



Middle Barton School

Newsletter


Friday





Head's News

Things are never quiet at Middle Barton School!

Willow class went to Banbury Museum to learn about the Romans last week. They had a great day and learnt lots of new facts to enrich what they are already learning in class.

We began swimming lessons last week and this week the children in Oaks class have completed their water safety session. 

We took a group of children from Key Stage 2 to a Hockey Tournament at Chipping Norton School- the determination and enthusiasm from each player was outstanding. It is always such a pleasure to take the children to these events. Thank you to all of those that were able to come to and support the children. 

We have had a new and exciting after-school club begin this week at school - 'Builders Club'. John Madden is working with a group of Year 5/6s on building small structures using real mini bricks and sugar-based cement. The club was oversubscribed which was great and I am so looking forward to seeing our young builders construct some interesting things. 

Attendance

Target: 97%

Year so far: 95.9%

This week's: 96.4%

Assembly



In the news this week

New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about climate change with others at home, and ask others to share their understanding.
- > Do you think more could and should be done to tackle climate change? If so, what and by whom?

WOW- Walk to School

I know the children have been working hard to earn their first badges and it is great to see so many of them either walking, cycling or scooting to school instead of coming in a car. A number of children will be coming home with their first badge today!

The results show that we are currently 3rd in the county and 48th in the country when compared to all of the other schools taking part in this initiative- Keep going MBS!

There is also still time to enter the design your own badge competition!

Reminder

If you do have to drive to school to drop off or collect your child then please turn off your engine. It is not very

pleasant for those walking past and it is also not good for the environment. 

Update on Middle Barton School Holiday Club

Further to the message on Dojo earlier this week we wanted to address concerns regarding the provision of holiday clubs here at Middle Barton School. We ran these for the first-time last year with 4 days available during the Easter Holidays and 8 days across two weeks in the summer holidays and had hoped to be able to do this again this academic year.

We have not yet contacted parents to register interest for this year's proposed clubs as we do not have the staff available to run them.

The holiday clubs are run by our own staff at their discretion during the school holidays and those that ran them last year are not available to do so this year for various personal reasons.

We continue to look into other options and will update parents if anything changes but we understand that many parents make their plans far in advance of the holidays and wanted to give as much notice as possible.

We will share any information we receive of suitable options running locally.

Dates for the diary

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

Tuesday 4th February – Willows start swimming lessons

Wednesday 5th February – CNPS Y4 Ball Skills Festival 3.00-4.45pm – collect 5.15pm MBSSC

Friday 7th February – CN Music Festival session for Y5 and Y6 9.15-10.30am

Monday 10th February – Bikeability Level 2 for Y5

Tuesday 11th February – Bikeability Level 2 for Y5

Wednesday 12th February – Bikeability Level 1 for Y4

Wednesday 12th February – Acorns stay and play 2.15-3.00pm

Friday 14th February – FOMBS cake and book sale after school

Friday 14th February – HALF TERM

Monday 24th February – BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 28th February – Clothes Swap after school

Monday 3rd March – Rags to Riches collection

Morning run

Congratulations to all of our certificate winners this week!

Half Marathon – Isabelle C

Marathon – Archie M, Billy

One-and-a-Half Marathons – Noah, Xander

Here is a summary of how far each class has run – I cannot believe how close it is after half the school year between Oak and Maple class – only 2 miles difference!

Acorn	745 laps	124 miles
Maple	2196 laps	366 miles
Willow	981 laps	163.5 miles
Oak	2208 laps	368 miles

This means that the whole school has run 1021.5 miles! Keep up the great work everyone!

Special mentions: Oliver G, Jayden, Molly, Jesse, Georgia, Roxy, Hayley, Gwennie, Georgie and Jacob.

Helpful to other track users: Harley, Archie J, Charlie, Thomas, Alfie A

Acorn stars of the week: Alice and Isher

Maple stars of the week: Minnie and Dexter

Willow stars of the week: Reggie and Millie

Oak stars of the week: Annabelle M and Freddie C

Star of the week: Alfie G

This week's safer internet tip:



Talk with your child about responsible use of their tablet

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the tablet

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Where will the tablet charge overnight? 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.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the tablet itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



Oak Class

In Oaks class over the past two weeks, we have been exploring the text 'The Hound of the Baskervilles', using it as a stimulus for our cliffhanger narratives. We have acted out the different scenes in class, explored the WAGOLL texts and unpicked a variety of grammatical features. In Maths the Year 5s have been working on long multiplication and short division, while the Y6s have been focussing on the topic of ratio. In Computing this week we had a go at using binary code to send different numbers to one another and create images. Finally, in outdoor learning we did some winter jobs.





