



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2016

Art Week

Our Art Week opened with an 'Art Battle' - a live painting event. Children who chose to be in the Art Battle created the best work they could in 15 minutes. As they worked, students supported their friends with cheering and clapping, and they closely witnessed the creative process. It was an incredible experience for both artists and the audience.



We have enjoyed a variety of other art activities during the week, one of which was 'Meet the Artist' day, when Year 5 pupils dressed up as their chosen artists. They explained to the other students about the artist's art and their life. They also answered questions, and they even pretended to paint together!



Muntjacs' class had great fun creating their Picasso portraits – Mrs Waller is so proud of them all!



We finished our art week with one big drawing on the playground. The children drew rainbows, birds, butterflies and bees with chalks – the aim was to draw a big sky on our playground! Luckily we managed to take photographs before the rain washed it all away!



Another creative learning experience for the children – huge thanks to Mrs Musselwhite for organising everything this week!

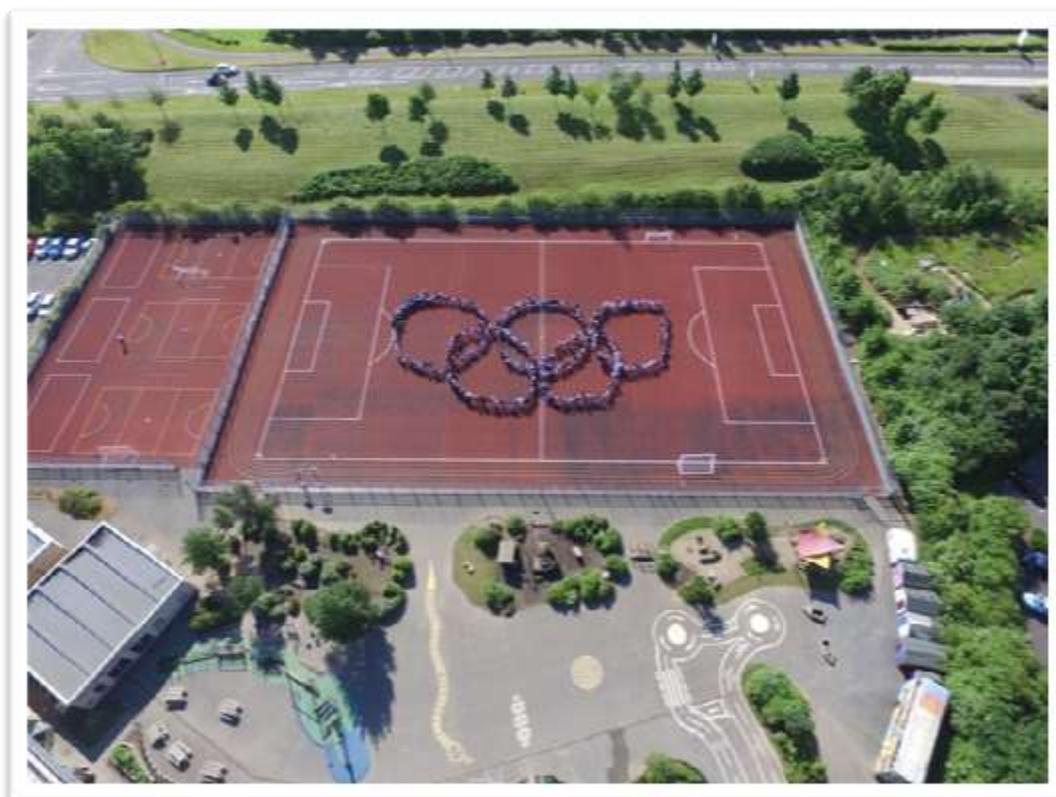
DEN DAY – FRIDAY 24TH JUNE

It was Den Day in school today, to raise awareness of the work undertaken by Save The Children. All the classes have had great fun making their cosy dens.



OLYMPICS DAY – TUESDAY 21ST JUNE

This week saw some excellent team work once more. The whole school joined together, from Foundation to Year 6, to create the Olympic rings. Mr Smith used the drone to take a photograph and as you can see the results were absolutely fantastic. This will be the beginning of lots of learning towards the end of term about Rio and the Olympics.



Year 2 tried the Paralympic sport of goalball (albeit slightly adapted). The children all loved having a go – and we love the faces on the spectators too!!! Who says children can't be involved when they are watching!!



BABY NEWS!

This week our congratulations go to Angela Jenner (who, until very recently was working part-time in Year 3), on the arrival of her beautiful new baby daughter. Emilia Maggie Rosevear arrived at 4:53am on Sunday 19th June weighing 7lbs 15ozs – quite possibly the best Father's Day present ever!?



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH – TUESDAY 28TH JUNE

A reminder that we are having a 'whole school' photograph taken for the first time ever on Tuesday 28th June (weather permitting!), to celebrate our 10th birthday year. If you do not wish your child to be part of the photograph, please let your child's class teacher know in advance via a note in the planner, otherwise their photograph will be taken.

Year 6 children, who also have PE on Tuesdays, will need to come into school in their uniforms, please, and bring their PE kit with them to change into later. Please could children in all other year groups bring their sweatshirt/cardigan into school on Tuesday, as the photograph will either feature all children with their jumpers on or jumpers off, dependent on the weather.

