



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2015

We observed a minute's silence at 12:00pm in school today, in memory of those who died in Tunisia. Thank you to all the children for respecting the silence so beautifully.

REPORTS

I have had a wonderful time this week adding my contribution to your children's reports. (I certainly wouldn't win the handwriting challenging having 540 to do!) It was an absolute pleasure to read these and reminded me once again what a wonderful team we have at OPA – pupils, staff and parents working together to achieve our fabulous outcomes!

ROAD SAFETY

We will be launching a Park Smart scheme in September - please take a look at the 'Latest News' section of the school website for full details.

SCHOOL FETE – SUNDAY 5TH JULY

Just a reminder that it's the school fete on Sunday 5th July, between 11am and 2pm. It's due to be our biggest and best fete ever, with some special celebrity guests, so make sure you don't miss it! The forecast looks good, and it should be a lot of fun.

E.ON 'POWERING POETRY' COMPETITION

As you may remember, we ran the E.ON 'Powering Poetry' competition earlier in the year, and we were really excited when we heard that Aryan in Year 3 was a winner! Today, a representative from E.ON came into school to present Aryan with his prize, a £20 National Book Token, plus a fantastic selection of 20 books all about energy which he won for our school! Our huge congratulations go to Aryan for his amazing poem, which I would like to share with you all below, and we would like to thank him for the books which he has won for all the children to enjoy. They all now bear book plates inside to record

Aryan's solar energy poem

Year Group: 3 Class: Jays
School: Oxley Park Academy

I am front and center of it all,
BIG burning bright gas ball,
You could n't live n't see,
Without my solar energy...

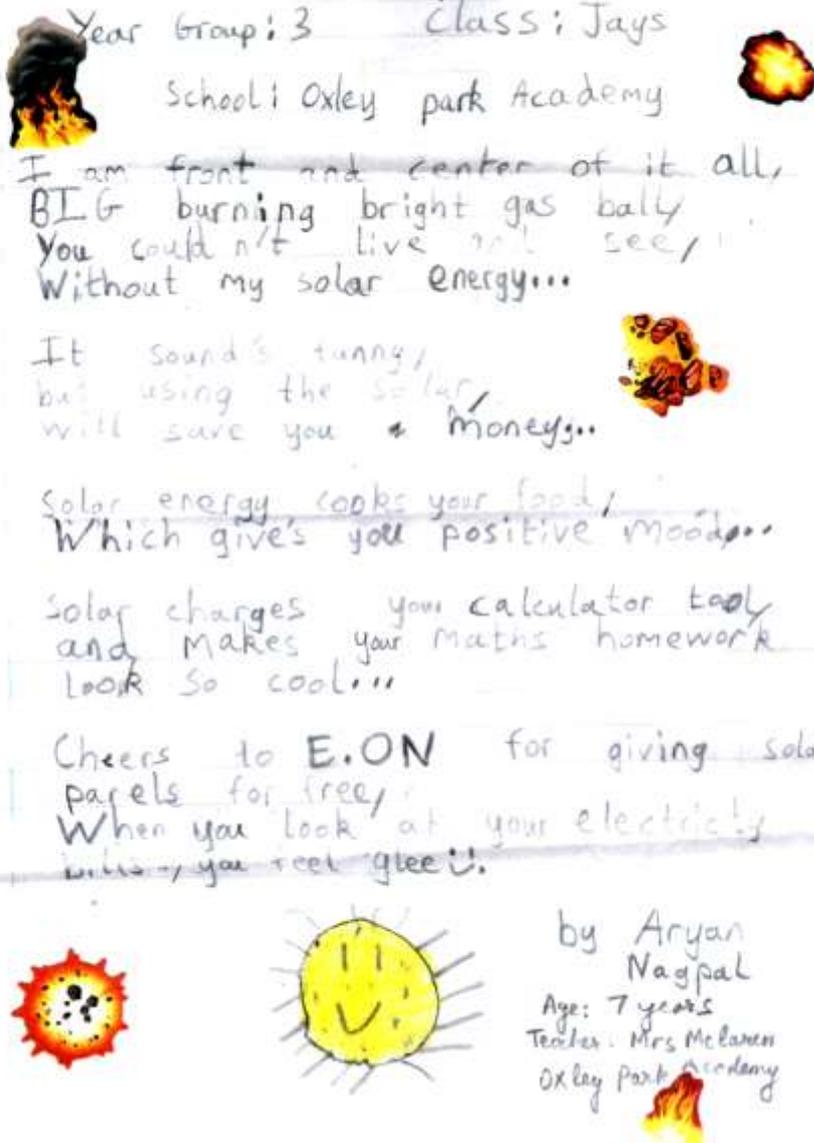
It sound's tunny,
but using the solar,
will save you a money's..

