



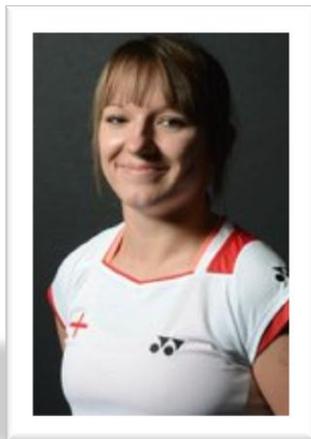
Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 2016

SPORT RELIEF ASSEMBLY – MONDAY 25TH JANUARY



Due to the fantastic efforts of OPA in the past in fundraising for Sport Relief we are lucky enough to have been chosen for an athlete visit as part of the build up to the event this year. Sophie Brown and Kate Robertshaw compete for England and GB in badminton women's doubles and they will be coming in on Monday morning, 25th January, to give assemblies to the children.



Sophie Brown



Kate Robertshaw

This year Sport Relief is based around doing something to make yourself proud and Sophie and Kate will be here to tell us about their experiences. There will also be an opportunity for the children to ask questions.

Our 'Sport Relief' fundraising day will be on Friday 18th March and details of our plans for the day will follow nearer the time.

IT'S COMPETITION TIME!



The competition deadline for Mrs Frayne-Johnson's writing competition has now been extended **until Wednesday 27th January** to allow as many children as possible to enter, as they will have the opportunity to win a truly amazing price.

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 27th January at the latest.

For the children who write the best entries there will be a fantastic trip to **Kidzania in London!** Take a look at the Kidzania website at <http://london.kidzania.com/en-uk/> - it really has to be seen to be believed!

We can't wait to see the children's entries. Good luck!



REPORTING A CHILD'S ABSENCE

Please remember that all absences must be reported to the school office by 9:30am on the first day of your child's non-attendance. Please do not rely on other staff members to pass the message on to the office on your behalf – please speak to the school office directly. If a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea then they **should not** return to school for 48 hours after the last incident.

TERM DATES – 2016/2017

Unfortunately, there was an error on our Term Dates for 2016/2017 - Monday 17th April 2017, which was due to be a Training Day, will in fact be Easter Monday. Our 5th Training Day in the next academic year will now be on Monday 31st October 2016. The term dates on the school website have been updated to reflect this change, and they are also set out below:

AUTUMN TERM 2016	Thu 1 & Fri 2 September - INSET DAYS Mon 5 Sept – Fri 21 Oct (HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 24 to 28 October) Mon 31 October - INSET DAY Tues 1 Nov - Thu 15 Dec Fri 16 Dec – INSET DAY
SPRING TERM 2017	Tues 3 Jan – Fri 10 Feb (HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 13 to 17 February) Mon 20 Feb – Fri 31 March
SUMMER TERM 2017	Tues 18 April – Fri 26 May (HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 28 May to 2 June) Mon 5 June- Thu 20 July Fri 21 July – INSET

PARENTPAY

I am pleased to let you know that our ParentPay system now allows you the option of paying by Credit Card.

MK LIGHTNING ICE HOCKEY MATCH – SAT 19TH MARCH



Just a 'heads up' that we will be offering discounted tickets for the MK Lightning ice hockey match on Saturday 19th March 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 we sell, the more money will be raised for school.

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 will also be their final home league game of the season, so it should be a really great atmosphere and a fantastic family night out. Tickets are priced at:

- **£6 per adult**
- **£3 per under 16**
- **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** into 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 **9:00am on Wednesday 16th March**. All orders will be collected in advance of the match and you collect your tickets from Planet Ice just before face-off on Saturday 19th March. It's a bit of a way off yet, so I will be putting reminders on my blog nearer the time!

CELEBRATIONS

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

- ★ Ranulph in Year 1 was last week's winner in his Brazilian Soccer class and was presented with a trophy for not only showing a good level of skill, but also because he'd found it a bit difficult but kept going.



- ★ Madison in Year 1 has learned all her 100 Hotwords, and Sky in Year 1 has now learned to spell her 100 Hotwords. They came to collect their certificates this week.



- ★ Mason in Year 2 was 'Man of the Match' for his football club at the weekend and Jovan in Year 2 was a mascot for the MK Dons last weekend and brought in his photographs to share. He must've been a lucky mascot as they won 1-0!



- ★ Karl, Kenzie, Max & Asheka from Year 6 came to show me their amazing literacy work this week.



- ★ Hattie in Year 1 has learned her 100 Hotwords and came to collect her certificate this week. Abbie in Year 3 has very kindly made a model of me out of Hama beads and gave it to me to keep. Thank you, Abbie!



- ★ Roan in Foundation has learned his 100 Hotwords and received his 'Sonic the Hedgehog' certificate on Wednesday.



- ★ Brooke in Year 6 has made her very own pencil case this week, and brought all her planning work and the finished article to show me. What an amazing job, Brooke!



- ★ Jack in Year 3 played his first ever football match last weekend for Tattenhoe Youth FC U7 Tigers, and was very pleased to be awarded the trophy for 'Man of the Match'!



★ Skye in Year 3 is celebrating after having been awarded her 1st Degree Black Belt for kick-boxing – at only 8 years of age!! She also received an award for ‘Student of the Year 2015’. She brought in her framed certificate, her trophy, her black belt and a medal this week to share.



CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THIS WEEK'S AMAZING SUPERSTARS!

COMING UP...

Date		
Mon 25th Jan	Sport Relief Assemblies in school	
Fri 29th Jan	Celebration assemblies: Year 1 & 2 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	9:00am 10:00am

Have a great weekend – see you at the gates on Monday morning.

Cathy