



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2015

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Today marked the 70th anniversary of VE Day. We observed a 2 minute silence at 3pm this afternoon to mark the enormous sacrifice of those across Europe who gave their lives to protect their nation in the Second World War.



MK DONS V YEovil – SUNDAY 3RD MAY

By beating Yeovil 5-1 in their final league game of the season, and Colchester beating Preston North End 1-0, the MK Dons finished 2nd in League One, gaining automatic promotion to the Championship!



What a fantastic afternoon it was for all those who bought tickets through our Group Ticket Rewards Scheme, and also for our children who took part in the 'Show Racism the Red Card' parade as a reward for winning their MK football championships, who also got to stay and enjoy the match and the presentation of the trophy afterwards!



What a memorable day!

Our huge congratulations to all our friends at MK Dons – we are very much looking forward to a visit, and can't wait for the new season.



YEAR 2 BUTTERFLIES

For the past 3 weeks or so, Year 2 have been caring for a number of caterpillars, and have enjoyed watching their life cycle, from caterpillars, through the chrysalis stage before transforming into butterflies. This morning they released the butterflies and the children were thrilled as they watched them fly away into the sky.



OLD TOWELS NEEDED!

Year 4 are in need of old bath towels for their topic, to help them with wool-making. If you have any old towels that you could spare, please bring them in to school to be passed on to Miss Keane, Miss Newsholme or Mr Bates.

READING MATERIALS NEEDED!

We would be grateful for donations of a wide range of reading materials, suitable for all our age groups, especially:

- Comics
- Annuals
- Children's cooking books
- Joke books
- Sports-related books
- Autobiographies suitable for children
- Any books that boys might enjoy!



If you have any suitable books that you no longer need, please send them in to school in with your child to their class teacher, or hand them in at the school office.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Please don't forget to send any Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers you have into school – the collection point is the orange post box just inside the main entrance. Ordering is now open, so please bring your vouchers in to us as soon as possible.

CELEBRATIONS

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

- ★ Calum in Year 1 took part in a football tournament at Cranfield Colts last weekend and he proudly brought his medal in to show me.



- ★ Mrs Clinton's literacy group, Callum, Cassie and Rayhan, have been working so hard recently that she brought them in to tell me all about their fantastic work.



- ★ Rishi, Rianna and Etinosa came to play me a piece of music on their guitars this week, which they have been learning with Miss Hayden.



- ★ Toby in Year 3 took part in a cycling race at Hillingdon at the weekend and came 3rd. He was racing against other 7 & 8 year olds and won the green sprinter's jersey too!



- ★ Lewis in Year 5 completed the grown up's Aerial Extreme high ropes course at Willen Lake last weekend, and brought in his certificate to show me. Louis took part in a karate tournament recently and is the MK Inter Club Points Champion for 2015!!



- ★ Chloe from Year 6 brought her amazing Mental Maths test results to show me this week. Ellie and Daniel in Year 1 have learned how to spell all their 100 hotwords, and Toby from Foundation came to show me the medal he received for taking part in the Superhero Fun Run on Bank Holiday Monday. Harry in Year 6 also did really well in his Mental Maths test this week, and came down to show me his results too.



- ★ Johnny, Poppy and Levi in Year 4 have all learned their Times Tables and came to collect their special certificates from me this week.



- ★ Skye and Clarrie in Year 2 took part in the Superhero Fun Run on Bank Holiday Monday and brought their medals in to show me this week. Mrs Wiles also took part with her son, Alex.



- ★ Amabel in Year 2 made an Oxley Owl out of Jenga blocks before school this morning, which I would like to share with you. Her cat Dotty Dot is also sneaking in the picture!



**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 11th May	Y6 SATs - Monday to Thursday Foundation Trip to Butterfly World	
Tues 12th May	Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	

Finally, I would like to wish all of our wonderful Year 6 children good luck with their SATs tests next week. They have been working really hard and deserve every success!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Cathy