



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2015

YEAR 3 PERFORMANCE

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to go to the Year 3 performance this week, but they will be doing a special performance next week for 'specially invites guests' which I am really looking forward to. Mrs Wiles and Mrs Younger have told me how wonderful it was to travel around the world with them, so I can't wait to see it for myself!

A BIG 'THANK YOU' FROM MISS JONES

Miss Jones has asked me to pass on her heartfelt thanks to all those who spoiled her with such beautiful flowers, gifts and cards when she left last Friday. She sent me a photograph, and asked me to share it with you all. We all wish Amanda much success in her new role at Langland School.



YEAR 1 VISIT TO SHENLEY WOOD

On Tuesday all of Year 1 children visited Shenley Wood as part of their 'Potting Shed' topic. The children represented Oxley Park Academy fantastically and loved seeing and naming a variety of flowers. From the visit the children will be able to do a variety of activities, from naming the parts of a flower to a detailed drawing of a flower. Thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied Year 1 and the children for being so well behaved!



MK DONS V YEovil – SUNDAY 3RD MAY

Thank you to everyone who has bought discounted tickets through us for Sunday's match – a total of 64 of you will be there to enjoy the final game of the season, which, if they can achieve a better result than Preston North End, will see the Dons gain automatic promotion to the Championship. It's all to play for and could be a truly historic moment – let's hope that our Oxley Park magic works!!

Our Year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 football teams, who won their MK Championships, will also be at the match as a 'thank you' for their achievements, together with Mrs Wiles, Mrs Waller and Mr Oldfield. They will take part in the 'Show Racism The Red Card' parade around the pitch before the match, and will then enjoy the game. Keep an eye out for them and be sure to give them all a wave!

We will continue to offer the Group Ticket Reward scheme next season and will let you have more details later in the year.

'READ EVERY DAY' CHALLENGE

Don't forget that our 'RED' Challenge for the summer term started on Monday 27th April and will end on Friday 10th July. As before, please mark in your child's planner each day they read. There will be a maximum of 5 stamps per week, and children will receive 1 certificate for every 10 stamps. There will be a maximum of 5 certificates available for the summer term (half term will not be included). As an added challenge, please encourage your children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction during the term. Good luck!

YEAR 6 MEMORY BOOK PHOTOSHOOT

Just a note to our Year 6 parents to advise that the date of the Year 6 Memory Book photo shoot has changed from Thursday 21st May to Monday 1st June. More information will be sent out by your class teachers nearer the time.

AND FINALLY...

We were delighted to have a visit from Tony Nelson, Principal at The Hazeley Academy, this week. Our Head Boy and Head Girl showed him around the school and he was very impressed. Tony then spent some time talking to our Year 5 and Year 6 children about life in secondary school.

CELEBRATIONS

This week we have the following wonderful celebrations to share with you:

- ★ Harry in Year 3 brought a rugby trophy in to show me this week – he and his team recently won the Under 8's High Wycombe mini rugby festival.



- ★ Rupert in Year 5 came to see me this week, as he completed his Read Every Day challenge for the Spring term, but unfortunately had been missed off the list – we're really sorry, Rupert, but thank you for all your hard work! He has now received his 'RED Challenge Superstar' pencil and certificate.



- ★ Kenny in Year 1 has completed Stage 1 in his swimming lessons and Robyn in Year 1 has now completed Stage 4. Mia, Holly and Mason in Year 1 have all learned how to spell their 100 Hot Words now, and Zoya in Foundation has learned how to read her 100 Hot Words. Fabulous work, thank you all!



★ Year 4 have had another great week this week. Minnie, Poppy, Ben and Holly brought down their lovely rainforest projects to show me which they have completed for their home learning.



★ I had a visit today from Callum, Usher and George in Year 3, who came to show me their fantastic comprehension work.



★ Sumeya, Kaymon and Lewis from Year 5 came to see me today to show me their fantastic maths work – they've been working hard on adding together negative numbers.



★ Hannah in Year 3 has passed Level 4 in swimming, Ben in Year 4 brought in a whole selection of swimming achievements to share with me and Abi in Swallows brought her Rookie Lifeguard certificates in to show me. Suhani has learned all of her times tables and came to collect her certificate from me today. Harry was recently presented with 'Most Improved Player' award by the manager of his rugby team, and he also had a super medal which he received at a recent rugby tournament.



★ Josh in Year 6 also came along to show me his fantastic maths work today – he had been working really hard.



MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SUPERSTARS THIS WEEK!

EMILY'S STAR MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 5TH JUNE



We will be having a mufti day in school on Friday 5th June to raise contributions towards the charity Skydive that I am doing on Saturday 6th June for Emily's Star. Any small monetary donations would be very gratefully received for this fantastic local charity.

I have also set up a Virgin Money fundraising account – if you would like to sponsor me to raise money for this fantastic local charity, please log on to www.virginmoneygiving.com/Cathy_Higgins (that's Cathy_Higgins - the underscore doesn't show in the link). More information on Emily's Star and their work can be found on their website at <http://www.emilysstar.co.uk/>. Many thanks to all those who have so kindly sponsored me already – thank you all for your generous support!

COMING UP

Date		
Mon 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues 5TH May	School re-opens	
Fri 8th May	9:10am 10:00am	Celebration Assembly: Years 1/2/3 Years 4/5/6

I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend – see you on Tuesday morning.

Cathy