



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2015



JUNIOR JUST DANCE – SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

On Sunday, twelve of our children took part in Junior Just Dance 2015. The competition was the culmination of months of hard work, dedication, smiles, laughter and a few tears along the way. We were already so proud of every one of them as they had worked so hard. As the day came, we arrived at the venue, which in itself was daunting. Decorated in drapes and glitter balls with a huge stage, we waited for instructions as to how the day would run. We



changed into our first costumes and waited for the show to begin. The first dance was the tango. The children were amazing, dancing as a group with sharp heads and beautiful footwork; then came the judges scores....9,9,9,8 a total of 35. They were ecstatic! As each of the schools danced and received their results we went to the interval in first place. During the interval we changed into our samba costumes. Samba is a party dance so our costumes reflected this with sequins, feathers and bright colours. The kids really went out there and had fun, which showed on their smiling faces

(something the judges definitely look for). We waited for our results, fingers crossed and all the adults on the edge of their seats. 10,10,10.....10. The children couldn't believe it. As they stood on the stage to receive the results the top 3 schools were called forward. Anxiously everyone waited The winners of Junior Just Dance 2015 are Oxley Park Academy, and the crowd went wild!!!! It was amazing to bring the glitterball trophy back to school!



Today our dancers enjoyed a pizza lunch as a reward and a 'thank you' for all their hard work.

WINTER WONDERLAND DAY – 1ST DECEMBER

We had a fabulous day on Tuesday - our special Winter Wonderland day. Judging from the many kind emails I have received from parents, I think the grown-ups enjoyed it just as much as the children!



Here is just a selection of the many lovely comments I received:



"I just wanted to congratulate Team Oxley on creating a fantastic magical experience for the children today!"

"I would have paid money to take my boys to something like this."

"I feel really privileged that my children are Oxley Parkers!"

"Just wanted to say how amazing the Winter Wonderland was again this morning!! Loved it all, especially the nativity scene in the hall!!"

"This morning was truly magical, the very best."

"The spell of Christmas is truly upon us, thanks to OPA."

"We have seen many Winter Wonderlands over the years, all of them fantastic, but this year has definitely been my favourite."

"A big thank you to you and all your staff for the time and effort that went into this morning. My child thought it was magical, and it has definitely got Christmas started for us!"

I wonder what next year will bring....!

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS



Our Junior Road Safety Officers are out on patrol every Monday and Friday morning to help minimise the parking congestion outside the front of the school. We have recently launched this scheme at Oxley Park, which is run in conjunction with the Road Safety Team at Milton Keynes Council. We have also met with local police and PCSO officers and hope to work alongside them to keep 'poor parking' down to a minimum. The Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) will be taking down notes, registration numbers and pictures of

vehicles parked on double yellow lines or on the zig zag 'school keep clear' signs. These details will be passed onto the Road Safety Team at Milton Keynes Council! In the two days they have been out this week we have already received lots of nice comments from parents and noticed a massive drop in 'poorly parked' cars. Be sure to say hello to Molly, Ruzaika, Fern and Abi who are all doing a fantastic job!

NEW STAFF GOVERNOR



I am pleased to announce that Emily Latham has recently been appointed as a Staff Governor. We are delighted to welcome Emily to the school's governing body and very much look forward to working with her.



Boys' Football Team

The school football team took on Knowles School last Friday in their second game in two weeks. The boys were really excited, and with this excitement started the game with lots of energy. We played on a small, muddy pitch which meant that dribbling the ball was harder than usual.

We talked about passing and moving and that this would be the best option with the conditions. After going 1-0 up from some great individual play, we looked very comfortable and soon increased our lead to 2-0. The defence was holding strong but a good long range shot gave

Knowles a goal back making the score 2-1 at half time. I talked to the boys about being stronger when going for a tackle and to use communication more effectively to receive the ball when in space, The second half went the same way as the first, with us scoring straight away then followed by another to make the score 4-1. Knowles did not give up and once again scored a goal to raise their hopes. Although the boys looked tired, they did not give up and continued to pass the ball around and work really hard together. We finished the game really strongly and another 2 goals helped us to a 6-2 win.

Goal Scorers : Kane 2, Karl 2, Tommy 1, Oliver 1

Our football teams are doing really well. Current record is: Wins - 6, Draw - 1, Lost – 1.

