



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Head's News

We have certainly had a busy few weeks in school and this week the children have been able to enjoy the snow! ❄️ ❄️

Our Year 5 children had the most amazing opportunity to visit the Alpine F1 facility at Enstone. The children and staff had a fantastic experience and we were on the news! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgl489xr49wo>

A group of year 4/5 children have taken part in a Netball Festival at Chipping Norton school- they were a pleasure to take and their enthusiasm was amazing. 🏀

Our Year 5/6 children also had the opportunity to take part in a street dance workshop this week. They were so inspired that I watched many demonstrations at lunchtimes.

Doodle Maths Homework for Year 2-6 seems to be going well, after ironing out the usual glitches when you begin something new. The majority of children are completing it each week, but we still have a few children who are not in the green zone by Friday. I would love to have 100% each week. This week 95% (74/78) of children completed their homework.

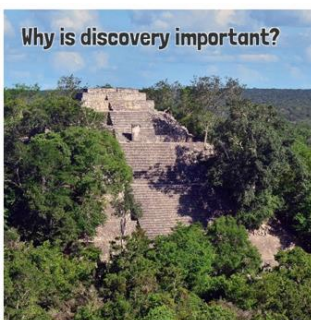
Christmas is coming! 🎄 🎁

All the Christmas dates are in the school diary, so please keep your eyes open for further information. The children have begun to learn their songs and some children will have lines to learn as well, which they will bring home to practise.

Attendance

Target 97% Current 95.6%

Assembly



Why is discovery important?

In the news this week

A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.

School Policies

Recently we have updated a number of school policies. If you would like to read these, they are all available on our web-site or can be printed off on request via the school office. <https://www.middlebartonschool.org/policies/>

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

Wednesday 27.11.24. – CNPS Sports Hall Athletics – nominated children

Wednesday 27.11.24. 7pm – FOMBS AGM

Thursday 28.11.24. – Bloxham School Pantomime Y5

Friday 29.11.24. – Cake sale after school for Tiggywinkles

Wednesday 04.12.24. pm – Chipping Norton Theatre pantomime – WHOLE SCHOOL

Wednesday 11.12.24. 2.30pm – Acorn Nativity

Thursday 12.12.24. 4.30pm – Acorn Nativity

Monday 16.12.24. 9.30am – Christmas performance Steeple Barton Church – parents welcome

Tuesday 17.12.24. 2.15pm – Acorn stay and play

Tuesday 17.12.24. 6.00pm – Christmas for the Community

Wednesday 18.12.24. – Christmas Jumper Day, Santa Fun Run (both for Katherine House Hospice), Christmas lunch

Friday 20.12.24. - End of term at **1.30pm**

Morning run

Morning Run News 22.11.24

Even though the weather has made the track unsuitable for Morning Run this week, we have some good news from the past two weeks since the last newsletter. Here are some more certificate winners:

Half Marathon: Asher, Fred N and Ben

Congratulations to these dedicated runners, and well done to everybody who has continued collecting laps until stopped by the snow and ice!

Special mentions: Rosie, Isaac, Pippa Har, William, Steil, Jayden, Millie, Henry, Mollie, Charlie, Archie M and Katherine.

Acorn stars of the week: Alfie G and Orlaith Bo

Maple stars of the week: Lucy and Xander

Willow stars of the week: Isla-Grace and Tom

Oak stars of the week: Roxy and Archie J

Star of the week: Minnie

FOMBS

Save the dates:

Monday 9th Dec - a holy jolly Christmas shop - for the children to buy Christmas gifts for parents / siblings.

Saturday 14th Dec - Christmas Bazaar at school to raise funds for the library!

Please look out for more info on both events.

We will be looking for donations or new / nearly new gifts for these events so please have a look at home and see if you have any hidden treasure!

This week's safer internet tip:

What can I do if something goes wrong?

Reassure your child you are there to listen and help. Ask about the problem and try to find out how it happened. Try to remain calm and non-judgemental, to help your child feel comfortable in telling you how the issue happened.

Work with your child to report or block any unacceptable behaviour or other users. Contact your child's school for further support, particularly if it involves cyberbullying between classmates or inappropriate contact from an adult. If you suspect that your child is or has been the subject of inappropriate sexual contact by another person, report this to Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre at www.ceop.police.uk.

If your child has accessed inappropriate content, you can report this to the site or service it appeared on. Find out how to do this on the Childnet website.

Explore the settings to see if you can limit the risk of it happening again.

For help for on specific problems, see the following advice on [online bullying](#), [sexting](#), [pornography](#), [social media](#), [parental controls](#) and [online challenges](#).

CNPS Netball Festival

A report from Jessica:

At the netball festival, it was lots of fun. We were learning how to play netball and what to do when we have the ball. First, we warmed up by doing races to each side of the hall. We started by running, then we were jogging, then skipping and putting a hoop over our heads.

