



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2015

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

The count of the Parent Governor election votes took place on Tuesday 20th October, and I am pleased to announce that the two successful candidates are Jim Armitage and Louise Flin. We are delighted to have them both on board and very much look forward to working with them.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parent Governor candidates for putting themselves forward for the election – we feel privileged to have such amazing support. We received an unprecedented number of votes for this election process, and I would like to thank you all for your support.

MUFTI DAY – THURSDAY 22ND OCT



Thanks to everyone for taking part in our 'Big Pink' mufti day today, for helping to help raise funds for Breast Cancer Care. The monies have yet to be counted, but we will let you know how much has been raised as soon as we have a total figure.

MK DONS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Momodou in Year 5 and Jasmine in Year 6 who both won tickets for the MK Dons match v Hull City on 31st October with their fantastic competition entries. I hope they enjoy the match!



YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER

Last Friday we had an exclusive 'first' for Oxley Park! Year 3 had a sleepover in the school hall with a bonfire, toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. The children arrived for 6:30pm and were tasked with putting up their tents to sleep in the hall. Several fun hours later the hall was filled with colourful tents and lots of excited children. Outside on the playground, the fire was roaring and the songs were in full-flow. A great night was had by all and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



HALLOWEEN DISCO

The children had a great time at the FOOPA Halloween Disco on Wednesday evening and their costumes were amazing!! As ever, huge thanks go to our lovely FOOPA ladies for all their hard work.



FOUNDATION AUTUMN WALK

The children in Foundation enjoyed their autumn walks this week to learn about the seasonal changes in our surroundings.



HARVEST ASSEMBLIES – FOOD DONATIONS FOR MK FOOD BANK

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Food banks provide a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, underemployment and changes to benefits are some of the reasons why increasing numbers are being referred to food banks for emergency food.

The school council's first task of 2015/16 was to organise a collection for Milton Keynes Food Bank. Mrs Wiles invited John, a volunteer from the Food Bank, to come to assembly and tell the children all about the purpose of the food bank in Milton Keynes.

This year the school council asked the children to try to bring at least one item from the Food Bank's list (which we put on the blog) and *challenged* the children to a competition to see which class could bring in the most items!

Well done and thank you to everyone who brought in something to donate to the Food Bank. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our families. After half term the pupils in the school council will be taking all of the donations to the Milton Keynes Food Bank and have a tour, as well as help the volunteers to pack up the food parcels.

We haven't got a final total of the number of items donated yet, as they are still coming in, but the school council will let you know next half term....so watch this space!

Here's a photo of all the food donations kindly donated by our families - thank you!



SCHOOL'S 10TH BIRTHDAY – WEDNESDAY 4TH NOV



On Wednesday 4th November, we will be celebrating our school's 10th birthday. We are planning a very special day for the children, with invited guests popping in. We will also be having a fairground on the playground throughout the day and there will be lots of treats and fun activities for the children. Of course, the grand finale will be the FOOPA fireworks display in the evening - we can't wait!!

CELEBRATIONS

I have lots more celebrations to share with you today – congratulations to all of this week's superstars!

- ★ Jessica and Aryan in Foundation have both learned their 100 Hot Words and came to collect their certificates from me this week.



- ★ Joseph from Year 2 has now passed his swimming grading and has moved up into 'Green Caps' at his swimming club.



- ★ Riley and Jacqueline in Year 3 have been to share their celebrations with me this week. Riley has done some lovely Stone Age artwork, and Jacqueline has passed Levels 1 & 2 in her gymnastics.



★ Robyn in Year 2 has received a medal for doing flicks in her gymnastics – very impressive!



★ Dawid, George, Daniel and Harry brought in their dragon homework to show me, linked to their topic about the Dark Ages.



★ Arainn in Foundation came to show me his many Judo medals – what a star!



AND FINALLY...

Our lovely Miss Devenport will be leaving us on Monday 2nd November to take up a position at The Redway School. The staff and children will all miss Laura, and wish her every success for the future.



COMING UP...

Date		
Mon 2nd Nov	School re-opens	
Weds 4th Nov	School's 10 th birthday! FOOPA Fireworks Display	5:00pm Gates open 6:30pm Display starts
Fri 6th Nov	Celebration Assemblies: Years 1, 2 & 3 Years 4, 5 & 6 Community Open Day	9:00am 10:00am 9:30am-11:30am and 1:30pm-2:30pm

I hope you have a lovely half term break – see you all on Monday 2nd November.

Cathy