



# Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015

## ROAD SAFETY

I received an email from a very concerned parent this week, whose child was nearly knocked down by a reversing car earlier this week. The car was parked up on a pavement and was unable to see the child in their rear view mirror. As parents, we can all sympathise with how frightening this must have been and is yet another example of why we need to be especially vigilant in and around the school area at all times. In order to try and reduce the volume of traffic around school in the mornings, we are investigating the possibility of reintroducing a 'walking bus' – if any parents would be interested in volunteering to help run a walking bus service, please contact me on [cathy.higgins@oxleyparkacademy.com](mailto:cathy.higgins@oxleyparkacademy.com).

## SPORTS DAY - TODAY

We have all enjoyed another successful sports day in school today – many thanks to all of the sports staff for planning so many great events! Thankfully, the weather was kind to us this year! It was lovely to see so many parents come along to cheer on the children, too. The winning class will be revealed in due course...



## **OXLEY'S GOT TALENT**

Representatives from each class took part in this year's Oxley's Got Talent. It was a fantastic showcase of talent, and a very entertaining evening. We had a difficult decision to make as judges, but our congratulations go to the winners, who were:

**KS1 ALISHA K  
EMILY Q**

**KS2 ARJUN B  
GERTTY O & ZAHARAH H**

Every child who took part in the show has received special a certificate in to thank them for sharing their wonderful talents.

## **Y5 COMMONWEALTH MORNING – MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

As part of their current topic, the Commonwealth, Year 5 held a Commonwealth morning to explore and find out about some of the sports in the Commonwealth Games. They rotated around a range of activities including table tennis, athletics, netball, bowls and hockey, and all the staff were really impressed with the great sportsmanship that the children all showed throughout the morning...cheering for their teams and supporting them in each activity!



## **KS2 RUGBY ASSEMBLY – WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

The children in Key Stage 2 were lucky to be visited by two rugby ambassadors and their teacher from Shenley Brook End School on Wednesday morning, who led an assembly about rugby. The children learned about all of the different ways that they could become more involved in rugby, in the run up to the Rugby World Cup in October. They also found out about an exciting competition that they can take part in, to design a rugby kit, with a prize given for the winning entry from each school that takes part. More details will follow, and we look forward to all the designs that come in!

## MY HANDWRITING CHALLENGE



To be in with a chance of winning the category for 'Best Special Piece', I would like to invite children to write the following mantra in their very best handwriting:

**I am wonderful.  
Together we are awesome.**

Please ensure that children include their name and class with their entries, and return them to me by **9:00am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. The winner will be invited to join my special pizza lunch party at the end of term, along with the other winners of my handwriting challenge. So get practising.....!

## ATHLETICS – MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

As a school we had 44 athletes competing in 28 separate events at our Athletics festival last Monday, and Mr Rutherford was proud of all of them. Every single one gave their very best on the day and for some, that meant that they may end up competing in the county finals. Well done to all the athletes involved.



## CRICKET TOURNAMENT – WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



After winning 4, drawing 1 and losing 1, the cricket team finished 2nd in last Wednesday's cricket tournament. The boys did really well and even had a Year 4 representing the team. Although they didn't win, the boys were praised by the organisers commenting on not only their ability but how well they behaved throughout the day. Well done to all of the team, and thank you for representing Oxley Park Academy so beautifully.

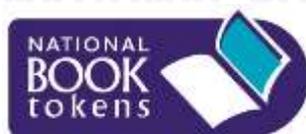
## SCHOOL FETE – SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Just a reminder that the school fete will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July this year, from 11am-2pm. We have been promised that it will be bigger and better than before, so make sure you save the day! Full details can be found under the 'Latest News' section of the school website.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you need to order any uniform for September from ShirleyMK (<http://www.shirleymk.biz>) please let Theresa have your order as soon as possible. Her contact details are [theresa@shirleymk.biz](mailto:theresa@shirleymk.biz) or her telephone number is 01908 340589.

## NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS COMPETITION



National Book Tokens are giving away up to £5,000 worth of National Book Tokens to one lucky school. To be in with a chance of winning, we need to try and get as many entries as possible. All you need to do is log on to [www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools) and enter your name, email address, post code and our school name. The more entries for our school, the more chances we have of winning.

