



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2015

ROAD SAFETY



As summer has finally arrived, there are now many more children travelling to school on foot or by bike, and I would like to remind parents/carers to please be mindful of pedestrians and young cyclists in and around our school.

TODAY'S MUFTI DAY



Thank you to everyone for supporting our mufti day today, raising money for Emily's Star – together we have raised **£360** today, which is brilliant!!



As you know, I will be doing my Skydive tomorrow to raise money for this fantastic local charity – wish me luck! I'm trying to model to the children one of our 5C's, 'Courageous', that it's good to try new things and take (calculated) risks! I will let you know next week how it goes. Promise I'll keep my eyes open!!



Aimee in Year 4 kindly brought me a 'Good Luck' card this morning, which I will be taking with me tomorrow!

My Virgin Money fundraising account – if you would like to sponsor me to raise money for this fantastic local charity, is at 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/>.

I really am very grateful to all those who have so kindly sponsored me already – thank you all for your good wishes and support!

PE KIT

May I remind you all that children may not wear non-regulation sports kit to school during the school day. If children have PE in school, then they may come to school wearing their **regulation** school PE uniform, which consists of plain black shorts/jogging bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and a plain black hoody/sweatshirt. Children may not wear football tops, coloured t-shirts, etc, during the school day.

If children take part in sporting activities for Curriculum Enrichment, they may also wear their regulation PE uniform to school on Wednesdays, as this will avoid the need for having to change within the hour of their chosen activity.

Similarly, if children are taking part in after school sports clubs at school, then they may wear their regulation PE uniform during the day to avoid the need to change. If the children wish to wear football kits to their sporting activity, then they must wear the normal non-PE uniform during the day and bring their kit to change into after school.

Whilst on the subject of PE kit, we would be very grateful if anyone has any spare items of PE kit which they could donate to school, so that we have spares available in an emergency.

YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY

Year 3 launched their new Romans topic on Monday by coming in dressed as Romans. The children and staff had a great day learning all about the Romans and even made some Roman bread which was great fun! They are all now very excited to learn more about the Romans in their lessons.



VISITING THEATRE PRODUCTION – WEDS 3RD JUN

We were treated to a fantastic performance of The Jungle Book on Wednesday, when a touring theatre company, M&M Theatrical Productions, came into school. It was very interactive and the children (and teachers!) thoroughly enjoyed the show!



We were so impressed that we have re-booked M&M to come back into school on Friday 15th January 2016 to perform their Dick Whittington pantomime for the children. More details will follow nearer the time, but we're looking forward to it already!



SWIMMING CHAMPIONS!



Huge congratulations to our Swimming team who this week won the MK championship! We will now be going to the county finals in July and will let you know how we get on! Congratulations go to Amy D, Fern B, Joshua P, Grace C, Matthew J, Charlotte D, Ellis S and Veer K for their fantastic results!



HANDWRITING CHALLENGE



Watch out for the return of my handwriting challenge next week! Details to follow...

ART DISPLAY AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

This week Mrs Musselwhite has been to the Central Library to put some of our children's wonderful art work up on display. If you are passing, please be sure to pop in and take a look.



'MY MONEY' WEEK

Next week will be 'My Money' week in school. 'My Money' week is designed to give children the best foundation for managing their money now and in the future. We want children to have a better understanding of where money comes from and develop a deeper understanding of the value of money in society.

FOOPA MUFTI DAY

I am very pleased to announce that the FOOPA mufti day on Friday 22nd May raised the sum of **£330.48**, which is brilliant! Thank you so much for your generous support.

COMPETITION TO DESIGN AN ATHLETICS AWARD



Mr Rutherford is developing an athletics award for children to work towards throughout the second half of the summer term during their P.E lessons in Years 4, 5 and 6. He would like the children to design a name and a logo for the award to go on the certificates. Please could all entries be returned to school **by Friday 12th June**.

CELEBRATIONS

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

- ★ Jack in Year 3 visited Crocodile World in half term, and was so inspired by what he saw there that he made this amazing model when he got home!



- ★ Ellie in Year 1 has passed her Grade 1 and 2 ice skating exams. Liam in Year 1 made a lion puppet by himself during the half term holidays and brought it in to show me. Max from Year 1 (brother of Jack, above) also made a model following his visit to Crocodile World, and brought it in to share with me. Raihan from Year 1 has passed Stage 2 in his swimming lessons and is now in Stage 3.



- ★ Bree in Foundation has learned all her 100 Hot Words and came to collect her certificate from me this week.



- ★ Arjun in Year 6 plays the Dhol drum for “MK DHOL” and recently performed at the Luton International Carnival. He even teaches a small group of younger children at the weekends how to play the drum.



- ★ Hannah & Olivia from Year 3 both received a trophy for their Cheerleading at On Pointe during curriculum enrichment on Wednesday, and brought them in to show me.



- ★ Nathan and Nicholas from Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their Roman day this week. Nathan brought in some Roman fossils to show me and Nicholas brought in some iron ore.



- ★ Zoe and Abigail in Year 3 have learned all of their Times Tables and came to collect their certificates from me this week



- ★ Boaz in Year 1 has learned how to spell his 100 Hot Words and received his certificate from me this week.



- ★ Mrs Arif very proudly brought three Superstar Squirrels to see me this week, with their amazing writing – Ben, Shravanti and Ishaan. From the quality of their work, I could hardly believe they were only in Year 1! The children agreed Mrs Arif also had to sit on the ‘celebration sofa’ as her talented teaching really helped them achieve!



- ★ Layla in Foundation has learned all her 100 Hot Words and received her certificate from me this week. Shayaan in Foundation has passed the ‘Flying Gecko’ maths challenge at Explore Learning. Hannah in Year 2 has earned her orange belt in her martial arts.



- ★ Ruby in Year 3 was awarded a trophy for her Street Dance at On Pointe this week, and Iain in Year 3 brought in his Roman work to show me, linked to his new topic.



★ Callum in Year 4 brought in his medals and certificates in to show me which he received at his football camp in half term. He received a special award for 'Player of the Day'. William in Foundation has learned all of his 100 Hot Words and came to collect his Star Wars certificate from me today, and



★ Harry in Year 1 also went to the football camp in half term with his big brother Callum and was awarded a special certificate for scoring 'Goal of the Week'!

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THIS WEEK'S SUPERSTARS!

COMING UP

Date		
w/c 8 th June	'My Money' week	
Fri 12 th Jun	Celebration Assemblies: Year 1 & 2 Year 3, 4 5 & 6	9:10am 10:00am

Thank you all again for your kind support of my Sky Dive - wish me luck for tomorrow!!

Enjoy the glorious sunshine (when we have it!), and I'll see you all in school next week.

Cathy