



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024




Head's News


It has been a short week but certainly packed full!!

Maples, Willows and Oaks began the week with their 'Brilliant Beginnings Day'. Each class looked fully engrossed in what they were doing. Maples were inventors for the day and I saw some very interesting inventions leaving school. My particular favourite was the flukulele.

Willows became Romans and created some fantastic shields and practised their marching skills. Oaks became Ancient Greeks; learning all about the original Olympic opening ceremony. It has been a great start to the term. Sean Woodcock MP, also came to visit Oaks class and spoke to them about democracy. I think the children also asked him quite a few interesting questions too!

Each class has also been learning about Remembrance this week with a final piece of work being displayed in Steeple Barton Church on Sunday during the service/parade at 10.30am.

Congratulations to Billy who won the Christmas tree lighting poster competition. His poster is displayed around the village advertising the turning on of the Christmas tree lights on Saturday 30th November. 

Thank you to FOMBS for organising an amazing firework display last night. It was so lovely to see so many people there. All the money raised goes back into the school to support a whole range of initiatives and resources. This year we hope to revamp the school library! 



Thursday 14th November we will be holding an open afternoon/evening for prospective parents so if you know of anyone who has a child who is due to start Reception class in September 2025 then please pass in the school details. Tel- 01869340522
Email- Office@middlebartonschool.org

Next Friday we will be supporting Children in Need and fundraising to support the charity. Children will be able to come in their own clothes and donations will be able to be made via ParentPay, using the link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15525>
There will also be a bucket for any cash collections on the day.

Attendance

Our Target 97%
National 94.4%
Ours **95.2%**
Friday 100% attendance of pupils

Reminders

Wellies and waterproofs (trousers and coats) in school each day  
Hair tied back- we had a number of classes last term where head lice were present, so please check regularly to

help break the cycle 

Dates for the diary

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

CLUBS

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

Thursday 14.11.24. – Open Day for prospective new parents

Thursday 14.11.24. – Y5 visit to Alpine F1

Friday 15.11.24. – Children in Need day

Monday 18.11.24. – CNPS streetdance Y5,6

Tuesday 19.11.24. – Introduction to phonics for Reception parents 6pm

Wednesday 20.11.24. – CNPS Netball Festival – nominated children

Wednesday 27.11.24. – CNPS Sports Hall Athletics – nominated children

Thursday 28.11.24. – Bloxham School Pantomime Y5

Thursday 28.11.24. - FOMBS AGM – 7pm

Friday 29.11.24. – Cake sale after school

Wednesday 04.12.24. – Chipping Norton Theatre pantomime – WHOLE SCHOOL

*Please see calendar for all dates in December – further updates in next newsletter

Morning run

Over the past two weeks (before and after half term), several runners have completed 78 laps and been awarded a certificate for a Half Marathon: Xander, Jayden and Ivan!

And one intrepid pupil has completed a whole Marathon (156 laps): Albie L

Congratulations to all these hard-working people! And keep up the good work, everybody: there are around fifty people regularly participating in Morning Run. Each lap is one closer to your certificate!

Special mentions: Oscar, Kai, Alfie G, Orlaith Bo, Dexter, Jacob, Jess, Teddy, Alfie A, Nate and Billy.

Acorn stars of the week: Winston and Pippa Har

Maple stars of the week: Minnie and Ben

Willow stars of the week: Henry and Millie

Oak stars of the week: Isabelle C and Samuel

Star of the week: Harley

FOMBS FIREWORKS

FOMBS would like to say a huge thank you to all of you that came and supported us last night at our annual Fireworks display! I am sure you will agree this year's display was bigger and better than ever! We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! A huge thank you to all of you that kindly gave up your time to help with the smooth running of the event! We made a fantastic £996 - this money goes towards supporting the school with additional resources and contributes to school trips so thank you again! The FOMBS AGM is being held on 27th November, time to be confirmed, at the school hall. This is an open meeting, so please do join us if you can!

If anyone would like to join FOMBS or learn a little more about us please speak to any of the committee! The committee is; Lydia Holdaway, Abi Beale, Sam Sinclair-Pearson, Susan Thomas, Emma Merry, Jenny Epsom and Ella Nichols.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!





