



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2014



Cakes for Kids – Guinness World Record attempt

A massive thank you to everyone who brought in cakes for the Guinness World Record attempt for the longest line of cakes last Friday – Milton Keynes did it, with an amazing **26,746 cakes**, over 400 of which were donated by Oxley Park Academy! What a fantastic achievement, whilst raising lots of money for children's charities in the process.

Christmas Fete – Saturday 6th December

A reminder that FOOPA will be organising a Christmas Fete on Saturday 6th December, from 12pm-3pm. If anyone would be willing to donate a cake (or cakes) for the event, please contact friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com. FOOPA would also be grateful to receive any unwanted gifts and/or toys – please leave any donations in reception.

Friends of Oxley Park Academy

The FOOPA (Friends of Oxley Park Academy) do an amazing job for the school, from running the tea and coffee stall at the carol evening to cinema nights and the Christmas and Summer Fetes. There is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes planning for these events, setting up, clearing away and also manning the stalls on the day. The FOOPA help build the community spirit in the school, seen very recently at the wonderful fireworks even, and they also raise very important funds to help the school provide the best that it can for our children. What they need are more volunteers to help at various events in any way they feel they can. Do you think you could volunteer to go on the helpers list? When an event is coming up you could be contacted to see if you could donate a bit of time to make one of our events a success. This might be serving coffee and tea, helping set up, baking cakes or running a stall. It might not be our parents that can help but maybe a grandparent would have time to spare? If you would be willing to add your details to the volunteer list please contact Sally Biles on friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com



During the past 2 weeks, Oxley Park have shone through sports.

Last week, we took the Basketball team to the team to the local tournament in which Oxley were unbeaten throughout the 5 games. As a result we have progressed to the finals which take place next Friday at Stantonbury. Fantastic effort by all!

Our latest success came on Wednesday when our boys' football team played in the Milton Keynes School football league. Currently, we are sitting top of the league after winning the first 2 games. We faced Caroline Haslett school, where we comfortably won 7-1. The 2nd game was a little closer with Oxley Park coming out on top with a 2-1 win. We still sit at the top of the league table with 4 wins out of 4. Great effort, boys!

Mr Thurston



MK Dons' Big Schools Day – Saturday 22nd November

Don't forget that there are discounted ticket prices available for the MK Dons' match against Port Vale tomorrow, kick off at 3pm – **Adults £10 and Under 18s £1**. The **discounted tickets are available right up to kick off tomorrow**.

This fixture will also be a Christmas-themed family fun day and will see over 50 stalls and attractions open between 12 noon and 3pm outside *stadiummk* and inside the Arena, including a special Santa's Grotto, live music, bouncy castles, football skills competitions, fairground rides and half-time entertainment. Tickets are available either directly through the MK Dons Box Office on 01908 622900, by visiting them at the stadium, or from the kiosk on Silbury Boulevard. Please quote the password **SD22** and provide our school name to ensure that you receive the discounted ticket prices and our school receives points for any tickets sold. See you tomorrow!

MK Dons Group Ticket Reward Scheme

Children will also bring home letters today detailing all our fixtures for the MK Dons 'Group Ticket Reward' scheme for this season, whereby we can offer you and your friends and families discounted ticket prices in exchange for points for school, which in turn we can redeem for merchandise and other one-off prizes.

Our first 'GTR' match is next **Saturday, 29th November**, when the Dons take on Colchester United at home, kick off 3pm. Discounted ticket prices for this match are **Adults £15 and Under 18s £3**. Tickets are available via Parentpay or through the school office and must be purchased by 9am on Friday 28th November. Hope to see you there.

Celebrations

We have shared celebrations with the following children in school this week:

- ★ Trishaa, Harshini, Shruti and Zaeema (Year 4) have all been working really hard, and have now learned all their times tables – fantastic work!



- ★ We have celebrated with Raihan, Naomi, Sanvika & Chaiya from Year 1 this week for learning how to spell their 100 hot words. Congratulations to you all!



- ★ Jovan in Year 1 has recently been awarded his taekwondo yellow stripe belt – very impressive, Jovan, well done.



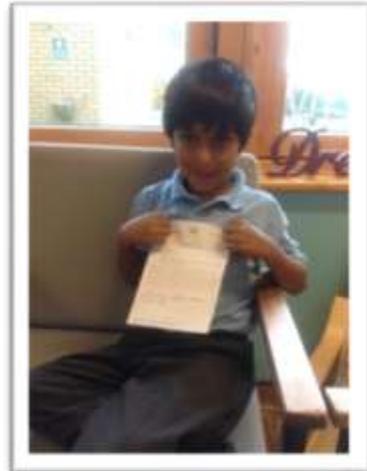
- ★ Finley in Year 4 received a medal when his football team were runners up in their recent football tournament.



★ Kenny in Year 1 celebrated his 100 hot words with us today, and chose Spiderman for his special certificate.



★ Uday from Foundation has received a maths certificate from his maths club, and brought it in to school to share with us today.



★ Nia from Year 2 was really surprised to find one of her pictures in the 'Winners Gallery' of the Pizza Hut magazine. How exciting!





★ And finally, we are hugely proud Jack and Rhys who have been awarded their Bronze Beaver Scout Award, the highest award possible for Beavers. They have had to complete lots of challenges to receive this prestigious award and we are delighted that their hard work and commitment has been recognised in this way. What fantastic role models.

Coming up next week

Date		
Fri 28th Nov	Celebration Assemblies: Year 1/2/3 Year 4/5/6	9:00am 10:00am

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.