



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2015



BEDTIME STORIES – WEDS 21ST JAN

Thank you to everyone who came along for bedtime stories on Wednesday– we had a lovely evening sharing our favourite stories in our cosy classrooms!

Y3 ARTIST VISIT



Following his recent visit, local artist Kevin Mortimer came back into school on Monday to present Year 3 with a piece of artwork which we bought for the children. The children were very excited and pleased with their picture, which will be displayed outside Year 3 for all to enjoy!

FOUNDATION RESEARCH - MRS CHARTERIS-BLACK



Mrs Charteris-Black, who works within our Foundation Unit, is currently studying for a degree in Learning and Teaching at Northampton University. As part of her course, she is required to carry out research to support the writing of a dissertation. This research will take place in the form of observations of Foundation Stage children, interviews with some staff members and focus groups with the same children. This data will then support the writing of the dissertation.

The dissertation will be read and marked by two tutors and there is a possibility of the work to be published, but the name of the school and the names of the participants will always be kept anonymous.

NEWSPAPER CLUB



I am delighted to announce that our Newspaper Club has started up again! We have a group of new, eager reporters who have some great ideas for more articles to add to our school newspaper. Children will be interviewing staff and also reporting on our recent Science Day, our Junior Park Rangers, the forthcoming Year 5 play and our Winter Wonderland. I can't wait to read the next edition!

YEAR 2 READING TWILIGHT – MONDAY 26TH JANUARY

Our Year 2 parents are warmly invited to come along to our Reading Twilight on Monday 26th January. There will be two sessions – one at 3:00pm and another at 5:30pm. Please do come along if you can.



MK DONS GROUP TICKET REWARDS

Don't forget that discounted tickets are still available for the next home fixture for the MK Dons:

- **Saturday 7th Feb v Bristol City**

Tickets are available via the school office or Parentpay in the usual way, priced at:

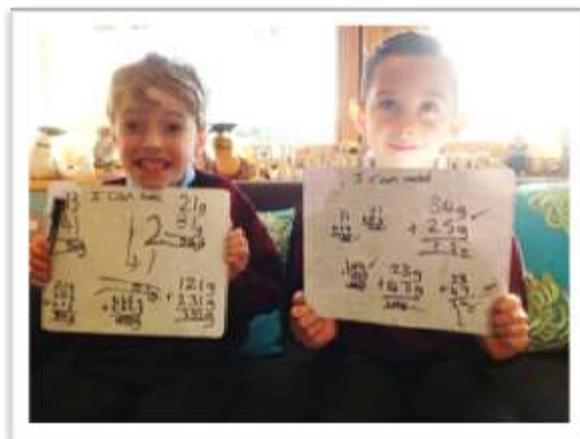
- Adult £15 (Normal price £20)
- Child £3 (Normal price £6)

The deadline for purchasing tickets through school for this match is 9:00am on Friday 6th February, and tickets are collected from the Match Day Ticket Collection Point next to Gate 6 at StadiumMK. Please help us to earn points by buying your tickets through school, as the Dons continue their push for promotion this season. COME ON YOU DONS!!

CELEBRATIONS

This week we have shared the following celebrations in school:

- ★ Dawid and Harrison from Year 3 came down to see me this week to show me their super maths work.



- ★ Aryan from Year 3 and Sarah from Year 4 have learned all of their 12 Times Tables and came to collect their special certificates from me this week.



- ★ Joshua in Year 1 has learned all his 100 Hot Words and Joseph in Year 1 has learned to spell all his Hot Words – they both came down to collect their certificates from me this week.



★ Aydan in Year 3 had his first session at Shenington on Saturday 17th Jan. He did so well competing against 9-11 year olds that he has also been given the green light to take his licence in February!



Congratulations to all of this week's Oxley Park superstars!

EMILY'S STAR



My latest challenge is to do a Skydive in aid of Emily's Star! Emily's Star' is a local, Milton Keynes-based charity which raises money for 'Children with Complex Needs Nurses'. The date of my Skydive is yet to be confirmed (I'm just waiting to hear from the airfield!), but I will certainly keep you posted – and will be hoping to raise lots of money for them through sponsorship. We now have collection boxes in support of 'Emily's Star' in reception. Any donations, no matter how small, would be very gratefully received.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Date		
Mon 26th Jan	Year 2 Reading Twilight	3:00pm and 5:30pm in class
Tues 27th Jan	Year 6 SATs information evening	5:15pm until 6:00pm in Hub
Fri 30th Jan	Celebration Assemblies Year 1/2/3 Year 4/5/6	9:10am 10:00am

Have a great weekend – keep warm, and we'll see you all on Monday.

Cathy