



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



## Head's News

I actually can't believe how quickly this term has gone and all of the things we have managed to squeeze in!

We are now approximately halfway through the year, so I would like to share with you all of the fantastic opportunities your children have had so far:

Y5 Young leaders' training

McMillan Coffee morning

Photography competition

Year 6 residential

Under 11s football tournament

Open afternoons

Art workshop with Cotswold art through school (all chn)

CNS open morning (Y6)

Harvest Assembly

Cross country competitions- U9 and U11

Fireworks

Sean Woodcock MP visit (Oaks)

Visit to Alpine- Y5

Children in Need (all chn)

Street Dance (Y5/6)

Netball festival- U11

Inclusive sports hall athletics (Y5/6)

Visit to Bloxham to watch Robin Hood (Y5)

Cake Sale (organised and run by 2x Y6 girls)

Eco committee to visit Ardley recycling centre

Pantomime (all chn)

Year 5/6 literary quiz

Winter water safety talk (all chn)

FOMBS Xmas shop (Y6)

Nativity (Rec/Y1)

Christmas performances (Y2-6)

Christmas dinner

Christmas jumper day

Santa run

Swimming gala (Y5/6)

Art workshop (Y4/5)

U11 Hockey tournament

Trip to Banbury Museum- Willows

Ukulele assembly


Y4 ball skills festival

Reading Challenge

Stay and Play session (Acorns)

Bikeability (Y4 and 5)

This list only shows the additional 'Personal Development' opportunities your children have taken part in. What it doesn't show is all the fantastic learning that is going on in school on a daily basis.

Well done to all of the children (Year 4/5) that took part in Bikeability this week. It was rather a chilly first day but as always our children showed great resilience and braved the cold. Once again the children were complimented on their behaviour and just their sheer determination. Hopefully the weather is going to improve so they can get out on their bikes using their new skills! 

Last week we had a 'Peer Review'. A member of the RLT central team, Fiona Henderson (Director of Primary Education), and two senior members of staff from other schools came and visited the school. They are asked to review 3 areas chosen by us, so we can develop and improve as a school. The whole experience was extremely positive and they were incredibly complimentary about the children and the school. The children spoke very highly of the school and were very proud about being a pupil here. My favourite comment from a child was that the school feels like '*a family*'! This made me feel so proud to be the Headteacher of Middle Barton School.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

## Dates for the diary

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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Oak Class trip to Banbury Mosque

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – U9 and U11 Cross country championships (named children)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Clothes Swap after school

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Rags to Riches clothes collection

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – CNPS Y4 Pottery workshop (all swimming cancelled)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Open afternoon

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – CNPS Y2/3 Multi-skills festival

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – CNMF Y5/6 singing workshop and concert

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Odd socks day for Downs Syndrome

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – FOMBS Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – END OF TERM

## Morning run

Well done to all of our Morning Run participants over the past fortnight – there were over seventy pupils last week, including a greater number of Acorns and Willows! And many congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Half Marathon – Alfie G

One-and-a-Half Marathons – Harley, Nate, Henry L

Two-and-a-Half Marathons – Albie L

Great work everybody! Don't forget, every lap counts and gets you a step nearer to your certificate!

Special mentions: Andrew, Rowan, Orlaith Bo, Axel, Lucy, Steil, Molly, Xander, Reggie, Annabelle M and Samuel.

Helpful to other track users: Albie CD, Roxy, Gwennie, Asher, Freddie C, Alex, Reggie, Samuel

Acorn stars of the week: Romy and Oliver

Maple stars of the week: Orlaith Ba and Albie CD

Willow stars of the week: Isla-Grace and Teddy

Oak stars of the week: Roxy and Archie J

Star of the week: Ramona

## And a special note from Wendy:

Mrs Denby regrets that she must stand down from Morning Run at the end of the academic year in July.