Oak Class

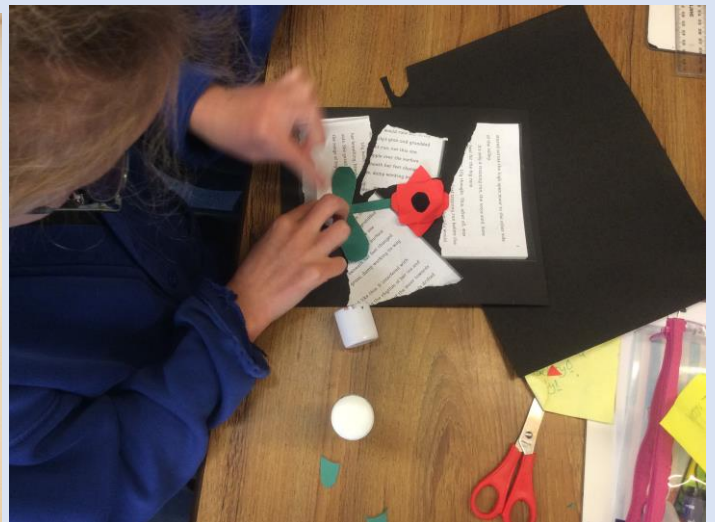
This week has definitely been a busy first week back in Oaks class. We began our week with our own 'Middle Barton Olympics', inspired by the Ancient Greeks. We were split into teams to represent a city-state from Ancient Greece and competed in a range of events. The winning team was Argos, closely followed by Corinth in second place. The teams also created their own olive leaf crowns, which were previously the prizes for the winners at the Olympics. We have also had a visit from our local MP this week- Sean Woodcock- who came in to speak to us about how democracy has changed over time. We had the opportunity to ask him many questions about his role in government and we are going to compare this later in our learning journey with the Ancient Greeks.





Willow Class

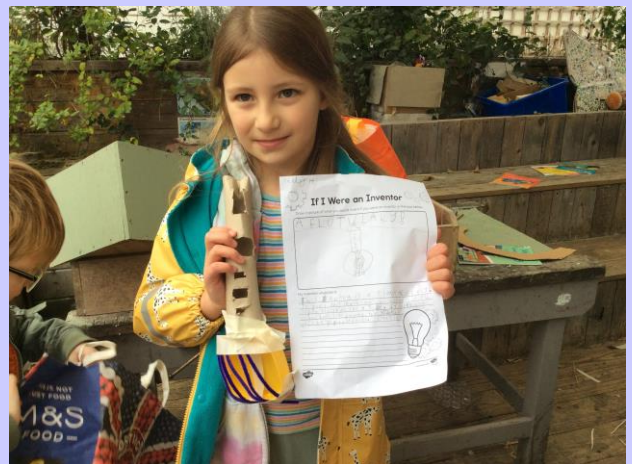
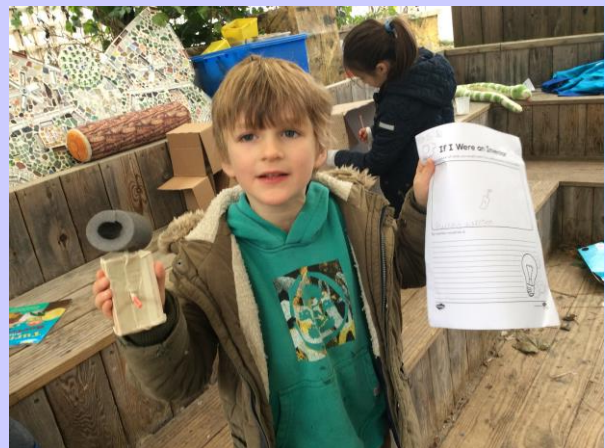
Willows had a great start to their new topic The Romans on Tuesday, designing and starting to make Roman shields before cooking pottage in the afternoon as part of their outdoor learning session. We have started looking at information reports for our first English writing genre based on the book Leaf - the children will be writing one about polar bears. The children have also produced some art work for Remembrance - as well as talking about the history of the poppy and the meaning behind the different coloured poppies.





Maple Class

After a very inventive start, Maples have got straight back into the swing of things. Both year groups have been continuing with adding and subtracting in Maths as well as looking at our English book this term - The Night Gardener. Of course, it wouldn't be this time of year without starting to learn our Christmas carols!





Acorn Class

We have had an explosive return to school this week. Acorn class have been learning about fireworks and how they are used to celebrate Diwali and Bonfire night. The children have created beautiful artwork using pastels, made Diwali cards, written firework poems using onomatopoeias, created rangoli patterns, and many, many more firework activities.



CNPS Cross Country

This event was attended by two teams before half term. Here is Roxy's report:

This year's cross country was probably the best one yet, the team spirit was amazing and while running past our team the cheers and the shouts were extremely upbeat. Also, the students of Chippy, who gave up their time to be there, were just brilliant. The weather, which was slightly damp but the sun still stayed in the sky, was definitely on our side. Also, this year the over 11 girls came first in small schools and are moving on to the quarter finals. I think everybody did really well and I hope we will remain in our glory for years on end.



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.