



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024



Head's News

We have some very exciting news to end this week- Middle Barton School has won 'Sustainable Primary School of the Year' at The Oxford Climate Awards 2024. We were shortlisted into the final three and at an awards ceremony last night, we were announced the winner! The sponsor and judge for our category said that we were the winners because they could see that the children were fully involved with sustainability and climate change at the school. I have to say a huge thank you to Mrs Horner who has paved the way for such an amazing achievement and to all of the children and staff who have enthusiastically embraced learning about sustainability and climate change and making it part of our everyday life at Middle Barton School. I still can't quite believe it!!



This week we have also had our first open afternoon of the year. We had a huge turnout- the highest number of visits ever! Thank you for coming and seeing all of the amazing learning that goes on in our school. The children always get so excited about sharing their work with you.

Last week two artists came to visit the school. They worked with each class and taught the children how to work with acrylic paints. Each child painted a jellyfish. We have some very talented artists at our school! Thank you to Cotswolds Arts Through Schools for working with us and giving our children a great experience. 🎨

Next week we have parents' evenings, so please make sure you have booked your slot- if you haven't then please contact the school office. Please arrive through the main school entrance and your child's books will be available for you to view in the library. The class teacher will then come and collect you for your appointment.

Exciting announcement! 📸

The winner and runners up of the wildlife photography competition are.....

- 1st- Alfie Arnold
- 2nd- Mollie Viner
- 3rd- Samuel Smee

Thank you to Craig Churchill for judging the entries. He said there were some amazing photographs and it was very difficult to choose. Well done to all of the entries and we will be running another competition after half term- more information to follow!

This week's attendance: 95.5%

Dates for the diary

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

W/C 21.10.24. – ALL CLUBS, EXCEPT FOOTBALL CLUB, WILL BE RUNNING

Monday – Sports Club Y3,4,5,6

Wednesday – Choir Y3,4,5,6

Thursday – Eco Y4,5,6

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

Tuesday 05.11.24. – new term commences

Thursday 07.11.24. – FOMBS Fireworks

Thursday 14.11.24. – Open Day for prospective new parents

Friday 15.11.24. – Children in Need day

Morning run

What an exciting fortnight - we now have four more Half Marathon certificates to present!

Well done to these intrepid runners:

Harley, Henry L, Nate and Noah

Everyone has been working so hard to complete their laps before school, even in soggy weather.

Special mentions: Dexter, Romy, Pippa Har, Ben, Alfie G, Georgia, Archie M, Freddie C, Eva and Billy.

Acorn stars of the fortnight: William, Edith, Winston and Orlaith B

Maple stars of the fortnight: Ivan, Minnie, Lucy and Jayden

Willow stars of the fortnight: Jane, Teddy, Jess and Tom D

Oak stars of the fortnight: Charlie, Georgie, Samuel and Hayley

Star of the fortnight: Asher

Year 6 visit to Junior Citizens

During the Junior Citizens we got to look around a fire station, there were eight different simulations of what to do during an emergency.

During these we learnt about river safety, fire safety, train track safety, online safety and road safety. During these we got to call a fake simulation of 999 which made it feel a lot more real.

Room no.1

We were put in a room and had to spot all the fire hazards, such as, wires, cigarettes on flammable material and methods to fall over.

Room no.2

This was similar to room no.1 but we had to call a fake fire service where we had to tell them the flat address. This also included an oven that caught fire and had fake smoke.

Room no.3

We had to talk about river safety and what to do if someone fell in and how to help them.

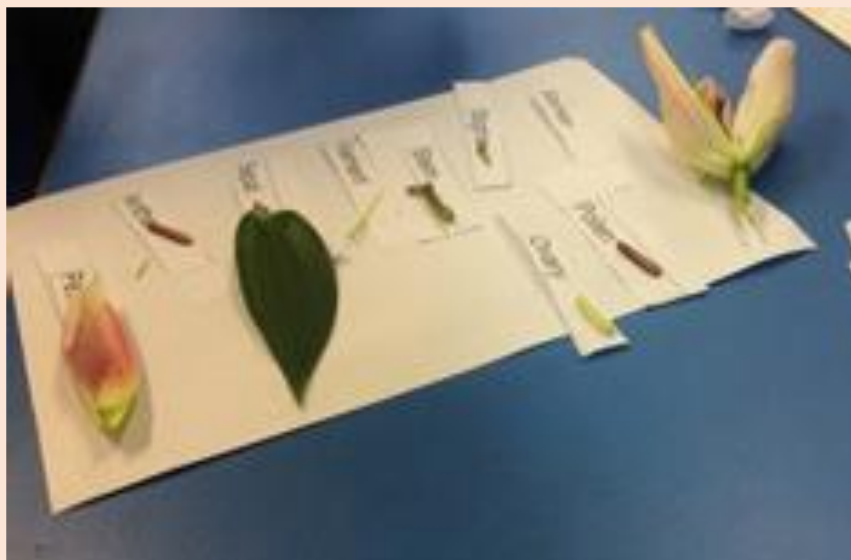
What we learnt

We learnt that ourselves are the most important people to us and that we should help ourselves before we help others, which services to call.



Oak Class

This week in Oaks we began our new writing topic- writing a formal mission log based upon an Apollo mission to the moon. We have unpicked a variety of technical vocabulary from the WAGOLL and have focused on how relative clauses add extra information to our sentences. In Maths the Year 5s have been focusing on the difference between square and cube numbers while the Year 6s have recapped the formal written method of long multiplication and short division. In our Geography lesson this week we looked at 6 figure grid references and used the ordnance survey maps to find different places using our grid references. We also had a lovely open afternoon, it was great to see so many of you getting involved in our activities- dissecting the parts of a flower, locating places based on their longitude and latitude and many more.





Willow Class

The children have been finishing off their art based on Keith Haring - lots of parents gave it a go during our open afternoon. The children have also been learning about air and water resistance and the building of parachutes got quite competitive! In Geography the children have been learning to use grid references and to also recognise the difference in maps over the years and some of the causes for the changes. The children hosted a range of activities for parents to try during the open afternoon from map reading to SCRATCH coding - we were so proud of them all.





Maple Class

Maples have really settled into their routines and have all made such good progress this term. I look forward to sharing their work with you all next week!

We have started our Art topic of silhouettes and will be finishing this off next week. We have also looked at dynamics, tone and texture in Music and had an awful lot of fun using instruments to demonstrate these!



Maples ready for outdoor learning – wellies, waterproof trousers and waterproof coat are essential





Acorn Class

We have had a very creative time in Acorn class. The children have been learning about Alma Thomas an artist and teacher as part of Black History Month. We also worked with an artist from Kingham Sculpture, to create wonderful jelly fish ink paintings. We've also been working hard to retell the story of Old Bear, both through play and the year ones have written their own versions.





Our focus for this week:

In Eco club we were tidying up the bee garden and the leftovers went into the compost to turn into soil for the spring. We also made little bee houses to go in the bug hotel in the Maples' garden.

By Amelia.W and Annabelle.M



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.