Please be aware that the school office will be closed briefly between approximately 10:50am and 11:05am on Tuesday morning, whilst the photograph is being taken.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Your children will bring home the proof of their class photograph today. We are using a new photography company and we are really pleased with the results! If you would like to order a class photograph, please complete and return your order to school **by Wednesday 29th June.**

PROPOSED TEACHERS' STRIKE – TUESDAY 5TH JULY

As many of you may have seen in the media, schools are set to be hit by a teachers' strike on Tuesday 5th July in a dispute over pay, working conditions and school funds. It is possible that school may be closed, but this is wholly dependent on the number of staff involved, and I will confirm as soon as I am able to. I realise also that this is transition day for our Year 6 children moving up to The Hazeley Academy and also our new Foundation intake. I am liaising with The Hazeley Academy and more information will follow.



Athletics

Last Friday, children from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 took part in an athletics festival at Stantonbury Campus. I am waiting for the results to come back to see if we have reached the finals and will let you know as soon as I hear back from the organisers, but I am so proud of all the children who took part – they really pushed themselves and tried really hard. They were incredibly supportive of each other, too, and really cheered each other on, which was great to see. Thank you also to the parents who came down to support us – I really appreciated it.

Mr Rutherford

Football Festivals

Eight year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a football tournament at the MK Dons training ground on Tuesday. The tournament was based on pupils having fun but with a competitive edge, having medals for the winners of the league format. There were 6 teams that took part in the tournament, playing each other once in a 12 minute game. Oxley Park came in 4th place with the highlight of winning the last game 4-0! The pupils from Oxley Park Academy had a fantastic time and showed great determination and passion for the game of Football. Well done Team Oxley!

Mr Pink

On Tuesday, I took the boys' year 5/6 football team to the Milton Keynes' Champions of Champions competition at Woughton on the Green. We faced 5 teams with the winner of the league being champions. As many times this year, our first game was our poorest performance but we still created chances and deserved more than 0-0. The next 3 games were convincing victories 4-0, 1-0 and 1-0. Our last game was against Middleton, who had won their previous 4 games, meaning this was the decider! Unfortunately, we could not break them down and the game played out to another 0-0. This was a strong tournament and finishing 2nd was a massive achievement. All the PE staff have been so pleased with the football team's progress this year. The boys have worked hard in training sessions and this has shown on the pitch. This year has seen us finish runners up in the MK Dons' tournament, runners up in the 'Champions of Champions' league, winners of their regional league and winners of the New Chapter Cup. Well Done!

Mr Thurston

CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

- ★ Blake, Lucas, Oscar and Tai, from Foundation, all took part in the Tattenhoe Youth FC tournament last weekend and each received a medal.



- ★ Parker, Sureyah, Ben and Oliver from Foundation have all learned their 100 Hotwords and came to collect their certificates this week.



- ★ Charlotte and Anna in Foundation also had celebrations this week. Charlotte received a medal and certificate for taking part in a spinning, spiral and jump ice skating competition – and she even brought the flowers in to show me, which she collected off the ice! Anna received a trophy in her after school football club for being 'Player of the Week' this week.



- ★ Kenny in Year 2 has earned his blue belt in karate, and brought it in to show me.



- ★ Bella in Year 3 has been away on an adventure weekend with the Brownies and received a certificate for taking part in lots of different activities while she was away. Clarrie in Year 3 has received a rosette from her gymnastics class, for perfecting a 'round-off' off the beam!



- ★ Shayaan and Naqiyah in Year 1 both came to see me this week, as they have been consistently displaying all of our 5Cs and their class teacher and I agreed that they deserved to receive a Golden Thread!



- ★ Grace in Year 5 attends the Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts, and was awarded 'Performer of the Week' this week for her beautiful singing.



- ★ Momodou, Charlie, Johnny and Kane from Year 5 all play football for Tattenhoe Youth FC U10 Jaguars, and their team won the Tattenhoe Youth FC tournament last weekend. It was a nail-biting final which finished 0-0 and went to a penalty shoot-out, but they won 3-2 on penalties!



- ★ Joe, Lewis, Paul and Charlie in Year 6 have won 2 football tournaments in the last 2 weekends! They all play for Tattenhoe Youth FC U11s Tigers and won the Tattenhoe Youth FC tournament at Medbourne last weekend. They also won the Parklands Tigers Football festival in Northampton the weekend before!



- ★ Lacey in Year 2 completed The City Mile in London last weekend in a time of 12:26 mins, and brought her medal and photographs in to show me.



- ★ Michelle, Aryan, Skylar and Ava in Year 1 have all learned how to spell their 100 Hotwords and collected their certificates this week.



- ★ Theo, Reuben and Sky from Year 1 have also visited the celebration sofa. Theo made this fabulous bug house, Reuben took part in a football tournament for Tattenhoe Blues and brought in his medal to show and Sky made this amazing model, as part of Year 1's 'Dear Zoo' topic.



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

AND FINALLY...

You will recall from my blog last week that all the spare bottle tombola prizes which were left over from the school fete have been donated to local charity Emily's Star. Last Friday they posted this lovely message by way of thanks to us all.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Date		
Tues 28 th Jun	Whole school photograph, am	
Weds 29 th Jun	Transition morning	
Fri 1 st Jul	'Race for Life' day in school	

KEY DATES COMING UP THIS TERM...

Date		
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	

Have a great weekend!

Cathy