If anybody is interested in continuing this rewarding task of recording the laps that pupils run every day and awarding them certificates, come to speak to me and you can find out more, shadow what I do with a view to helping out, or bring a friend to discuss 'job share' so that in September the children can continue to enjoy healthy

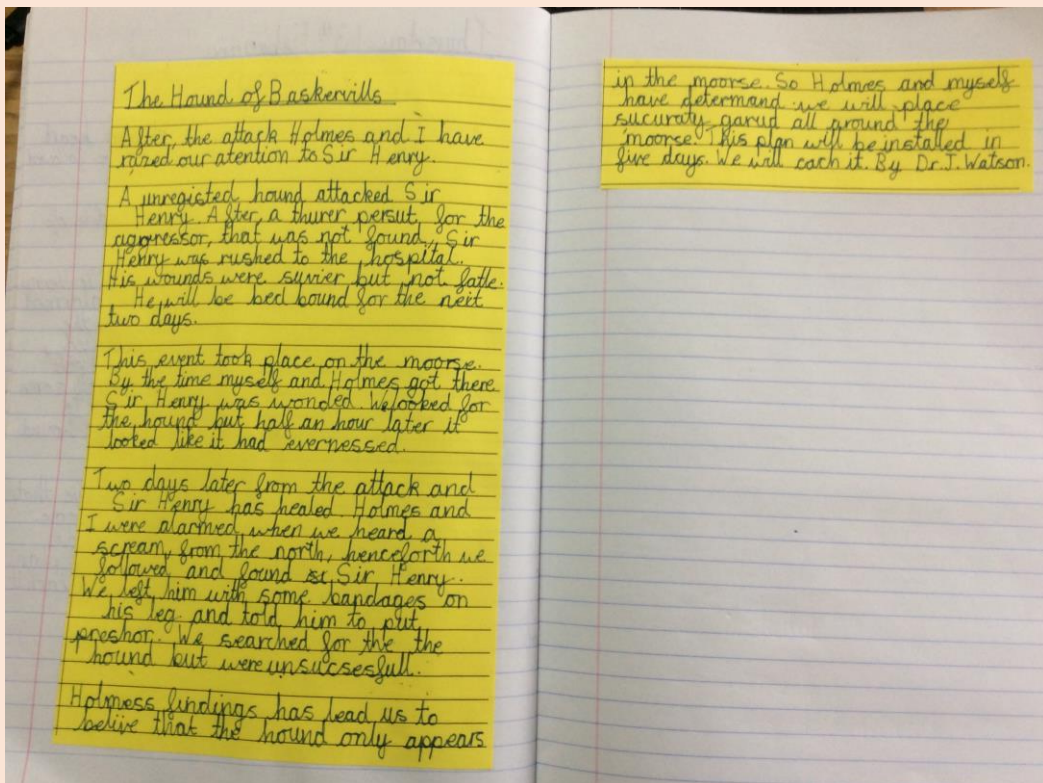
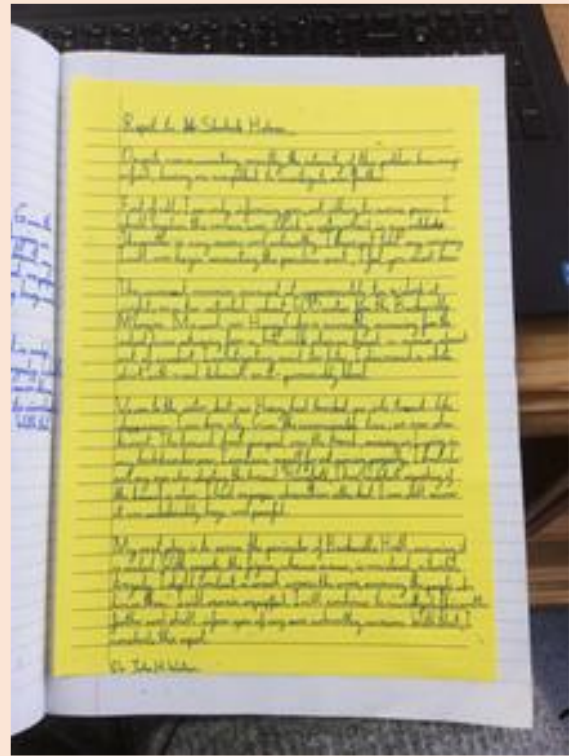
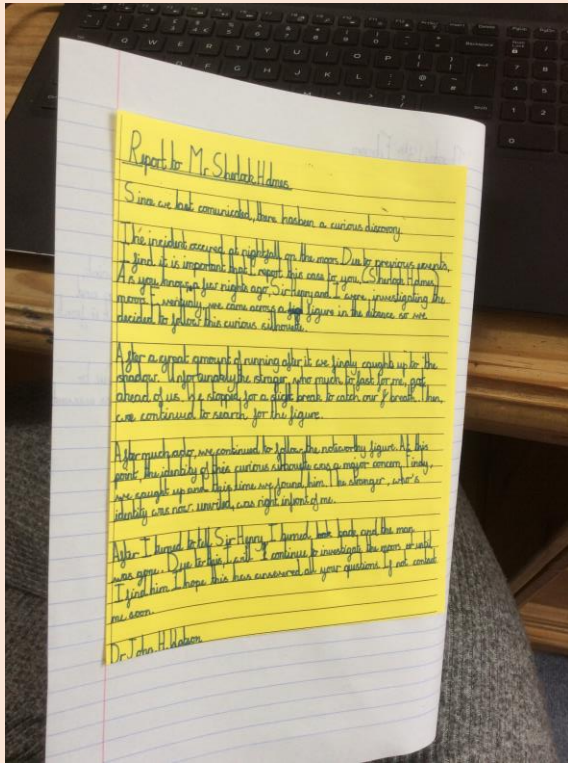
exercise with encouraging benefits!