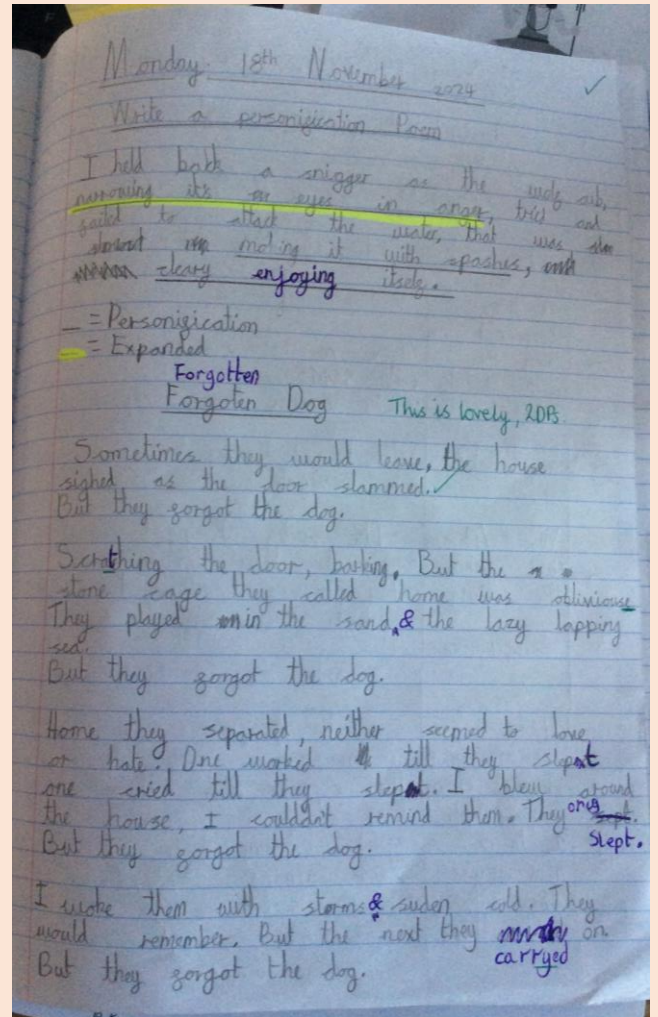
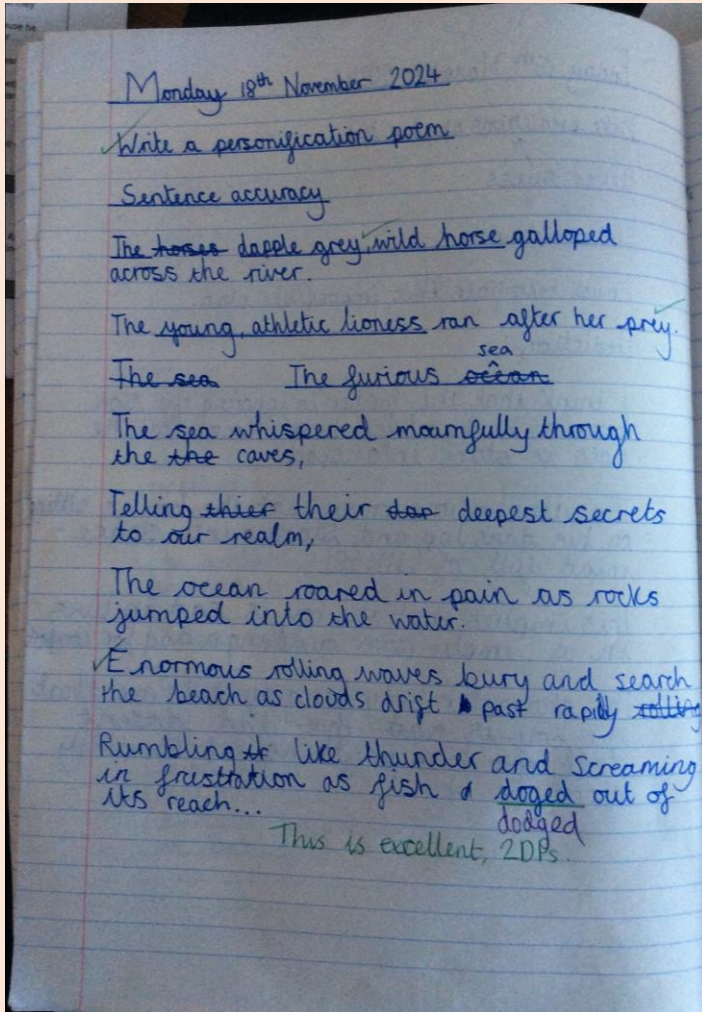
After that, the leaders put a yellow and black ladder on the floor and our group had to jump into every hole and we got lots of challenges that were very hard. It took a long time to get the hang of it!





