

Newsletter

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Free concert for primary school children

This is part of the 2017 Oxford Chamber Music Festival called 'Open Sesame!' and is taking place at 11.30am on **Sunday 1st October**. It is a magical concert for children and adults alike, filled with the mystery and colour and excitement of Persia and the Orient. They will re-tell stories first told by Scheherazade in the 1001 Nights (watch out, KS2!), and the fabulously talented musicians of OCMF will improvise a live, dramatic, surprising soundtrack, using Western and Eastern instruments, before your very eyes and ears!

Full details of this year's programme of events can be found at <http://ocmf.net/ocmf-programme-2017/> and booking is now open through tickets oxford

Roaming Supper - French cuisine!

Pre-school is holding Roaming Supper on Sat 30th Sep from 7.30pm. Guests can enjoy three courses of delicious home-cooked French cuisine and a complimentary glass of prosecco for £18 per person.

The supper is held at three different venues in Middle Barton - we change venue for each food course (details upon purchase of ticket).

Tickets can be purchased either at Pre-school or by speaking to a member of the Committee such as Vicky Walker or Wendy Denby in the playground with the money in an envelope marked with your name.

Full details of the venues and timings will be revealed when we return the tickets to you.

Hurry to get tickets for yourself, partner, friends - groups, couples and individuals all welcome. It should be a great evening!

WELL DONE! to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Acorns Class Values star: Evie Holdaway

Chestnuts Class Values star: Harry Bishop

Sycamores Class Values star: Xander Thompson

Maples Class Values star: Aaron Fraser

Willows Class Values star: Finley Ludlow

Oaks Class Values star: Jess McStocker

Reading star: Eily Norris

Writing star: Harry Hinton

Maths star: Hannah Pearce

PE star: Lily Webb

Lunchtime star: Erin Day

Role-model of the week: Maddi Hall



Message from the Headteacher

Huge congratulations to Emily Ridgway in Y6 who has been successfully chosen as one of 12 children (out of 130!) to be one of the Pippins in the Chipping Norton pantomime over the next few months.

I am delighted that a pupil from Middle Barton School has demonstrated the talent and wide range of skills needed to achieve this role.

Our Value for this half term is Compassion. This week in our values assembly we discussed what compassion means and listened to some music – get your children to tell you more!

Just a reminder that all choir paperwork needs to be returned by Monday 25th September, so that numbers can be given to the Young Voices organisers. Thank you.

Please could all the children in Willows and Oaks classes (Y4-6) have shin pads for hockey lessons this term. Also, it is helpful if they have a spare top, in case of wet weather – thank you.

Now that our building work on the bell tower is complete, we will be ringing the school bell each morning from next week. Once the PLT are elected, this responsibility will be given to a child or children but in the meantime will be rung by a member of staff. Listen out for the bell at 8.50am and 3pm!

If your child is in Y4, 5 or 6, don't forget that there are Family Focus activities on offer through CNS. Please see the attachment reminder.

Curiosity Carnival

On Friday 29 September, the University of Oxford is hosting the Curiosity Carnival – a chance to find out what research is all about, meet researchers, ask questions and discover how research affects and changes all our lives – with games, talks, music, dance, crafts, live experiments and much more. There are activities for all ages and interests, from science, medicine and engineering to history, art and music, and there's even a pub-style quiz for the grown-ups! Most of the hundreds of activities are free of charge. You can find out more at www.curiositycarnival.org.

Tempest photographs

Just a reminder that photographs of all the children will be taken next Friday during the morning in the school hall. If your child has a sibling in school, their photo will be taken together during the course of the school day. If your child has a pre-school sibling, you may wish to arrive at 8.30am so that your children can be photographed together.

Academies

We do hope the parent consultation evening was helpful last night to keep you informed about the option to join the River Learning Trust, Multi-Academy Trust. Remember you still have until Friday 6th October (when the consultation period closes) to pose any questions:
academies@middle-barton.oxon.sch.uk

European Languages Day

We are looking forward to marking this with the children on Friday 6th October – just a reminder of a £1 donation for a continental breakfast and reminder for flag colours to wear:

- Acorns – Italy (red, white, green)
- Chestnuts – Spain (red, yellow)
- Sycamores – Germany (black, red, yellow)
- Maples – Netherlands (red, white, blue)
- Willows – Sweden (blue, yellow)
- Oaks – Greece (blue, white)

Pupil Leadership Team update

It is great to see so many applications coming into school for a coveted position on the leadership team. If your child is in Year 6 and hasn't yet applied, he/she has until Monday morning at 9am to do so.

Anti-bullying ambassadors

Three of our Y6 pupils this week attended some special training in Banbury on Tuesday to enable them to take a leading role in promoting positive behaviours in school and to be alert to any bullying. Thank you Erin, Tyler and Sophie who are our anti-bullying ambassadors!

Disco tonight

Please do come along to our first fund-raising event in the school hall tonight – a family disco: 5.30-6.30pm for FS to Y2 and 6.45-8pm for Y3 to Y6. We look forward to welcoming you.

Phonics talk for Y1/2 parents

We are pleased to be providing this information session on Tuesday 2nd October at 2.30pm in the ICT suite. Miss Reynolds and Miss Smith will be leading the talk and there will be a chance to ask any questions you may have, as well as leading the ideas for how you can best support your child at home in preparation for the statutory phonics test in June. We look forward to welcoming you.