

Newsletter

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Y2 class assembly

Well done to all our Y2 children for a lovely and thought provoking class assembly on the theme of our value for the half-term, Determination.

It was heart-warming to see the children working so well as a team to give us many important messages about the importance of resilience, having a growth mindset and showing determination. The sketches/role-plays were delightful as was the singing. Congratulations to you all for such a high standard of class assembly.

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

Acorns Class: Harry Bishop

Chestnuts Class: Enya Baxter

Sycamores Class: Imogen McKeown and
Headteacher Special award for whole class

Willows Class: Reggie Smith

Oaks Class: Natasha Denton

Reading star of the week: Joshua Grey

Writing star of the week: Rosa Cavana

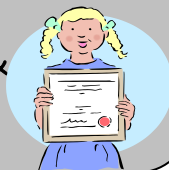
Maths star of the week: Holly Stiffle

PE star of the week: Toby Bellinger

Smartest dressed: Leo Cubley

Growth mindset: Oscar Bishop

Role-model of the week: Tegan Cox



Message from the Headteacher

What an AMAZING amount raised from our Auction of Promises last Friday evening, with the final amount now at £4822!!!! This is due to the generosity of parents, staff, governors and members of the community. There was a fantastic atmosphere and we are most grateful for everyone who contributed in any way. Thank you FOMBS for organising such a successful event. There are still 3 places left on the Summer Fun Promise. Staff at Middle Barton School promised an afternoon of games for 30 children in the school holidays. July 24th. £10 per child. Please let the office know if you would like your child to take part.

Next week is Assessment week, a chance for the children to take part in tests which will help to inform teacher judgements about their attainment and progress in the key areas.

It was good to see so many parents at our SATs information sessions earlier this week. Thanks to Miss Bingham and Miss Trafford for providing an informative and clear outline of what is expected in these tests in May. We hope this is helpful and will be a good guide as to how you can best support your child at home in the build-up to the tests.

I still have a couple of parents asking about taking holidays in school term-time and just want to reiterate the expectations on this. Authorised absence will **NOT** be provided, unless it is a family wedding, funeral or equally exceptional circumstances. In addition, research shows that missing school can impact significantly on your child's attainment and progress. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Next Friday this column will be put together by Miss Knight (Bella) as she is one of the lucky winners of the coveted role of Headteacher for the day (from last week's auction) – good luck, Bella!

World Book Day

It was lovely to see the children entering into this day with so much fun and good spirit! We began with a special assembly and book parade – the catwalk proved to be very popular! Thank you for encouraging your child to enter into the spirit of it – every single child dressed up which was great! £1 book tokens to exchange for a book have been sent home today in bookbags so do look out for these.

Check out our website for further information!

Other Chipping Norton Music Festival events

Our Y3/4 children are performing in the Speech and drama class on Tuesday afternoon at Chipping Norton Town Hall. An extra run-through of the words over the weekend would be much appreciated – thank you!

Good luck to our recorder players (and our clarinet player) who perform next Wednesday afternoon. Remember our values of Confidence and Determination!

On Tuesday 14th March our Y5/6 children are performing in a presentation as part of the CNMF at CNS. Tickets are now available at a cost of £2 each from the school office. Please contact the school office if you would like to buy one – thank you.

Singing school at Worcester College Oxford

Is your child in Y2 – Y6 and does he/she love singing? It might be worth looking through the email attachment about a singing school during the Easter holidays – further information is provided within it.

International links

Make the world a little friendlier this Easter and introduce your children to new cultures. Welcome an international student from a UK university to your home for a day or weekend to help them learn about the country and to teach your family about theirs.

“One of the most enriching and enjoyable experiences we have had as a family.” Kirsteen Coupar, mum of two.

To learn more about volunteer hosting visit www.hostuk.org or call 0207 739 6292.

Junior Choirs at Music Festival

Just a final reminder that our choir are performing tomorrow morning at Chipping Norton School Hall as part of the Chipping Norton Music Festival (please arrive a few minutes before 9am). Audience tickets were sent home on Monday – please pay for them on the door of CNS tomorrow. Also, a final practice of the words before then, would be most helpful, thank you! Break a leg everyone!

If your child is in Y2-6 and is interested in joining the school choir (having hopefully been inspired by hearing them perform in assembly this week!), there is actually an opportunity to start next week as we will hopefully shortly be starting work on a new project, the Oxfordshire Festival of Voices! Please liaise with the office or Mrs Tailby if your child is interested. Thank you.

Fairtrade Assembly

It was great to see our School Council play a starring role in Monday morning's assembly this week with their important messages about Fairtrade. Thank you to you all.

Also, today the healthy snack bar sold fairtrade milkshakes, much enjoyed by many!

Science day

Do we have any budding Science experts out there? If so, we'd love to hear from you as Miss Trafford (our Science subject leader) is planning a special Science day on Friday 16th June. Please contact the school office if you can help – thank you.

KS2 cricket

We are delighted to be providing cricket lessons for our children as part of KS2 PE lessons this term. On Wednesday afternoons Willows (Y3/4) and Oaks (Y5/6) are benefiting from this expertise – get your children to tell you more!