



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

Head's News

The end of this half term is here and I think we are all ready for a break. It has been so lovely to see the children outside more, even with the odd rainy day!!


We are so lucky with the outdoor facilities we have at Middle Barton School and showing potential new parents around at this time of year, just reinforces how fortunate the children are to have access to our wonderful grounds

and resources. 

This week myself, Mrs Bryce and Miss Epsom took 22 children to the Chipping Norton Athletics competition. Unfortunately, the event had to be moved inside due to the weather, but the children were amazing. The determination on their faces when they were racing was just unbelievable. Please read Katherine and Mollie's

recount of the event. 

Recently, I asked that all children need to be completing the reading and times tables at home. We have decided to look at how we can make homework easy to access but have the most impact on the children's learning. We currently have a group of children from Willow class trialling a new maths online system. Feedback on this will be

really useful as obviously these things are never cheap, so we want to ensure we are making the right choice. 

Thank you to all of you that completed the stakeholder survey. I have had the analysis back. Here are a few snippets from survey:

Positives include:

KS2 students are positive about 'Q7 There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me'

100% of parents agree that 'Q3 My child feels safe at this school'

100% of Governors are positive about 'Q1 I am proud to be a governor at this school.'

Improvements since the last survey include:

The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good.

As a governor, I feel that I effectively challenge the school's SLT.

Some of the areas for development include:

How the school benefits from being part of the River Learning Trust.

Some children said that they didn't enjoy learning 😞

All the information gathered will then help us to develop a plan for the future and re-evaluate some aspect of the curriculum and how we do things.

Attendance

This week: **86.2%** -this is a huge decline this week. 😞

We have had a number of children unwell but 50% of this week's absences have been due to families taking their children on holiday during term time. Please try to book holidays out of term time!

Year so far: **96.2%** (our target if 97%)

In the news this week

Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?

An all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys' teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season. The Queens Park Ladies U12s finished top of their table with eighteen wins in the group of eleven boys' teams. They were the only girls' team in the Bournemouth Youth Football League, playing in its third division for under-12s. The players, who train twice a week, have now proved themselves against the other teams.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on why you think some other teams pre-judged the Queens Park Ladies U12s.
- > Have you ever experienced a time when someone has made an assumption about you that has been wrong or unfair?

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

FOMBS- Movie night

Oaks/Willows- Ukulele lessons each week

Tag Rugby Tournament (Y3/4/5)

Oaks class- trip to Woodstock Museum (WW2)

Year 4 Modern Foreign Languages Festival- CNS

Year 4/5 AIM Science (selected children)

Athletics competition (Y3/4/5/6)

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 03.06.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – team sports Y4,5,6

Monday – multi-sports for YR,Y1

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

03.06.24. – Return to school after half term

04.06.24. – IMPS visit for Y6

13.06.24. – Acorns class visit to Woodstock Museum

14.06.24. – FOMBS plant sale after school

This week's safer internet tip:

Think about the location of the games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.

Morning run

This week, we are very pleased to present the following certificates to these excellent athletes, including the furthest distance this year so far. Congratulations to Nate F who has run three marathons!

Marathon: Leá

One-and-a-Half Marathons: Xander

Two Marathons: Mollie V

Three Marathons: Nate F

There are still a few weeks to finish off your laps after half term, complete your challenge and receive a certificate. We finish at the end of term on 23rd July, then all laps reset for September. Any queries as to your personal total, please come and ask Mrs Denby.

Special mentions: Andrew, Ben, Lucy, Fred, Jayden, Isla-Grace, Albie L, Sienna, Layla, Nell, Archie J, Asher, Stanley, Faith, Hope, Jozef and Juno.

Acorn stars: Orlaith Bo and Jacob

Maple stars: Tom and Noah

Willow stars: Charlie and Henry L

Oak stars: Gabbie and Samuel

Star of the Week: Freddie N (Oak)

Upcoming events

Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

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May Half Term Fun

25 - 31 May 2024

Join us as we celebrate national Bee and Biscuit days, step back in time to Roman Bucks and make your own wildflower seed-bomb or puppet plus lots more!

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code



FREE Saturday 25 May – Spring Into Summer – Family Day
FREE with standard admission charges, drop in 10am - 4pm. Suitable for ages 3+.
We're springing into summer at Discover Bucks Museum: play outdoor games, learn about historic May Day traditions, try out our summer gallery trail and more!

Monday 27 May – Seeds, Seeds Everywhere
£3.50, drop in 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+.
Celebrate bee day by making a wildflower seed-bomb from recycled paper.

Tuesday 28 May – Bucks Back in Time: The Romans
£3.50, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+.
Step back into Roman Bucks and experience hands-on crafts and activities in this drop-in workshop: make a Roman mosaic, see how you look in a toga, discover Roman meal time & handle real Roman artefacts!

Wednesday 29 May – Biscuit Day at Discover Bucks
£3.50, drop in 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+.
Celebrate National Biscuit Day at Discover Bucks Museum with biscuit decorating, edible playdough, a sensory dig pit and more!

Thursday 30 May – Let's Get Creative
£3, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+.
Join us to make your very own collage to take home.

Friday 31 May – Nature Puppets
£4.50, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+
Create your very own nature-inspired, moveable puppet.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Make a day of it and visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum while you're here. We're now open Sundays 12pm - 4pm as well.

