



# Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016

## NEW CAMPUS UPDATE

During half term, Mr Smith visited the new Shenley Wood site with an ecologist to check the newt traps. There are around 70 traps over the whole site which are checked frequently over a 60 day period. At the end of the 60 day period all of the newts should have been trapped and the traps will be empty, ready for builders to start. Although most of the traps were empty, they did find three newts hiding under some of the carpet tiles – apparently they like to take shelter there. Once they were found, the newts were logged and then taken to nearby habitats which have been specifically made. These habitats will remain in-situ once the new school has been built so that the children will be able to see which creatures have adopted the habitats as their new home. With the site being right on the doorstep of Shenley Wood, we are really hoping to see lots of wildlife.



Once the newt trapping has been completed, and the building works have started, we will be in touch with those parents who expressed an interest in being part of the expansion working party, but this is likely to be in September.

The Nursery is starting to take shape with the roof currently under construction - places for September are still available for children who are 3 before the end of August 2016.



## FOND FAREWELL

Today we said goodbye to Miss McPherson from Kingfishers Class, who is moving to London. Leanne Wood will be returning from maternity leave on Monday 13th June and will take over the class responsibility. She will be teaching in class every morning and Mrs Wiles will be teaching the children in the afternoons.

## BABY NEWS

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Gill is expecting her second baby in the autumn term. Our congratulations go to Lyndsey and her husband.

## SCHOOL FETE – SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Preparations are already underway for our school fete tomorrow. The weather forecast looks good, so please come along and join in the fun! You won't want to miss it!!





## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Class Photographs will be taken in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, and will be available for parents to buy, if they wish, before the end of term.

## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH – TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

We are having a 'whole school' photograph taken for the first time ever on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting!). If you do not wish your child to be part of the photograph, please let your child's class teacher know in advance, otherwise their photograph will be taken.

## EURO FAMILY EVENT – THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUN



A reminder that we will be holding a Euro family barbeque on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Children are allowed to wear football tops/kits to school that day if they have them, or sportswear. The children will be watching England's opening match in school at 2pm, and parents are welcome to join us from 3:30pm to continue watching the match in the hall. This will be followed by a Hot Dog BBQ, and TexMex street food will also be available. It will be an opportunity for the children to play together, and the adults to spend a little bit of time with staff for a social occasion. Bring along your own drinks and enjoy the sunshine (hopefully!).

## FANTASY LEAGUE

Children are invited to join a fantasy league for the European championships that start tonight (Fri 10th June). **Teams must be registered before the first match begins at 8pm tonight.** Go to [Eurofantasy.uefa.com](http://Eurofantasy.uefa.com), choose a squad and register. Mr Lindop will create a league (we will let you know what this is called next week) which children can then join. Staff will be joining in too! Good luck!!



## THANK A TEACHER DAY/SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUN

We are looking forward to a busy, but exciting, day next Friday when we celebrate 'Thank A Teacher' day and also Sports Day. Fingers crossed we have good weather!

The timings for the day, as notified earlier in the week, will be:

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Thank A Teacher Day celebrations</b>
<b>9:45am</b>	<b>KS2 Sports Day</b>
<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Foundation/KS1 Sports Day</b>

All parents/carers are welcome to join us at any, or all, of our events that day.

If your child would like to make a card or letter for their teacher to bring in on 'Thank A Teacher' day next Friday, a selection of document templates are available to download from the school website if you wish to use them.

## BICYCLE MARKING & REGISTRATION

In support of national Bike Week (Saturday 11 June to Sunday 19 June), Thames Valley Police PCSOs will be undertaking bicycle marking and registration and providing security advice to cycle owners at the following locations:

Saturday 11 June 4pm- 6pm	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End
Sunday 12 June 10am -12 midday	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End
Monday 13 June 3.30pm- 5.30pm	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End
Tuesday 14 June 10am -12 midday	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End
Wednesday 15 June 3.30pm – 5.30pm	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End
Thursday 16 June 12 midday -2pm	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End
Thursday 16 June 12 midday – 2pm	Outside Intu Central Milton Keynes
Friday 17 June 3pm-5 pm	Chainey's Cycles Shenley Church End
Saturday 18 June 2pm–6pm	Milton Keynes Village Fete
Saturday 18 June 3pm-5pm	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End
Sunday 19 June 3pm -5pm	Chainey's Cycles, Shenley Church End

There is no need to make an appointment - simply turn up with your bicycle!

## CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

- ★ Brooke in Year 6 has been working hard planting and growing fruit and vegetables at school during the last few months. This week she was able to sample the first fruits of her labours – a radish, which she has grown from seed.



- ★ Josh and Jovan in Year 2 both play football for Tattenhoe Whites U7s, and received trophies at their presentation day last weekend. Josh was awarded Players Player of the Year, and Jovan received the award for Supporters' Player of the Year.



- ★ Tiffany and Darcy from Year 4 have kindly volunteered to help out at the school fete tomorrow, running the 'Hook A Duck' stall. Please be sure to pay them a visit if you can!



- ★ Poppy in Year 3 looked after, and rode, a horse for the first time during half term and received a rosette for doing so well. Ritvik, also in Year 3, was awarded 'Man of the Match' for his football team, Tattenhoe Youth FC U7 Jaguars, last weekend, when they won 10-3. He made 5 assists, which earned him the trophy.



- ★ Calum in Year 2 received this lovely trophy from his football team, Emerson Valley Under 7s, for scoring goals and working hard throughout the season.



- ★ Jack in Year 1 came down to show me his beautiful writing this week – he has written a story all about the zoo!



- ★ Amy and Molly in Year 6 came to see me this week with their absolutely beautiful writing.



- ★ Lewis and Zak in Year 3, who both play for Tattenhoe FC U8s, have received awards for their football. Lewis received a trophy for Players' Player of the Year, and Zak received 'Supporters' Player of the Year'. They also played in a football tournament and came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 17 teams!



- ★ Holly, Dhwani and Raihan in Year 2 came to visit me this week with their celebrations. Holly made a fabulous model of a Victorian classroom, Dhwani drew a picture and wrote lots and lots of information about the Victorians, as part of her topic homework, and she also brought a certificate in to show me which she received for singing in Marathi. Raihan has received 2 trophies for his after school football clubs – one for scoring a great goal, and one for displaying great technical skills.



- ★ The children in Year 1 have done some wonderful writing about their half term holidays. Especially well done to Nicola, Jack, Poppy, Salma, Millie, Harry, Bree, Aneesah and Shayaan.



- ★ Lois and Rebecca in Year 3 did the best partner topic work this week and proudly brought it down to show me.



- ★ Isla and Theo in Foundation have both received certificates for the 5m swimming achievements, and Taizya in Foundation was awarded a trophy for his outstanding performance on the football pitch and for scoring a goal.



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

## AND FINALLY...



Congratulations to Mrs Younger, who came first in the 'Decorate your duck' competition at the Castlethorpe Duck Race last weekend with her 'Where's Wally' style duck! The prize was a fluffy duck and a gift voucher.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Date		
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	School Fete	11:00am-2:00pm
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Class photographs	
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Year 2 performance	2:30pm and 6:00pm
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	New Foundation parents meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	'Euro 2016' family barbeque	3:30pm-6:00pm
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	'Thank a Teacher' Day	9:00am
	Sports Day: KS2	9:45am
	Foundation/KS1	1:15pm

## KEY DATES COMING UP THIS TERM...

Date		
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Whole school photograph	
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Y6 Transition Day to The Hazeley Academy	
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Y6 Transition Day to Shenley Brook End School	
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	RED Challenge assemblies Reports out to parents	
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Athletics Showcase	Morning
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	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
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Year 6 Performance	
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Governor Awards assemblies: Foundation/Year 1/Year 2 Year 3/4/5/6	9:00am 10:00am
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Jul</b>	Leavers' Day  School closes for summer	Details & timings TBC
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	INSET Day	
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	INSET Day	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	School re-opens	

Have a great weekend – enjoy the fete and I'll see you all on Monday.

**Cathy**