



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2016

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and that you are feeling rested and refreshed, ready to face the busy summer term ahead!

OPA NURSERY

In spite of the delay in the new school opening we will be beginning nursery provision in September 2016. We are thrilled that Niftylift are building a purpose-built provision for us to make use of in the year prior to the new campus opening. It is our pleasure to be shortly inviting expressions of interest for a place (3 hours per day, either morning or afternoon) for children whose date of birth falls between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013. Application forms and further information will follow very shortly.

FOUNDATION SPONSORED BOUNCE

Our Foundation children took part in a sponsored bounce today to help raise funds to develop their outside area. Thank you to everyone who has so kindly sponsored the children, and a huge thanks to the children for all of their bouncing - it looked like lots of fun!



YOGA DAY – MONDAY 18TH APRIL

As mentioned on my blog of 11th March, we are having a special yoga day on Monday 18th April. We will be joined by an external trainer, who will be visiting and demonstrating across each year group. During the day, all children will have the opportunity to participate in the yoga training and should therefore please wear their PE kit to school on Monday.

YEAR 6 YOGA

During their PE lesson this week the Year 6 children enjoyed a yoga session, which was led by the pupils themselves. These children have been inspired by Miss Hayden's yoga tuition and it was a joy to see.



YOUR CHILD'S CHANCE TO DESIGN THE COVER OF OUR HOME/SCHOOL LINK PLANNER

COMPETITION
-TIME-

Once again this year, we would like to invite children to design the front cover of our Home/School Link Planners for 2016/2017. Entries should be completed on a sheet of A4 and should be as bright and colourful as possible. We would also like to see our school name featured within the design. Please return all entries to me by **9am on Friday 22nd April**. The winning design will be printed on the front covers of our planners next year. Good luck!

SCHOOL FETE – CHANGE OF DATE

The date of the school fete this year has been changed. Instead of Saturday 2nd July, it will now be held on **Saturday 11th June** (timings to be confirmed). Therefore our mufti day to bring in a bottle donation for the bottle stall will now be held on **Friday 27th May**, rather than Friday 24th June. Please put the new dates in your diaries!

MK DONS GROUP TICKET REWARDS –



MK DONS V NOTTINGHAM FOREST, 7TH MAY

Don't forget that we are offering discounted tickets for the MK Dons match against Nottingham Forest on Saturday 7th May, which is the final league game of the season. **Please note that this match will kick off earlier than usual, at 12:30pm.**

Tickets will be heavily discounted for us under the Group Ticket Rewards Scheme, at the following prices:

Our GTR Price	Regular Box Office Price
Adults: £12	Adults: £25
U18s: £1	U18s: £7

As it's the final game of the season, the players usually do a lap of appreciation after the match to applaud the fans to thank them for their support throughout the season, something which the children are bound to enjoy. Tickets are available from Parentpay in the usual way, or via the school office, and must be purchased by **9am on Friday 6th May**. I hope to see lots of Oxley Parkers there showing their support!

CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

- ★ Year 3 have been busy over the Easter holidays!

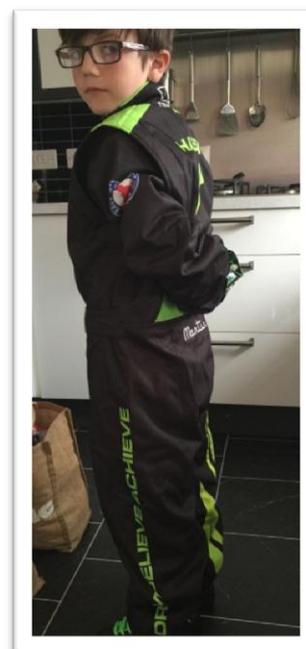
Ella-Mae kept a diary of her visit to Manchester, where she visited the Higgins Art Gallery! Sadie has passed Grade 1 in ice skating, and another keen ice skater, Keira has passed Grade 2.



Skye brought her amazing topic homework in, showing the life cycle of flowering plants. Clarrie has passed Stage 5 in her swimming lessons and has now moved up to Stage 6. Ayodhi has passed Level 6 in her gymnastics.



- ★ Our karting superstar, Aydan in Year 4, wanted to show me his new race suit - on the leg it says 'Dream Believe Achieve'!



- ★ Manuel has received a certificate for achieving his 9th KUP White Belt in Taekwondo – and he's still only in Year 2!



- ★ Amy in Year 1 has learned all her 100 Hotwords, and proudly came to collect her special Cinderella certificate this week.



- ★ Savannah in Foundation has received a trophy for working really hard in her ballet class and Eva in Foundation has already passed Stage 3 in her swimming lessons and moved up to Stage 4!



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

COMING UP...

Date		
Mon 18th April	Yoga Day – all children to wear their PE kit to school	
Fri 22nd April	Celebration assemblies: Year 1 & 2 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	9:00am 10:00am

I also thought it would be useful to flag up the main key dates for the rest of this term, as things currently stand in the diary:

Date		
Tues 26th April	Year 5 Performance – The Mayan Mysteries	2:15pm and 6:00pm
w/c Mon 9th May	Year 6 SATs week	
w/c Mon 16th May	Year 2 SATs	
w/c Mon 23rd May	Year 2 SATs	
Tues 24th May	Year 6 Leavers' Memory Book photoshoot	
Weds 25th May	'Wig Wednesday' mufti day in aid of CLIC Sargent for Children with Cancer - children to wear mufti & wigs to school	
Fri 27th May	Mufti Day – Bring in a bottle for bottle stall at school fete School closes for half term	
Mon 6th Jun	School re-opens	
Sat 11th Jun	School Fete	Times TBC
Tues 14th Jun	Year 2 performance	
Weds 15th Jun	New Foundation parents meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm
Fri 17th Jun	'Thank a Teacher' Day Sports Day	
Tues 21st Jun	Talent showcase	Times TBC
Tues 5th Jul	Y6 Transition Day to The Hazeley Academy	
Thurs 7th Jul	Y6 Transition Day to Shenley Brook End School	

Fri 8th Jul	RED Challenge assemblies Reports out to parents	
Thurs 14th Jul	Athletics Showcase	Morning
Fri 15th Jul	Prize Giving: Year 2/3 Foundation/Year 1 Year 4/5/6 Year 6 Prom	9:00am-10:00am 10:30am-11:30am 2:00pm-3:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm
Tues 19th Jul	Year 6 Performance	
Weds 20th Jul	Governor Awards assemblies: Foundation/Year 1/Year 2 Year 3/4/5/6	9:00am 10:00am
Thurs 21st Jul	Leavers' Day School closes for summer	Details & timings TBC
Thurs 1st Sept	INSET Day	
Fri 2nd Sept	INSET Day	
Mon 5th Sept	School re-opens	

So as you can see, we have lots to look forward to this term. An updated list of full school dates for parents has been posted on our website.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend – see you on Monday!

Cathy