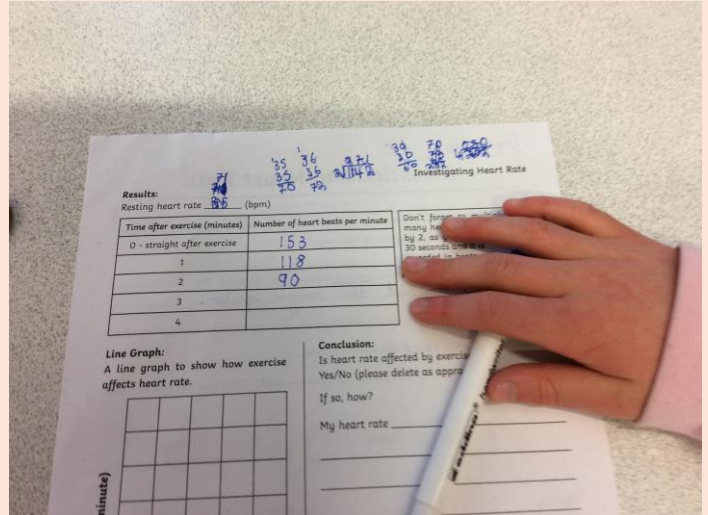
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Oak Class

This week Oaks have been working on their survival narrative, will their characters make it? They have observed and recorded their heart rates in science and have roleplayed as different groups of people from WWII.



Whatever the weather we WILL get outside and toast marshmallows!





Willow Class

This week in maths, the Year 4s have looked at time. They have been telling the time, thinking about am/pm and converting between 24 hour and 12 hour times. We strongly encourage more practice telling the time at home over the half term holiday!

The class really enjoyed having parent visitors in their yoga lesson yesterday. We used the birds to practice balance and everybody took part in some mindful breathing exercises and relaxation. Following this was our class bake sale. Willows worked hard in the week to advertise the bake sale and it was a success! Many cakes and biscuits were bought and the class are looking forward to spending their money next term. Thank you to our helpers.





Maple Class

This week in Maples, we have had a finishing off week! This included learning to talk about ourselves in French, learning how fossils are formed (and making our own) and creating our own art pieces inspired by Yayoi Kusama.





Acorn Class

This week the year one acorns were inspired by the rain to write poems using onomatopoeias.

Reception have been learning about the life cycle of a frog, we've found tadpoles in our pond.

I hear rain.
I hear tap tip top.
I hear splash splosh splosh
I hear dash drop drip.
I hear splash splatter splat
I hear tippit tap tap
I hear bash drop splash.
I hear bash drop crash.
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I hear rain
I hear pitter pae
I hear splashing
I hear splattering
I hear drip splash
I hear splat and splattering
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I hear rain
I hear splash splosh splish
I hear tap tip tap
I hear cisa ash dash wocip
I hear pitter patten splat
I hear splatter splat
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CNPS Athletics Festival

A report from Mollie and Katherine:

We had so much fun!

There were 3 events and they were sprint, standing long jump and javelin.

First we did sprinting! It went well and we all did amazing. Everyone finished the race, even if they fell over! We ran 4 lengths of the Chippy sports hall. 😊

Next was Javelin...

We had to stand behind a wooden board and throw a foam javelin. We had two javelins for one person, so if your second throw is further than the first one then the furthest one counts 🍷.

Lastly was standing long jump!

First we stood behind a line and had a practice jump. Then we had a real go and they marked our jump with a marker. Then we got the results!! 😄





Our focus for this week:



The bee garden is looking good!

**We look forward to receiving your pictures for 'no mow May'
(please email to the office)**

Dojo points

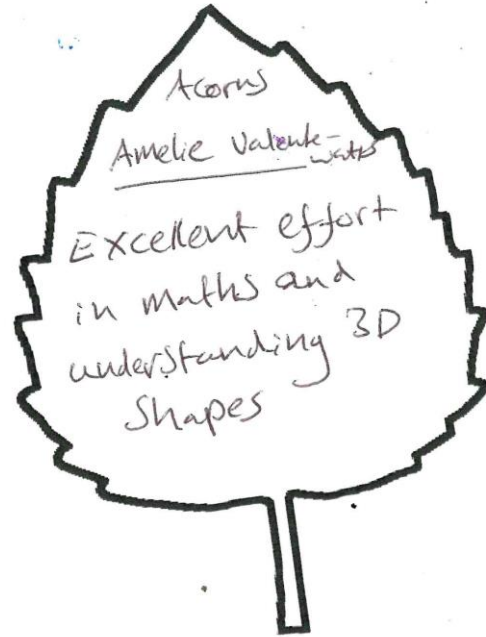
Acorn – Sally

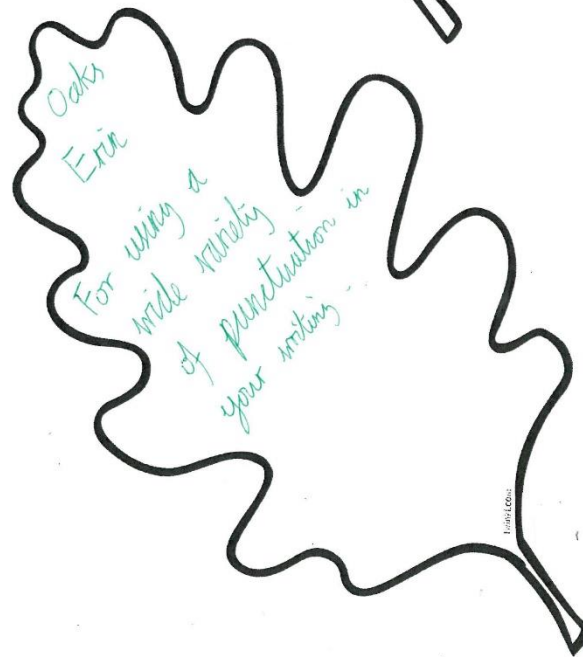
Maple – Minnie

Willow – Henry

Oak - Amelia

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.