Willow Class

Willows have had a busy two weeks. We had our class trip to Banbury Museum, where the children took part in workshops based on the Romans. The children have also started making replica Roman sandals. In art, the children have been using their creativity by designing pictures in the style of Frieda Kahlo, using bright colours, animals and vegetation. We had a challenge in our new computing topic Creating Media - Website Design - the children had to add a range of content to Google Sites which was definitely trickier than it sounds.

In PE we have continued with the Roman theme where we are creating our own Roman dance using movements such as the turtle battle formation and marching, paying special attention to our facial expressions to show our emotions. In English we have written our own myths based on the story 'Arthur and the Golden Rope.' Our brave main character has used a magical item to overcome a beast and save their village. In maths, Year five has started looking at statistics, focussing on line graphs. So far we have drawn them and started reading their data. Whilst year four is investigating time, this week exploring the relationship between seconds, minutes and hours. How many seconds are there in 7 minutes?

Willows Banbury Museum Trip

A report from Isla-Grace

Why We Went

We were learning about the Romans and wanted to learn more!

So we took a trip to Banbury Museum, and we learnt so much more. We all had fun!

What We did

First we got to the museum and they told us some rules.

Then they split us into two groups, then group 1 got split up again.

On one table we made flour with a millstone, became archaeologists and crushed up coriander and rosemary.

On the other table we got to dress up as Celts, Roman Soldiers, farmers, slaves and Roman ladies.

Group 2 went and sat in a circle, they put a bunch of replica and real Roman items from about 2000 years ago in bags for us to feel and guess what the object inside was. Then one of us would open the bag to reveal the mystery item.

Lastly, we went to explore the other items in the Museum history. We saw terrifying dolls, old bikes, old carriages, gas masks for kids (called Mickey Mouse Masks), ancient toys, discovered what the people of the past had for breakfast, what rich people wore, a cannon and much more!

Did You Know!?

Did you know that Romans bonded with Celts and traded with them!?

Did you know that Romans brought us rosemary and coriander!?



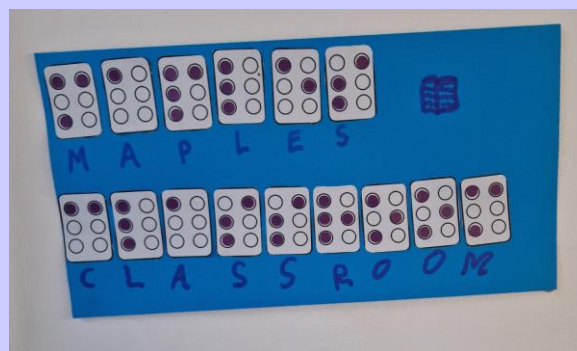
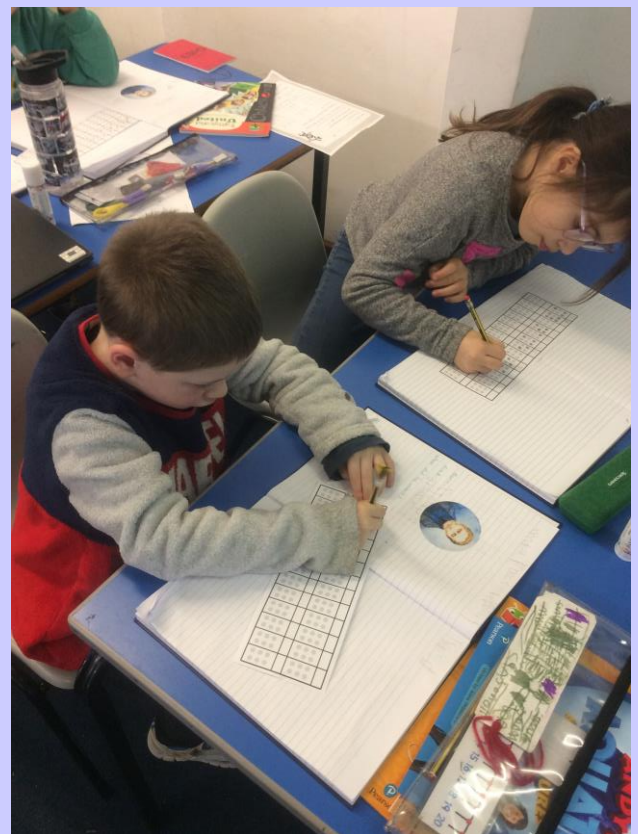
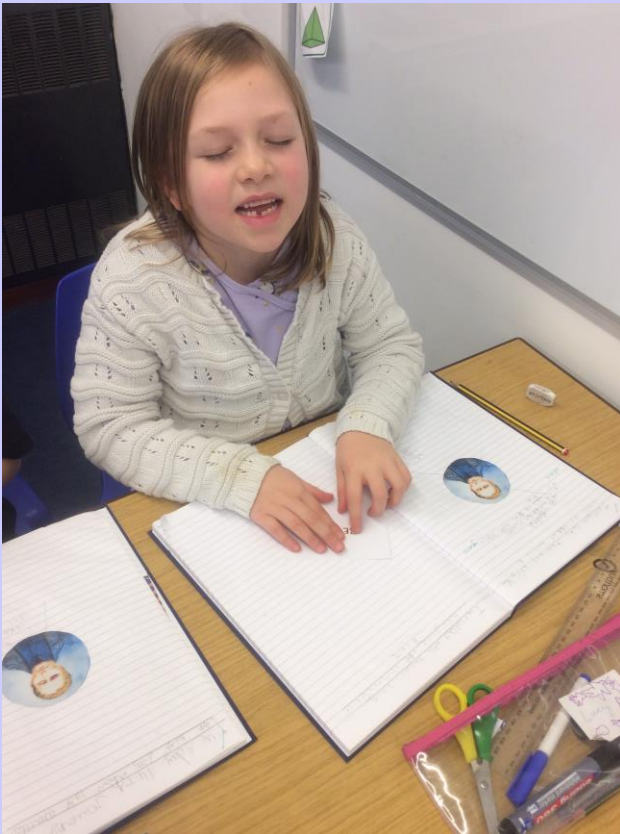


