rugby Club let us use their grounds.

There were groups of big schools and little schools. In a team there were 9 players, so one of us had to sit out because we had ten people from our school.

The big schools played first while we practised with a tag rugby coach, who was giving us helpful tips. We played three matches. The first one we won, the second we tied 4:4, and in the last match we lost by 2 points 😊. We had 2 matches before the break and 1 after. For our half-time we had one minute to quickly get a drink and talk about a plan to stop the opposite team.

We had so much fun even though some of us got injured. 😞

We would like to thank the teachers who took us and you for reading all of this!





Our focus for this week:



This Monday is national Bee Day, so don't forget to let your wild flowers bloom for No Mow May!

Send in photos of your Bee friendly spaces - there will be a Bee themed prize for our favourite!

Mollie and Finlay (Eco committee)

Dojo points

Acorn – Annabelle

Maple - Teddy

Willow - Archie J

Oak - Gabbie

Other events:



Saturday 6th July

Alice's Day

Teatime with Hatter and Hare and other Fabulous Monsters and Curious Creatures

Scan here to book tickets

Performances at 10:30am, 12:30pm & 2:30pm





TOUCH RUGBY
@CNRUFC

IT'S BACK AND IT'S FREE!

WEEKLY FROM
WED 5 JUNE
@6 – 7.30pm

All welcome, all abilities, all ages.
Bar open. Just show up!

LAUNCHING
Chipping Norton Sports Bar
@CNRUFC

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

WATCH LIVE!

ALL ENGLAND MATCHES AND MORE

OPEN EVERY

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

THROUGHOUT EURO 2024 AND BEYOND!

More information at www.chippingnorton.rfu.club




Scan for full schedule

Holiday Workshops

The North Wall

NW Inventors: Animal Characters

Friday 31 May
10am - 4pm

Join us this half term for a full day getting to grips with animal studies! This is a popular technique used in drama; inspiration is drawn from animals and their behaviour to create new characters. This is a fun way to explore personality traits and physicality.

For ages 8-11
Tickets: £40

Bursary places available - email Abie on waltona@thenorthwall.com to apply



YouthLab: Creating Convincing Characters

Friday 31 May
10am - 4pm

Join us this half term for a full day exploring how to create detailed, nuanced, and convincing characters. Expect lots of games, drama exercises and fun.

For ages 12-17
Tickets: £40

Bursary places available - email Abie on waltona@thenorthwall.com to apply



May Half Term

Book online
www.thenorthwall.com

Other information:



Recruitment of a member of the Audit and Risk Committee

RLT Trust Board

We are a multi-academy trust responsible for 29 schools in Oxfordshire and Swindon and a school centred initial teacher training provider. We are looking for a new member of the Audit and Risk Committee of our Trust Board and inviting applications from anyone who would like to join the three other external members of the committee.

This committee provides assurances to the Trust Board that both financial and non-financial risks are being adequately identified and managed by reviewing and agreeing a programme of work to address, and provide assurance on, controls put in place to mitigate those risks. The role of the Audit Committee is therefore to ask what is being done about a particular risk, when a change in the status of the risk can be expected and to monitor the successful delivery of this improvement.

The committee meets three times a year as a full committee plus an annual meeting of external members only for self-scrutiny and reflection. The meetings are generally held online.

We are looking for someone with finance and audit experience but not necessarily in an educational setting. Applications from members of ethnic minority communities are particularly welcome.

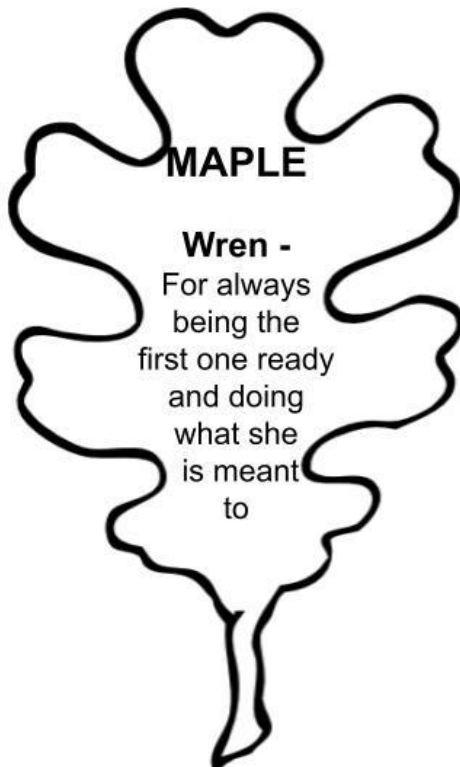
For further details please contact Louise Askew, Head of Governance and Compliance, by email at: laskew@riverlearningtrust.org, or telephone 07970 678962. And to find out more about the trust please go to our website at <https://riverlearningtrust.org/19/about-the-trust>.

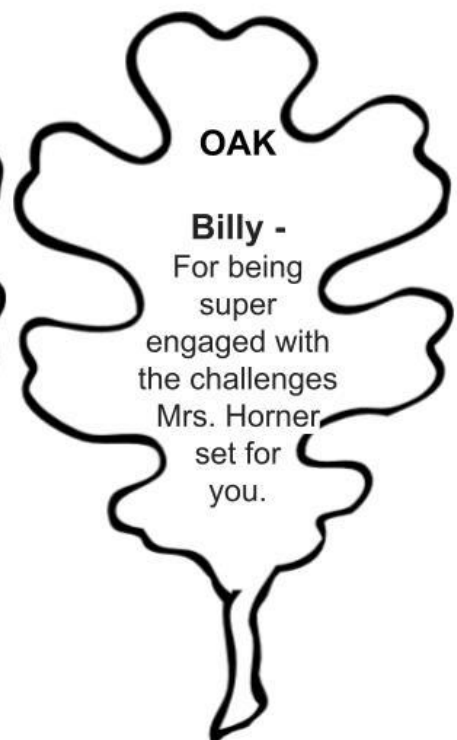
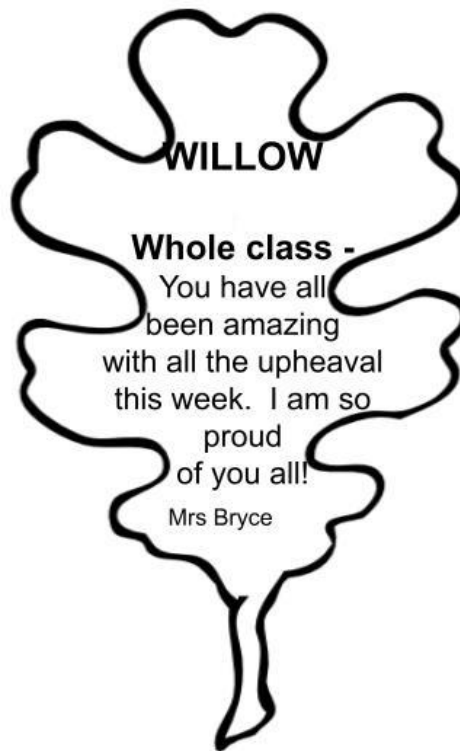
The River Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff, Trustees and Members to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter setting out how your experience, knowledge and skills meet the requirements of the role to laskew@riverlearningtrust.org

Applications close at **12:00 midday on Monday 10th June**. Interviews are expected to be held in the week commencing **Monday 17th June**.

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.