

# Newsletter

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## Chipping Norton Music Festival update

It has been a busy and successful week for our school in music.

Firstly, last Saturday morning, our choir sang along with several others in the Junior Choirs class, gaining a 'Commended' for their performance and putting in what was probably their best performance to date - a really pleasing contribution.

On Tuesday, the Willows class performed two different poems as part of the Speech and drama class, again receiving 'Commended' certificates for their performances.

On Wednesday our recorder group performed at the Town Hall. Particular thanks go to Helen Christie and Keryl Massey for preparing the children so well. And good luck to Oaks class who will perform in a singing concert on Wednesday next week.

What talented performers we have in our school!

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

**Acorns Class Values star:** Rose Dale

**Chestnuts Class Values star:** Alfie Viner

**Sycamores Class Values star:** Lachie Ingram

**Maples Class Values star:** Ollie Wallace

**Willows Class Values star:** Cara Thompson

**Oaks Class Values star:** Faith Disney

**Reading star:** Modge Knight

**Writing star:** Lizzie Denby

**Maths star:** Tilly Smith

**PE star:** George Moss

**Lunchtime star:** Abigail Cubley

**Best Class attendance:** Oak Class 99.09%

**Role-model of the week:** Bella Knight



## Message from the Headteacher

This week has been Assessment week for Y1-6 and the children have been working hard. The teachers will share the results of your child's attainment and progress at parents' evening in a couple of weeks time. Parents' evening timings have now been allocated and you should receive your actual time today via your child's bookbag. We would like everyone to attend this important event so, if you have not requested a particular time, we have allocated one to you and hope this will be convenient. Please remember to come ten minutes before your slot, in order to look at the lovely work in your child's books which will be available in the cloakroom area by the classroom. Thank you.

This week has also been National Science week and we have been marking that in a range of ways. Firstly, we were delighted to welcome scientist Kat Day (mum of Erin in FS) into assembly on Monday to run some Science activities – this was great fun and our grateful thanks go to her for her time and expertise. In addition, each class has taken part in a variety of experiments and activities – get your children to tell you more!

Today we welcomed Steph Lovett, Support and Challenge partner for the River Learning Trust into school for her to focus on educational performance as part of the due diligence checks – all went well!

Today we said farewell to Miss Claridge who has been our trainee teacher in Willows class over the last 8 weeks. She has had a successful placement and we will miss her, but wish her every success in her future career.

Finally, just a reminder that with less than two weeks to go until the end of term, we will be finishing at the earlier time of 1.30pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March and returning to school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April for the start of the summer term.

### Drama for Y6

Yesterday afternoon our Y6 children took part in a drama workshop run by Warriner School. It was a wonderful afternoon, combining dance, drama and music, with our children excelling in the work. Florence, Y6 (and prefect) said, 'I enjoyed learning the song and dance for Buggy Malone'. Thank you to Mrs Cubley and Mrs Knight for helping with transport and accompanying the trip as parent helpers. And thank you to Lynda Webb for giving our children this opportunity!

### Stay and Play

Once again, we were pleased to welcome our parents from Acorns class to a Stay and Play session this afternoon. On this occasion, the theme was decorating biscuits.

### WADS (Webbstars Academy of Drama and Song)

This is starting up again – this time the focus will be on doing a musical in a week in the summer term with one day rehearsals a month apart leading up to it. The taster day is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at the Alice Marshall hall at midday. The musical we are doing is The Lion King. Contact Lynda Webb on 07734721762 or email: lynda\_webb@btinternet.com

### Sports relief

Middle Barton School will be fundraising for Sports Relief on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March! The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite sportsman/woman or dressed up in appropriate sportswear representing their favourite sport, paying £1 to do so. All the money raised by this will go to Sports Relief. During the day, the children will be taking part in a range of activities, including running a mile and taking part in a danceathon!

### Able, Gifted and Talented workshop

Well done to Henry and Gabriel, in Y5, who represented our school at the AGT Science workshop at CNS on Monday afternoon this week. Henry said, 'We were learning about magnetism and using potatoes to find out more...'

### FOMBS update

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March there will be a fundraising bike ride with different length routes and something for everyone in the family – please see the attached flyer.

### Y1 dance

It was lovely to see our Y1 children take part in this partnership event on Wednesday afternoon. The theme was 'Commotion in the Ocean!' Millie, Y1 said, 'It was really good fun!'

### Family Focus

The next Middle Barton Family Focus will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March between 3.15pm and 4pm. Come along with your child to take part in some sports skills.

### Clubs

Just a reminder that next week is the last week for clubs. All clubs finish next week and there will be a new set of clubs for the summer term. This will be publicised the first week back.

### Healthy lunchbox - PLT initiative

In order to further promote our work on healthy living, the PLT (led by prefect, Tash), have launched today a healthy lunchbox competition with all children invited to design a healthy lunchbox poster by the end of term. Please could all entries have your child's name and class on the back. Thank you.