If we were to win, the winning 'nominator' will also receive £100 worth of National Book Tokens themselves. The closing date for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. Please take a moment to enter if you can. Fingers crossed for Team Oxley!

## TREETOPS INFACIT 'BEST FACT' COMPETITION



Oxford University Press are running a 'Best Fact' competition, which if they win, their school will get a lovely visit from Greg Foot, who is a TV & radio science presenter and series editor of some of the inFact TreeTops books. He has also worked on Blue Peter. Children are invited to download the entry form via the following link, and write down the best fact they can think of to impress Greg.

[http://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/primary/literacy/treetops/infact\\_competition.pdf?region=uk](http://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/primary/literacy/treetops/infact_competition.pdf?region=uk)

Once completed, please return the entry form to your child's class teacher for signature. All entries must be returned to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July so that they can be sent off before the end of term.

## CELEBRATIONS

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

- ★ Lacey in Year 1 took part in the City of London Mile last weekend, and managed a time of 11 mins and 10 seconds! Isabelle in Year 2 took part in the Arabian Gymnastics Club Championships last weekend, and won 2 gold medals and 2 silver medals!



- ★ Jack in Year 3 took part in an U8 Football Tournament for Tattenhoe Youth FC at MK Gallaticos at the weekend. His team came 5<sup>th</sup> overall and he received a trophy which he brought in to show me. Niamh in Year 3 took part in a South Midlands Orienteering Club event at the weekend around Loughton Valley Park. She received a 'Certificate of Considerable Keeness'. Lewis in Year 6 took part in a swimming gala at Aylesbury Vale pool last weekend and was the fastest swimmer in Stage 7 in Buckinghamshire. He is now through to the regionals.



- ★ A group of our Year 3 children came to see me this week with their wonderful topic work on Romans. Zoe also brought her silver Athletics certificate in to show me.



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★ Harry in Year 3 was voted U7 Pumas Player's Player of the Year at his Tattenhoe Youth FC presentation day recently. Toby in Year 3 was voted 'Man of the Match' at his very first appearance for Tattenhoe Youth FC U7 Jaguars!



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- ★ Ruby in Year 3 has been playing at 'being a teacher' at home, just like I used to, and brought in some work to show me.



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

## AND FINALLY...

The photographs of my Skydive came through this week, which I thought you might like to see...



## COMING UP

As we've got such a busy few weeks ahead on the run up to the end of term, I have listed below key dates for parents:

Date		
<b>w/c Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun</b>	Art Week in school	
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun</b>	Transition afternoon	
<b>Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	MK Teaching School Alliance filming in school	
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Mufti Day – Pls bring bottle donations for tombola at school fete  Celebration Assemblies: Year 1 & 2 Year 3, 4 5 & 6	9:10am 10:00am
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Y6 'Pre-season training' for Y5 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Y5 'Pre-season training' for Y4 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul</b>	Transition Day Shenley Brook End transition day (Y6 pupils) Y4 'Pre-season training' for Y3 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul</b>	Celebration Assemblies: Year 1 & 2 Year 3, 4 5 & 6	9:10am 10:00am
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	School Fete	11am-2pm
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Y1 'Pre-season training' for Foundation parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Transition Day Hazeley Academy transition day (Y6 pupils) Y2 'Pre-season training' for Y1 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
<b>Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>Governors' Awards</b> Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	9:00am 10:00am

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<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	'Athletics Showcase' at Oxley Park Academy  Y3 'Pre-season training' for Y2 parents	Morning  5:30pm-6:15pm
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>Golden Thread Assembly</b> Years 1 & 2 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6  Reports out to parents	9:10am 10:00am
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Y6 Performance to parents	2:00pm and 6:00pm
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Y6 SATs feedback for parents	
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Transition morning	
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>Prize Giving</b> Years 2 & 3 Foundation & Year 1 Years 3, 4 5 & 6  Year 6 Prom	9:00am 10:30am 2:00pm  Evening (Times TBC)
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	RED Challenge & Handwriting challenge assembly ( <i>in-house</i> ) Years 1/2/3 Years 4/5/6	9:00am 10:00am
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jul</b>	Leavers' Day (timings to be confirmed)  END OF TERM	
<b>Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul</b>	INSET day	
<b>Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	INSET day	
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	School re-opens	

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. See you in school next week.

**Cathy**