



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2015

Art Week

Everyone has really enjoyed our Art Week in school this week. The children have learned all about different artists, their lives and their art. It has been an amazing journey. Every day, the children have enjoyed a different activity and a different subject - how amazing is that?! The week's activities were rounded off nicely this morning, when the entire school enjoyed a 'Big Art Party' on the red pitch to create one big piece of art. The children all drew and painted their family and themselves, resulting in one big Oxley Park Academy family picture!



MUFTI DAY – TODAY

Thank you to everyone for taking part in today's mufti day, in support of the bottle tombola at the school fete, and for your generous bottle donations. Don't forget that the school fete is being held on Sunday 5th July between 11am-2pm. We're really looking forward to it - see you there!

FILMING IN SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

The filming in school went really well on Wednesday, for the InspireMK:TeachMK project being run by the Milton Keynes Teaching School Alliance. They managed to capture a real essence of life at Oxley Park. They came to see me at the end of the day and commented on how wonderful the children had been, and said that our school was the best school that they had been to so far, which makes me a very proud Headteacher! I can't wait to see the footage!

YEAR 6 DRAGONS' DEN

On Wednesday, the Year 6 children enjoyed a 'Dragons' Den' challenge in a workshop with Explore Learning, and the winning group of boys are pictured below. They had to work together and pitch a product to the whole class (a pizza fork – a fork that has a pizza cutter attached to it!), and the ladies from Explore Learning were the 'Dragons'! It sounds like it was great fun.



CELEBRATIONS

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

- ★ Lots of celebrations in Foundation & Year 1 to share. Raghav, Millie, Sophie, Amelie, Thirza Callum and Daniel have all learned their 100 Hot Word spellings, and have now received their 'spelling bee' certificates from me. Uday has now learned to read his 100 Hot Words and has been to collect his special 'cricket & spitfire' certificate.



- ★ Aneesah in Foundation took part in a gymnastics event at Arabian Gymnastics last week and received one medal for 1st place, and three medals for 2nd place! Liam in Year 1 entered a drawing competition in a comic and won a prize – a lovely new lunch box! Harrison in Year 1 has written two story books at home and brought them in to show me – a fire story and a car story.



- ★ Zak in Year 2 won 'Player of the Year' for his football team, Tattenhoe FC U7 Greens, at his football presentation last weekend. He received the award for his effort, determination and commitment to the game.



★ The children in Year 1 have had a good week this week. Callum has been awarded a yellow belt in British Military Martial Art. Harry plays for Tattenhoe FC and recently received Manager's Player of the Year for scoring lots of goals! Sanvika took part in the Mid Bucks Performing Arts Festival, and received a certificate and a trophy for her Indian classical dancing in the National Solo Class. Madison has 7 frogs in her pond, which has watched transform from frogspawn, and brought in some photographs to show me this week.



★ Ben in Year 2 took part in a target shooting activity at his Beavers Camp and brought his target in to show me! He also received a medal for taking part in the Sainsbury's 3K fun run. Richie in Year 2 brought in two trophies, both of which he won at recent football tournaments. Amelia in Year 1 has learned how to spell all her 100 Hot Words, and Izzy in Year 2 made some jewellery herself which she brought in to school to show me. She even kindly gave me a beautiful bracelet!



★ Joshua in Year 6 has been awarded a yellow belt in British Military Martial Art



★ Faith, Shayaan, Michelle, Nicola and Sahasra in Foundation have all received their 100 Hot Words certificates this week. Sahasra has also received a trophy for her Indian dancing which she brought in to show me. Harjan in Year 3 has learned all of his Times Tables and came to collect his certificate this week, and Kobi in Year 3, who plays for Tattenhoe FC, was 'Most Improved Player' for his team and brought in his trophy to show me. He also received a trophy for playing for the team throughout the year, and another trophy for taking part in a tournament.



★ Temi in Year 3 has passed Stage 3 in his swimming lessons, and has also earned a silver certificate on Mathletics.



★ Soyoun and George in Year 4 have both learned all their Times Tables and came to collect their certificates today. I think they had the quickest answers to my 'quick fire test' out of all the children I've seen!



★ Momodou in Year 4 plays for Tattenhoe Youth FC Jaguars Under 9s. He played in a football tournament last Saturday and his team won their shield! Skye and Clarrie in Year 2 have both earned their purple tag in kick boxing, plus Clarrie has received a rosette from Arabian Gymnastics for Arabesque balance on the floor. Zaeema in Year 4 has won a National Creative Writing competition run by Explore Learning, and is now a finalist – good luck, Zaeema! Callum in Year 4 has received a trophy from his football team, Tattenhoe FC, for his commitment to the team throughout the year.



**MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF
OUR SUPERSTARS THIS WEEK!**

COMING UP

Key dates for parents for the rest of the term are set out below:

Date		
Mon 29th Jun	Y6 'Pre-season training' for Y5 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
Tues 30th Jun	Y5 'Pre-season training' for Y4 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
Thurs 2nd Jul	Transition Day Shenley Brook End transition day (Y6 pupils) Y4 'Pre-season training' for Y3 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
Fri 3rd Jul	Celebration Assemblies: Year 1 & 2 Year 3, 4 5 & 6	9:10am 10:00am
Sun 5th Jul	School Fete	11am-2pm
Mon 6th Jul	Y1 'Pre-season training' for Foundation parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
Tues 7th Jul	Transition Day Hazeley Academy transition day (Y6 pupils) Y2 'Pre-season training' for Y1 parents	5:30pm-6:15pm
Weds 8th Jul	Governors' Awards Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	9:00am 10:00am
Thurs 9th Jul	'Athletics Showcase' at Oxley Park Academy Y3 'Pre-season training' for Y2 parents	9:15am 5:30pm-6:15pm
Fri 10th Jul	Golden Thread Assembly Years 1 & 2 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Reports out to parents	9:10am 10:00am

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

Have a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday.

Cathy