Solar energy cooks your food,
Which gives you positive mood...

Solar charges your calculator tool
and makes your maths homework
look so cool...

Cheers to E.ON for giving solar
panels for free,
When you look at your electricity
bills, you feel glee!

by Aryan
Nagpal
Age: 7 years
Teacher: Mrs McLaren
Oxley Park Academy



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MEMORY BOOK

The proof of the Year 6 Leavers' Memory Book has arrived and is looking great once again this year! They have really managed to capture the children well.

Year 6 parents have until 3:30pm on Friday 10th July to place their orders.



PARENT 'PRE-SEASON TRAINING'

Thank you to all our Year 5, Year 4 and Year 3 parents who came along to their 'pre-season training' this week – these parent information meetings are designed to help prepare your child for the expectations of the next year group and we hope you have found them to be useful. The parents of children currently in Year 2, Year 1 and Foundation will be able to attend their 'pre-season training' next week – dates and times are listed below.

MY HANDWRITING CHALLENGE



A reminder that, 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 13th 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.....!

LOOM BAND CHALLENGE

Toby Z in Year 3, along with his friends from Doves and Jays, will be completing a 'Loom Band Challenge' on the 8th July. They are trying to make a giant loom band bracelet that will encircle Oxley Park Academy. This is to raise money for the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital Charitable Fund (a cause that is close to Toby's heart). If you would like to donate, please see the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/A-Zygo/>. There will be a donation bucket on the day after school so if you prefer, your child can give a few pennies – every little will go towards helping support this wonderful cause. Good luck to Toby and Year 3!

CELEBRATIONS

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

- ★ I am so proud of Poppy, Skylar-Rose, Amy, Ben and Hannah, who all took part in the Race for Life recently and came to show me their medals this week.



- ★ Amelie in Year 1 has now learned all her 100 Hot Word spellings and came to collect her certificate from me this week. Oliver in Year 2 has been awarded a merit badge for jab punching in his kick boxing.



- ★ A group of our lovely Year 3 children came to see me today with the most beautiful story, which I wanted to share with you... Well done to Ethan, Nash, Thierry, Zak and Darcy!



- ★ Lilia and Amelia were in the MK News with their Brownies! They took part in 'Bringing Skills to Life' at John Lewis.



- ★ Euan and Jude in Year 4 were runners up in a football tournament recently, and Kaylen has won a football medal.



- ★ Emma in Year 3 has passed her Guitar Step 2 music exam. Keira in Year 3 passed her Grade 2 Tap exam with distinction. Niamh has been working every night, doing more and more extra research on her new Year 3 topic.



- ★ Remey in Year 3 has won another medal for football. Thomas in Year 3 brought in his football tournament trophies, and was also awarded Manager's Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year for his team, Tattenhoe Yellows.



★ Tyreese in Year 3 has learned all of his Times Tables now, and came to collect his certificate from me today. What a super smile!



**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		
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
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 6:30pm-8:30pm

Date		
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 assembly END OF TERM	Times TBC
Weds 22nd Jul	INSET day	
Weds 2nd Sept	INSET day	
Thurs 3rd Sept	School re-opens	

A quick reminder as per text this week (apologies if the limit to characters available made it sound curt- it was intended as a reminder!). There have been several instances reported of people making hurtful, negative comments about school including classes for next year or even individual staff members. This gets back to our dedicated staff and is demoralising for them.

I always make my judgements about our school on how I would feel if I were a mummy here (Granny nowadays!) and I can honestly say I would proudly have my child **in any** class in school with the amazing staff we have!

Thank you to those of you who contacted me, as I know that this hurt is not intended. If you do have any concerns or queries please let me know and I will make sure they are dealt with by the right person. We cannot resolve issues if we don't know!

I hope you have a lovely weekend – see you at the fete on Sunday! I'll be on my usual Bottle tombola as tradition dictates!

Cathy