Many thanks!



## Oak Class

Oaks have been busy this week researching influential Ancient Greeks. They worked in small groups and presented their findings to the class. In Writing they have been producing formal reports from the perspective of Watson in *The Hound of Baskervilles*, focusing upon the use of formal and old-fashioned language. In Maths, the Y6s have been looking at ratios and have applied this to real life scenarios such as recipes. The Y5s have been working out fractional amounts and finding the whole.







## Willow Class

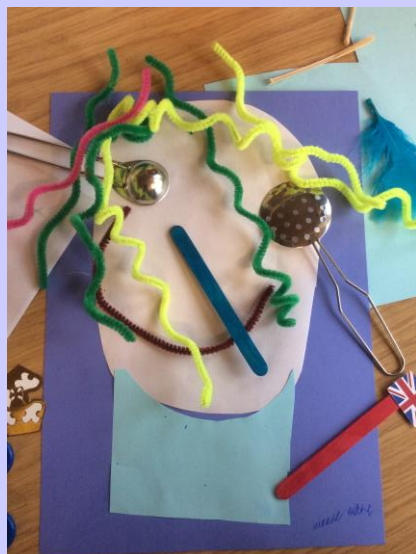
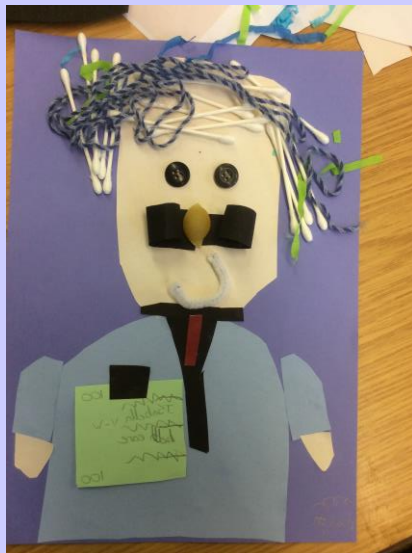
This week Willows have taken part in Bikeability and impressed us with their growing confidence and cycling skills. In English we have written an information guide on how to be a monster hunter and defeat a beast from Norse mythology. In French we have been learning to say 'I am able to' followed by a verb such as paint or swim. Je peux faire du vélo has been very apt this week. In History we learnt about what life was like of a Roman soldier - it was not pleasant! The children have completed some super self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo - some of which you can see in the art corridor.





# Maple Class

Here are some 3D collage portraits inspired by Hanoch Piven:







## Acorn Class

This term we have been reading the text *Adventures of the Egg Box Dragon*. The ones have written instructions for how to make their own egg box pets. This week we created our own egg box pets. Each one is so unique and special and many of the children spent a very long time creating them independently.

We also loved stay and play this week. The Acorns love sharing activities with their families. We even sang a class favourite - the continents song.





## An addition to the 'snack garden'

Thanks to Amanda for arranging the donation of a fruit tree from Nicolsons.



Don't forget to have a sort out in half term for our Clothes Swap!



Any leftover clothing will be donated to Rags to Riches, who will be collecting the following Monday.

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.