Oak Class

This week in Oaks the Y5s have been comparing and ordering fractions while the Y6s have been recapping BIDMAS and using known facts to solve problems. In English we have been exploring our vehicle text-FARTHER by Graeme Baker-Smith and wrote some beautiful personification poems. We have also looked at comparing modern day democracy with Ancient Greek democracy within our History lesson this week.



Year 5 visit to Alpine

A report from Mia:

Our trip to Alpine was unique and different to other trips. When we first arrived, we sat ourselves down to listen to the instructor, who told us about their new Minecraft game and how they wanted more women to work with Alpine. After that we tested out the Minecraft game. We would walk around and talk to people on the game and they would give us instructions on how to play the game: we added parts to cars and gave it more down force depending on the race track, we practised trying to change the wheels as fast as we could. Once the game was completed, they gave you a certificate. Then some children got to sit in a racing car. We split into groups and went to go see a wind tunnel in real life. Lastly we looked at some parts of a car and then had a tasty lunch. With final goodbyes we left to go back to Middle Barton.





Willow Class

Another busy week in Willows; year 5 have taken part in a street dance session, which looked amazing. Some very good rhythm and movements were demonstrated.

In science, we have been investigating tooth decay. Eggs have been placed in a variety of liquids and predictions have been made as to what will happen over the next three weeks.

Whilst in French we have been learning a range of animal names such as souris for mouse and singe for monkey.

We have been writing draft paragraphs for our information reports on Polar bears in English, using technical vocabulary, fronted adverbials and alternative nouns. They are ready to edit and write up next week.

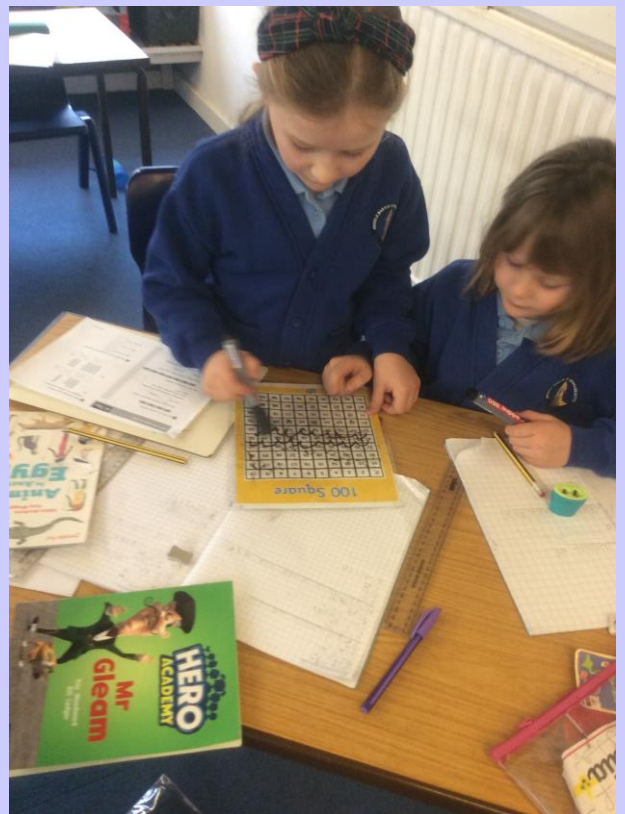




Maple Class

Maples have been getting stuck in with their History topic! We have talked about how/why new things are invented and learned some key facts about Alexander Bell.

Year 2 Maples have also been using manipulatives to aid in their understanding of adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.





Acorn Class

We have had 'snow' much fun this week in Acorn class. It was very exciting to experience and play in the snow together. We have also created sledges for our toys out of junk modelling, and designed our own snowmen. We've started learning our nativity songs along with the matching Makaton signs.



The changing seasons – from Autumn



To Winter





Our focus for this week:

Getting ready for a sustainable Christmas from Isabelle B and Isabelle C:

In Eco Club we have been thinking about Sustainable Christmas ideas:

- *Reusable Christmas tree [wood]
- *Christmas card labels
- *Drawing on paper bags to store other eco-friendly things

We are hoping to make a Christmas tree out of wood. It will be reusable. We will also use it every Christmas. If it breaks then we've got some wood that we can use for other creative things that we can also reuse.

We have been making labels out of Christmas cards. What we do is we find a card that we like the picture of, cut out a bit from it, making sure it has no writing on the back of the picture, then we hole punch a hole in it, slide some ribbon through the hole that we made, tie a knot by the bottom and then we are done!

Miss Epsom brought some brown paper bags to Eco Club on which we drew nice nature eco-friendly things. We put the labels in them and we're going to sell them .

That's our eco-Friendly Christmas ideas .

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.