



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY 2016

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! I hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break and are feeling refreshed for the new term ahead.

WARM WELCOMES

This week we warmly welcome Amy McPherson to Oxley Park Academy as Kingfishers' class teacher. As previously mentioned, Amy joins us full-time as an experienced teacher following Mrs Catlow's decision to take a career break.

We held a 'Welcome to Britain' dress up day on Tuesday, to welcome Amy to the UK and our wonderful Team Oxley.

Also joining us this week are Liz Morris, who will be working in Year 3 as part of her preparation for her career development to return to teaching, and Sarah Austin, who will be working additional hours in Year 4, returning to the class in which she was previously based.

PANTOMIME DAY – FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY



We are lucky enough to have a visiting Pantomime coming in to school on Friday 15th January, when we will all be treated to a special performance of Dick Whittington. We're really looking forward to it and would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite pantomime character that day. It should be a lot of fun!

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS – FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY

A note has been sent home in planners this week advising parents that, due to the arrangements for the pantomime, hot lunches will be replaced by school packed lunches on Friday 15th January.

ART CLUB

The children in Art Club have been working hard with Mrs Musselwhite on their 'Wistful Snowmen' pictures, and these have made a stunning winter display in the corridor...



READ EVERY DAY CHALLENGE – SPRING TERM



The 'RED' Challenge for the spring term starts again on Monday 11th January. With the exception of half term, children are asked to read every school day (Monday to Friday) between Monday 11th January and Friday 18th March to complete the challenge this term, and parents are asked to make a note in their child's planner every day that they have either read, been read to or have been read with. Prizes will be handed out in school on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March, for all those children who have completed the challenge. Happy reading!

IT'S COMPETITION TIME!



We know what fantastic writers we have in school, and we would like the children to prove it. Using the title 'What I want to be when I grow up' we would like the children to complete a piece of writing to explain what their dream job is, why it is their dream job and why they would be the perfect person to do it. The competition is open to all children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. The piece of writing needs to be given to Mrs Frayne-Johnson by Wednesday 20th January. There will be great prize for the best entries! Good luck!

Y6 SATS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – TUES 2ND FEB

We will be holding a second SATS information evening for Y6 parents who missed the December date. The new date will be Tuesday 2nd February at 5.15pm.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER

I am pleased to announce that we raised the sum of **£125.49** for 'Text Santa' on our Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term. Thank you all for your kind support.

CELEBRATIONS

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

- ★ Rosie in Foundation has received medals for her success in both ballet dancing and sport and very proudly brought them in to show me this week.



- ★ Wareesha in Year 2 has drawn an amazing sketch portrait of her older sister and brought it in to show me. Liam in Year 2 has earned his certificate for swimming 100m. Millie in Foundation has learned all her 100 hot words and came to collect her certificate today. Lola in Year 3 has received her 'Artist' Brownie badge and came and told me all about it.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THIS WEEK'S AMAZING SUPERSTARS!

AND FINALLY

Some of our Year 5 girls gave me a lovely surprise today, when they brought a portrait of me they had made and some beautiful flowers for my birthday (which was during the Christmas holidays). It really made my day – I love my job!



COMING UP...

Date		
Fri 15th Jan	Pantomime Day – Dick Whittington. <i>Children should come to school dressed as their favourite pantomime character.</i>	

I hope you all have a great weekend, but be sure to wrap up warm, it's due to turn much colder!

See you Monday.

Cathy