



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024



## Head's News

We have had a busy few weeks and a number of children have been out and about developing new skills and having fun along the way.

Isabelle B, Isabelle C, Alex and Henry are now officially trained up as 'Young Leaders' and have been organising lovely games for the younger children at lunchtimes.

We also had a very successful MacMillan coffee morning and raised £191.71 for a very worthwhile cause. Well done to the Year 6s for serving, clearing away and chatting with members of the community.

Mrs Henderson and Miss Epsom took two football teams to the Under 11 tournament on Wednesday and it sounded like they had great fun and played their socks off! A huge thank you to Miss Epsom and Mrs Henderson for taking the children and supporting them so well during the event on their day off.

Year 6 has had the most amazing week down at Yenworthy Lodge. They have very much embraced the experience and made some lovely memories. The staff at Yenworthy have commented so many times of the children's behaviour and how well they all work together. Photographs and a write-up to follow!

### Attendance

## 95.5% (below National)

**Unfortunately, this is the lowest attendance percentage that we have had for quite a while. I am aware that a number of children have been unwell recently but we still have a number of families taking holiday during term time; which has a huge impact on a child's education. *Currently 30% of our absence is due to holiday, 50% is due to illness and 14% for medical appointments.***

### Reminders about attendance

- The school day begins at 8.40am
- The registers are taken at 8.50am
- Parents need to contact the school office **each day** if their child is going to be absent and give a reason for the absence
- If a child's attendance falls below 97% the class teacher will be in contact to offer support
- If a child's attendance falls below 95% the headteacher will be in contact to offer support
- If attendance is persistent (below 90%) parents will be invited in to discuss the situation
- If attendance continues to decline a referral to the Local Authority will be made
- No term time holiday will be authorised
- Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence. The school considers each application individually, taking into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request. If a leave of absence is granted, which must be requested in writing, it is for the headteacher to determine the length of the time the pupil can be away from school. As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances.
- At Middle Barton School, 'exceptional circumstances' will be interpreted as events that are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short" for the individual pupil, which outweigh the loss of teaching time (as determined by the headteacher). With the term 'unavoidable' meaning an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time

## Dates for the diary

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

W/C 07.10.24.

Monday – Sports Club Y3,4,5,6

Wednesday – Choir Y3,4,5,6

Thursday – Eco Y4,5,6

Friday – Football Y1,2,3,4,5,6

Tuesday 08.10.24. – Y6 Junior Citizens

Tuesday 15.10.24. – Open Afternoon 2.30pm

Friday 18.10.24. – Flu vaccinations for all children

W/C 21.10.24. – Parent meetings

Wednesday 23.10.24. – CNPS U11 Cross Country 3.00pm – 4.15pm – named children

Friday 25.10.24. – INSET DAY – no children in school

28.10.24. – 01.11.24. – HALF TERM

Monday 04.11.24. – INSET DAY – no children in school

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.

## Morning run

Great news! We have our first presentation of a certificate for a Half Marathon: Albie L from Maple class! Congratulations, Albie!

Everyone has been trying very hard, despite the terrible weather which has stopped our Morning Run on several occasions. Keep up the good work!

Special mentions: Orlaith Bo, Winston, Isaac, Axel, Alfie G, Jayden, Xander, Fred, Ivan, Ben, Steil, Jacob, Reggie, Jane, Alfie A, Freddie C, Asher, Eva and Hayley.

Acorn stars of the week: Edith and William

Maple stars of the week: Elise and Noah

Willow stars of the week: Jess and Henry L

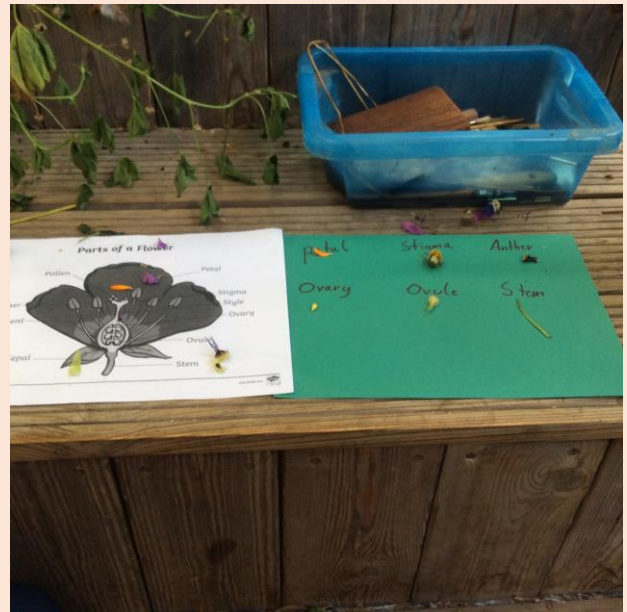
Oak stars of the week: Isabelle C and Nate