Maple Class

Maples have got really stuck into their history and learning about braille; this week that meant making some signs for around the school to help anyone who is visually impaired should they come round.

Year 2's are finishing off their shape unit in Maths ready to move on to learning about money from next week. A lot of them have also been working hard on joining their writing and the progress they have made is amazing!

Year 3 have moved onto length and perimeter, starting off with their own heights in meters and cm! They have also been working hard on their handwriting to see if we can get a few more using a pen before Easter 🙌





Acorn Class

This week we have been learning about the celebration of Lunar New Year. We have learnt about how it is celebrated in different countries around the world. We made our own dragons and took part in a parade around the school. We made Lai Sin envelopes which were filled with a special treat. We decorated our classroom and held a banquet where we tried different food and used chopsticks.



CNPS Hockey Tournament

A report from Mollie and Katherine

Some children from year 3,4,5 and 6 went to a hockey tournament in Chipping Norton School and thoroughly enjoyed it. Although we came last [by a lot] we had great fun!

The schools that we were competing were:

1. Great Rollright
2. Great Tew
3. Enstone
4. [and of course] Middle Barton School.

The girls scores were:

First we played against Great Tew and lost 6-0.

Then we played against Enstone and drew 0-0.

And, last but not least, we challenged Great Rollright and lost 1-0

The boys scores were;

Great Tew: Lost 2-0

Enstone: drew 0-0

Great Rollright: lost 1-0

So overall we came last. We tried our best and everybody enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank everyone who went and we hope they enjoyed their experience. We would also like to thank the staff who came and supported us: Mrs.Bryce and Mrs Griffin for being there!



CNPS Drama Workshop

A report from Henry L

On Monday I went to Chipping Norton school for a drama workshop. It was after I was finished school, it was 3:45 to 5:15pm. We did mime and storytelling - it was great fun. All of us played games like 21, clap, magical mirrors and box: how you play is when your captain places a fake box and the players pick fake out the box and everyone has to guess what they're doing for the main bit.

For mime, we acted a morning routine then acted it in front of everyone. He showed us a video about miming. I learnt how in miming you don't have to be completely silent, but it does not mean to narrate, so not like and I went downstairs to eat my frosted flakes or I woke and then went to wash my face and then brushed my teeth. It was great.

We also we got certificate one each

Review: I loved it 5 out of 5 stars, I would always go again.

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.