Well done!

Mr Thurston

FOOPA CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SAT 5TH DEC

Our Christmas Fayre is being held tomorrow, between 11am and 2pm. There will be lots of stalls selling a wide range of gifts, plus there will be plenty craft activities for the children. It's a lovely, relaxed way to do your Christmas shopping and get into the festive spirit. Please do come and support us if you can.



YEAR 4 GUITAR SHOWCASES



Our Year 4 children have been working really hard in their guitar lessons, and will be performing a short showcase in class for parents on the following dates/times:

- **Tuesday 8th December, 3:00pm** – Kingfishers class
- **Tuesday 15th December, 3:00pm** – Swallows class

Please join us if you can, to celebrate all their hard work.

MK LIGHTNING ICE HOCKEY MATCH – SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER

A reminder that we are able to offer you discounted tickets for the MK Lightning ice hockey match on Saturday 19th December at Planet Ice as part of their School Enterprise Scheme. 50% of our ticket sales go to the MK Lightning and 50% comes back to school, so the more tickets the children sell, the more money will be raised for school. It also gives the children the chance to take part in a real-life enterprise project.

If you've never been to an ice hockey match before, this is a great opportunity to experience **the fastest team sport in the world**. It is a fantastic family night out, with a great atmosphere. Oxley Park pupils can also skate for free after the match on 19th December.

Tickets are priced at:

- £6 per adult
- £3 per under 16

PLUS FAMILY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE:

- **Or a family ticket for £12** (2 adults & 2 children). Many families of 3 (2 adults & 1 child) end up buying family tickets as it is cheaper.

If you would like to buy tickets, please send **the correct money only** in to school, in an envelope marked 'Ice Hockey Tickets' with your name on the front, clearly setting out how many adult and/or child tickets you need by **9am on Wednesday 16th December**. Your order will then be collected in advance of the match and you collect your tickets from Planet Ice just before face-off on Saturday 19th December.

I hope to see many of you there for what should be a really great night!

CHRISTINGLE ASSEMBLIES



All Parents/carers are very welcome to join us next week for our Christingle assemblies, which will be on:

Mon 7th Dec	Foundation – 2pm KS1 – 2:45pm
Thurs 10th Dec	KS2 – 2:30pm

We look forward to seeing you.



CAROL CONCERT & ENTERPRISE FAIR – TUES 8TH DEC



Our Carol Concert and Enterprise Fair is taking place next Tuesday evening, 8th December, starting at 6:00pm. The children have been busy making things to sell on their stalls, to raise funds for some extra treats for their classes. Please do come and join in with the carols, and see what the children have been busy creating. It's always a lovely event, and I look forward to welcoming you all. Hot drinks and refreshments will be available after the carol singing.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

I saw this and thought it's not too late to share with you all. I've started mine!



CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated achievements with the following children:

- ★ Sian in Year 3 has made this beautiful 'snowlady' decoration – she's called 'Snow'.



- ★ Sarah in Year 5 has received an Advanced Student certificate from Kumon English.



- ★ Rosie in Foundation has passed Stage 2 in her swimming lessons, and has now moved up to Stage 3.



- ★ Alfie in Year 3 was awarded three badges this week at Beavers - for Crafts, Adventure badge & First Aid level 1.



- ★ Poppy in Year 3 has passed her Level 5 in Gymnastics, and she also received a rosette for taking part in a gymnastics competition.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THIS WEEK'S AMAZING SUPERSTARS!

AND FINALLY....

We have some mischievous 'Elves on the Shelves' in school, who have been very busy getting up to all sorts of fun and games at night while we're all at home fast asleep! Look what trouble they got into in Swallows class this week!



COMING UP...

Date		
Sat 5th Dec	Christmas Fayre	11am-2pm
Mon 7th Dec	Christingle Assemblies: Foundation KS1	2:00pm 2:45pm
Tues 8th Dec	Foundation stage nativity Carol Concert/Enterprise Fair	2:00pm 6:00pm
Thurs 10th Dec	KS2 Christingle Assembly	2:30pm
Fri 11th December	Celebration Assemblies: Years 1, 2 & 3 Years 4, 5 & 6	9:00am 10:00am

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

Cathy