



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2015

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you and your families have all had a wonderful break over the festive period and have enjoyed a well-earned rest.

We returned with a bang – almost literally – when the whole school enjoyed a special Science Day on Tuesday ...

SCIENCE DAY – TUESDAY 6TH JAN

We were lucky enough to have a visit from 'Science Boffins' on Tuesday. The children took part in lots of lovely science activities and were really excited by science, which was a pleasure to see. I'm sure they will have told you lots about it!



FOND FAREWELLS

Today we said a very fond farewell to Miss Aspinall. Cathy joined us 3 years ago to provide 1:1 support, and more recently she has been working in Tawny Owls as their class TA. Sadly for us, Cathy has decided to move on to work within another school, supporting children with special educational needs. We wish Cathy the very best of luck in her new role, and she has promised to keep in touch!



Mrs Gill has now started her maternity leave. She is expecting her first baby in a few weeks' time and as soon as we have any exciting news we will be sure to let you know. Good luck, Lyndsey!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE LATE COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAYS

Please be sure to read the notice on our school website under 'Latest News' regarding the late collection of children on Wednesday afternoons.

YEAR 3 ARTIST VISIT – THURSDAY 8TH JAN

Year 3 were incredibly lucky to have a visit from local artist Kevin Mortimer on Thursday. Kevin came to see us to talk about how to become an artist and showed us his skills using watercolours. All the children really enjoyed the morning, we even had a go at doing our own paintings just like Kevin! A huge thank you to Kevin who gave up his time voluntarily to speak to the children.



READ EVERY DAY CHALLENGE

Our Read Every Day challenge for the spring term starts again on Monday 12th January. Parents are asked to record in their child's planner each day they read at home and children will receive a certificate when they read 10 times in 2 weeks. Those children who receive 5 certificates during the spring term will be presented with their prize in assembly at the end of term.

BOOK FAIR

Keeping with the literacy theme, with our commission from the Scholastic Book Fair last term, we have managed to buy this fantastic selection of books for the school library. Thank you to everyone for supporting the book fair.



INVITATION TO ALL EMERGENCY WORKERS

Year 1's next topic, starting the first week of February, is called 'To The Rescue'. Miss Tuck would love to welcome any parents/carers in to school to come and talk to the children from the emergency services during their topic. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Ruth directly on ruth.tuck@oxleyparkacademy.com.



MK DONS GROUP TICKET REWARDS

Our next MK Dons Group Ticket Rewards match is on Saturday 17th January, when they take on Sheffield Utd at stadium.mk. Our last two GTR fixtures have been a 6-0 and a record-breaking 7-0 victory, so come and enjoy the match! Tickets are available via Parentpay/School office in the usual way, priced at **£15 for Adults** and **£3 for Under 18s**. Deadline for purchasing tickets through school is 9am on Friday 16th January. See you there – COME ON YOU DONS!!!

CELEBRATIONS

Lots of celebrations in school again this week:

- ★ Emma in Year 3 and her sister Amy in Foundation have recent been awarded certificates for completing Stage 8 British Gymnastics. Congratulations, girls.



- ★ Thomas and Shay in Year 3 have both reached orange belt in karate, which is a fantastic achievement.



- ★ Max in Year 1 has learned his 100 Hotwords and Liam in Year 1 has learned all his 100 Hotword spellings! They both came to receive their special 'Headteacher's Award' sticker and certificates from me this week.



- ★ Both Millie and Shanaz from Year 4 completed the autumn RED challenge but missed the assembly on the last day of term, so they came along to receive their prizes from me this week.



- ★ Charlie in Year 3 went to see Matilda at the theatre and it inspired him to make his own model theatre at home, which he brought in to show me. He had even designed a plan to follow and made a special booklet, too! Thank you, Charlie, I look forward to seeing you on the big stage when you're a grown up!



Have a great weekend - see you Monday.

Cathy