



# Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2015

## GOLDEN THREAD ASSEMBLY



This morning we had a Golden Thread assembly, to reward those children in school who consistently demonstrate our '5Cs' – being courageous, courteous, co-operative, conscientious and caring. This was a relaxed, 'in school' celebration, and I would like to congratulate all the children who received a Golden Thread today – a list of names will be published on our school website under the 'Awards' section. Special congratulations to Mr Oldfield, too, who was nominated by the children in Year 4!

## FOOPA MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Thank you to everyone for supporting our FOOPA mufti day today, raising money for Friends of Oxley Park Academy and all their wonderful work they do for our school. We will let you know how much has been raised as soon as we have a total figure.



## YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE

I was taken on an 'Amazing Amazon Adventure' with Year 4 this week when I watched their performance on Tuesday evening. It was absolutely wonderful. I was hugely impressed by the way the children sang their hearts out, and particular thanks to the children who stepped in at the last minute to cover for children who were unable to attend. No wonder I am proud to be Headteacher at Oxley Park!



## POLICE VISIT TO YEAR 5

In literacy, Year 5 have been exploring newspaper reports. They have studied their features and worked as reporters to gather information about the terrible vandalism to our school art bus and goal posts. They were really lucky today when the police officers who dealt with the crime came in to class to answer the children's questions about the crime, and tell them about life as a police officer! They especially enjoyed being able to pass round the police hats and handcuffs....which were surprisingly heavy!



## VISITING THEATRE PRODUCTION – WEDS 3<sup>RD</sup> JUN

As a special treat, we have booked a travelling theatre company to come into school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, to give a performance of The Jungle Book. We have been assured that it is suitable for primary school children of all ages, and we can't wait to see the show!

## SHOE GIFT BOX APPEAL - SMILESYRIA

Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated shoe boxes for the SmileSyria appeal this week. You will be sure to bring a smile to the faces of many Syrian children - what a wonderful cause!

## PRIZE GIVING – YEAR 6 LITERACY AWARD COMPETITION



We are busy working away on Prize Giving at the moment. For the Silverton Cup Literacy Award, I would like to run a competition, which is open to our Year 6 children only. I would like to invite the children to submit a handwritten story to me of 'Memories of Oxley Park'. Key points to focus on are presentation, the correct use of grammar and punctuation, and content, plus it must be handwritten. Please submit all entries to me by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Good luck, and I can't wait to receive the children's wonderful work!



Congratulations to our Year 5/6 tennis team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their tennis tournament last week, after losing by just a few points in the final.

*Mr Thurston*



## **INSPIREMK:TEACHMK**

We have been invited to work in partnership with the Milton Keynes Teaching Schools Alliance (MKTSA) to participate in a film to help with the recruitment of teachers in Milton Keynes. This week we were visited by representatives from MKTSA, who were particularly impressed by our Hacka, our outside areas, our foundation unit, the engineering workshop, our art bus, the Wacky Woods, the breakout areas outside our classrooms, and our Head Boy and Head Girl! We have so many fantastic school facilities, even if we do sometimes forget!

## **NEW FOUNDATION STAGE PARENTS' MEETING – WEDS 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**

Please note that the date for the new Foundation Parents' meeting changed from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Parents have been invited in on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7:00pm, but the date on last week's blog was incorrect. Apologies for any confusion caused.

## CELEBRATIONS

This week we have lots of wonderful celebrations to share with you:

- ★ Demi in Foundation has passed Stage 1 in swimming and Sanvika in Year 1 recently passed her ballet exam with distinction!



- ★ Holly and Donovan in Year 5 came to show me their excellent literacy work this week – newspaper report writing on the vandalism of our art bus.



- ★ I had a group of our lovely Year 3 children to see me this week with their wonderful work on the water cycle. Well done to Hannah, Darcy, Tiffany, Zak and Nash.



- ★ Joe, Lewis and Charlie from Year 5, and the rest of their football team, won their Cup Final match last Saturday. The boys brought in their medals and the replica trophy to show me this week.



- ★ A parent and child celebration now, which I think is a first! Mrs Latham has recently passed her NVQ Level 3 and Poppy in Year 2 has passed Level 6 in her gymnastics.



- ★ Year 1 have had another great week. Lacey brought in a book to show me that she had made by herself at home. Libby brought her gymnastics award in to show me. Joshua and Charlotte have learned their 100 Hotword Spellings, and Robyn brought in her gymnastics certificate and medals to share with me.



- ★ Isabelle in Year 2 was invited to take part in this year's Roses competition at Kingston Gymnastics Club and won a bronze medal in Range & Conditioning!



- ★ Aryan in Jays Class brought in a copy of his amazing 'Solar Energy' poem to share with me this week. This was entered into the recent EON poem competition but we've yet to hear anything... Fingers crossed!



- ★ I was delighted to see Tyreese, Remey, Thomas and Josef from Year 3 this week with their fabulous maths work on fractions!



- ★ Louis in Year 6 got his first KYU - black belt next!!



- ★ Rowan in Year 2 has passed Stage 2 in his swimming lessons, and also brought a photograph in to show me of the most amazing London Bridge model which he has constructed out of Lego! It has taken him about a month to complete the model but it looks fantastic!



- ★ Joe, Ben, Owen, Alfie and Jack from Year 4, and the rest of their football team, won the President's Trophy this week and brought in their magnificent cup and medals to show me! Jack also received a trophy at his rugby club's end of year awards.



**MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF  
THIS WEEK'S SUPERSTARS!**

## EMILY'S STAR MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 5TH JUNE



A reminder that we will be having a mufti day in school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June to raise contributions towards the charity Skydive that I am doing on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!

## AND FINALLY....

Many congratulations to our lovely Miss Jarmaine, who got married last Saturday and became Mrs Green. As you can see from the photographs, she looked absolutely stunning. Natalie is currently on maternity leave, but will be returning to school in July.



## COMING UP

Date		
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jun</b>	SCHOOL RE-OPENS Y6 Leavers' Memory Book photoshoot	
<b>Weds 3rd Jun</b>	'Jungle Book' theatre production show visiting school  New Foundation Stage parents' meeting	7:00pm
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Mufti Day in aid of Emily's Star  Celebration Assemblies: Year 1 & 2 Year 3, 4 5 & 6	9:10am 10:00am
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	My Skydive in aid of Emily's Star - wish me luck!!	

Have a wonderful half term – see you all back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June!

**Cathy**