



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2016

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

Today we held our traditional end of year Prize Giving ceremonies. We were lucky enough to be joined by several of our sponsors, too, which made the day even more special for the children. Congratulations to all of this year's winners.



ATHLETICS SHOWCASE

Today was our Athletics Showcase. In PE, our Upper KS2 children have been taking part in athletics. They have all been recording their personal bests in different events. The 6 boys and 6 girls in years 4, 5 and 6 with the top scores were then asked to compete against each other. It was fantastic to see such a high level of skill but also the crowd were amazing at cheering on their friends and classmates and the skills of sportsmanship were very much on show. It was great to give out the gold, silver and bronze medals and have so many parents come and support. Thanks to Mr Rutherford and all those who made such a fabulous morning possible.

SPORTS PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Last Friday Mrs Frayne-Johnson and the Sports Team attended the Milton Keynes Sports Partnership awards evening. We knew we had been shortlisted for an award but we were really thrilled to be presented with Primary School Project of the Year for all of our work on health and well-being. Next year we will continue embedding our: Move to Improve, yoga, mental health techniques and bilateral which are already having a positive effect on our children's learning and mental health and wellbeing.



YEAR 3 MATHS

Last week, our Year 3s spent their maths lessons writing their own multiplication maths stories. They enjoyed sharing these with the foundation children



Y6 LEAVERS' DAY ARRANGEMENTS – THURS 21ST JULY

Year 6 parents will now have each received an invitation to their child's 'Pride of Oxley Park' assembly next Thursday morning.

The school kitchen are providing a special 'Leavers' Lunch' rather than a hot lunch – if the weather is good, the whole school will have lunch outside together on the pitch as a final goodbye to the leavers.

At 1:50pm the gates will open for parents to join us outside for the graduation ceremony.

As always, we will try our very best to finish on time, so that parents are not held up collecting their children, but it's such a special day, please forgive us if we do overrun slightly.

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER 2016

School meal prices for KS2 children will increase by 10p per meal with effect from September, to £2.30 per meal. The minimum payment for the week will therefore be £11.50, rather than the current £11.00.

Incidentally, a staff member was passing through the hall today when the catering staff were all set up, and just about to start serving lunches for the children, and she was quite amazed at just how wonderful the food was looking. It was beautifully presented and so appealing for the children – and all served with a smile! We're very lucky to have such a great catering team from Luton Borough Council, who look after us all so well.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Our school texting service has now come to an end. However, we will be launching an exciting new parental communication system early in the autumn term which will offer lots of fantastic features. Details will follow in the new term, but in the meantime, please be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter, keep an eye on our school website and also on your child's Home Learning pages to ensure that you don't miss out on any important messages.

CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

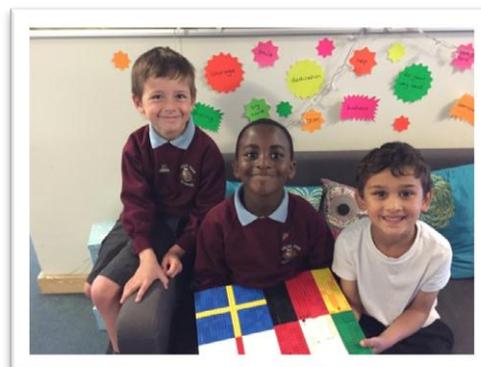
- ★ Mason in Foundation has learned all 100 Hotwords and came to collect his special dinosaur certificate this week.



- ★ Joseph in Year 2 took part in the Newport Pagnell Soapbox Derby in a Go Kart which he made with his dad, and made it into the semi-finals! Drew in Year 2 has achieved his 20m swimming award and brought his badge and certificate in to show us.



- ★ Zac, Akin and Roan made these amazing Lego flags in their Curriculum Enrichment club on Wednesday afternoon, displaying great teamwork!



- ★ Lola in Foundation now has her very own 'Krav Maga' boxing gloves and is very proud to have them! Taye in Foundation has passed Stage 1 in his swimming lessons.



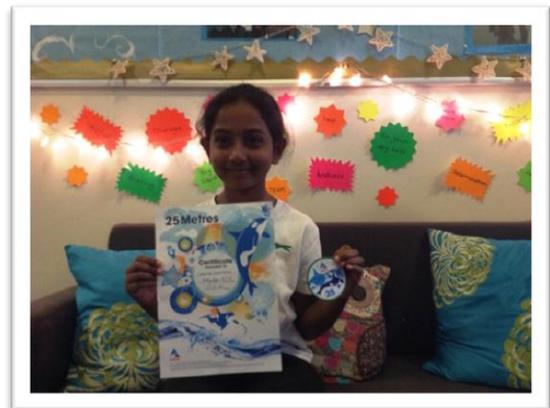
- ★ Sahasra in Year 1 has passed Grade 1 with Distinction in her Indian Dancing, and Naqiyah in Year 1 has 3 celebrations! She has completed the Cats Protection League Friend to Animals programme, she has also completed a summer reading challenge and taken her Rainbows Promise.



- ★ Harry in Year 5 plays football for Woburn Tornados U10s and his team recently won the Woburn U10s tournament! Skye in Year 3 has just been awarded her 2nd black belt in Kick Boxing, even though she has only been learning for a year.



- ★ Sanvika in Year 2 can now swim 25m and has received her swimming badge and certificate.



- ★ Rhys, Kayleigh, Leila, Saatvik and Adam in Foundation have all learned their 100 Hotwords and came along to collect their certificates today.



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

AND FINALLY...

I am taking part in the Midnight Moo tomorrow, with a group of Team Oxley ladies, raising money for Willen Hospice. If you would like to sponsor us, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oxley-park-academy>. It's a 10 mile walk around MK, starting at midnight, and it's going to be a real challenge! Wish us luck!!

KEY DATES COMING UP ...

Date		
Tues 19th Jul	Year 6 Performance	2:00pm and 6:00pm
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	
Thurs 1st Sept	INSET Day	
Fri 2nd Sept	INSET Day	
Mon 5th Sept	School re-opens	

Have a fabulous weekend – see you next week for the final week of term!

Cathy