Star of the week: Indy



## Oak Class

With the Year 6s on residential, the year 5s have had a very good week and have been brilliant stepping in to cover some of the Year 6 tasks. They have been learning about plant reproduction and labelling the parts of a flower. They finished the week with a celebratory pizza in forest School.



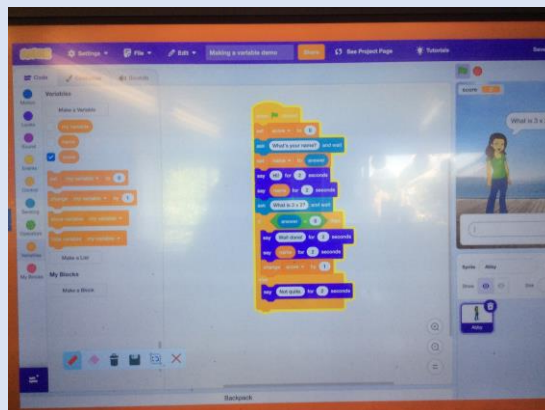


## Willow Class

Willows have had a busy week; they have worked hard on role play in preparation of planning their narrative based on the class book *The Whale*. The children enjoyed some book talk during one of our reading sessions where they talked about the book they are reading at the moment - what they like about it, what the plot is about and what the characters are like etc.

In maths the children have been working on addition and subtraction as well as number fluency.

We had a very tricky coding session on Thursday where the children had to use variables in their SCRATCH games - they worked so hard with the very precise elements.





## Maple Class

In Maples this week, Year 3's have finished their Place Value unit in Maths and are now moving on to applying this knowledge to add 3 digit numbers. Year 2's are coming to the end of their Place Value unit and have been looking more than, less than and equal to.

We have finished the opening paragraph of our story and should soon have wonderful circular narratives to share with you!





## Acorn Class

We have been learning about houses and homes. The children have been describing their homes and recognising features of houses and what they are made from. Linking to our science topic of materials e.g. windows are made from glass.

The highlight of the week was harvesting our potatoes which Acorn class planted in summer. Once harvested the children peeled the potatoes and they were cooked to make chips. This is a lovely tradition we have in Acorn Class.



# CNPS Football Tournament

## A report from Freddie and Alfie:

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 we competed in a Football Tournament at Chipping Norton School. Even though we didn't win we still enjoyed the experience – the training will help us for next year. After a few losses we got some goals.

A big thank you to Mrs Henderson and Miss Epsom for extra training and taking us, and to the PE teachers and Young Leaders at Chipping Norton School.

## A report from Isla-Grace and Sienna

We got on the coach all excited singing our chant. Then we got to the pitch and we were all terrified because lots of the girls had no clue how to play ... but the boys you know it, were fine. Despite our score everyone did great and enjoyed it!!! And now a lot of people want to do even more football!



We did have some year 4 's because there were no year sixes, but it is a good thing because it was a nice experience for us all and the year 4's had fun. And I'm sure the year sixes are having fun at residential ..

## ON THE PITCH

Everyone had great teamwork and all of us got stuck in. I Can't remember anyone who wasn't smiling throughout the whole Tournament and it was great. Well done to everyone who took part in the Tournament and that is proof that every single one of us had fun 😊



## CNPS Young Leaders training

A report following their training by Isabelle C, Isabelle B, Henry L

- We set up games for KS1
- We will give certificates and give them out in assembly
- We give out stickers for joining in
- We do sessions on Mondays and Thursdays
- We have new equipment so it is definitely not broken and it is just for us, so we benefit by having what we need
- We play a good variety of games and we change the games when people want to so everybody is happy and having fun.



### Our focus for this week:

This week at Eco Club, we have been helping to save hedgehogs from being endangered. We filled our hedgehog boxes with straw and sticks to give them a cosy winter home for hibernating.

To make your garden hedgehog friendly, the first step is to remove any hazards and ensure tasks such as strimming are carried out in a hedgehog aware way.

You can also-

- Provide water
- Provide food
- Check bonfires

By Eva and Hayley

