



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Welcome back!! I hope you've all had a wonderful summer and that the children have enjoyed the glorious weather. It's lovely to have the children back – we really do miss them over the summer months!

SCHOOL NURSERY

I was very proud to see our first nursery pupils start at Oxley Park this morning. Another historic day! I was very proud to see our first nursery pupils start at Oxley Park this morning. Another historic day! If you require any further information, please contact Mary Younger via email at mary.younger@oxleyparkacdemy.com or via the School Office on 01908 503870.

But it wasn't just nursery pupils who started- A great big welcome to our new Foundation children and all the other new Oxley Parkers - children and adults- throughout the school! Welcome to Team Oxley!



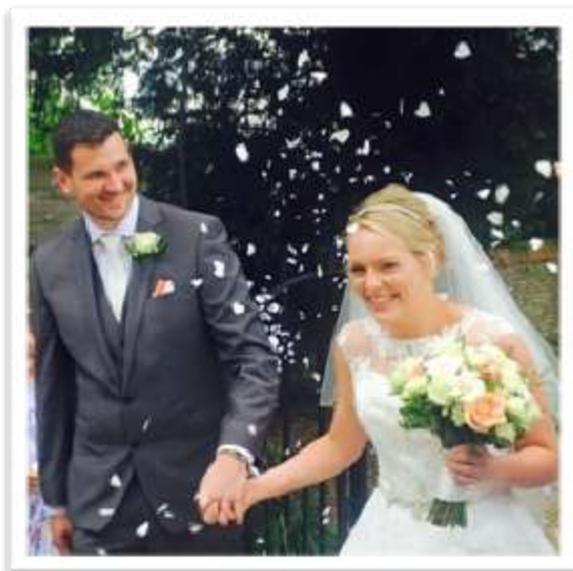
BABY NEWS

Our congratulations go to Juliette Philips on the safe arrival of baby Jessica during the summer holidays. Juliette and Jessica are both doing well, and big brother Williams is very proud of his little sister. Congratulations to Jules, Paul and William – we're look forward to a cuddle very soon!



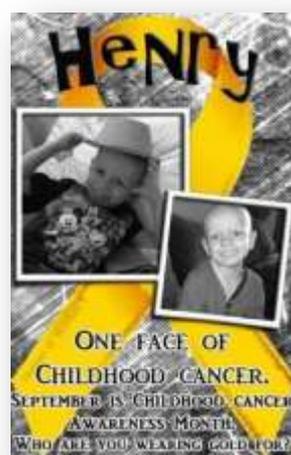
MARRIAGES

We are also delighted to congratulate both Mr Bates and Miss Petrie (the new Mrs Rudge!) on their weddings during the summer break. What beautiful photographs...



CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

As you may have seen from our social media pages, we will be flying our golden flag at school throughout the month of September in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.



RED CHALLENGE – AUTUMN TERM



The 'Read Every Day' challenge for the autumn term starts again on Monday 12th September and will run until Friday 9th December inclusive . Please write a note in your child's planner every school day that your child reads at home, is read to or is read with. Children who read every school day between the above dates will complete this term's challenge and will receive their award in a special school assembly at the end of term. Good luck!

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION

We are looking forward to launching our new parental communication system within the next few weeks. In the meantime, I would like to encourage you all to follow us on social media via Facebook and Twitter, and also please check the school website regularly to ensure that you keep up to date with what's happening in school. Don't forget that each year group also has its own page on the website under 'Home Learning' which is updated weekly by the teachers.

TEAM OXLEY NOTICEBOARD

The PE teachers welcome a new addition to the team.....The Notice Board!

The board is located on the side of the Year 6 building near the start of the trim trail. On this board you will find all the information regarding the academies and school fixtures. Remember that all children are invited to attend the academies if they wish to.

All of this information will be on the letter your child receives but if you lose the letter you can go to the notice board to see.

We will also post our results on here so you can check how well Team Oxley are getting on.



SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER 2016

As mentioned before the summer break, school meal prices for KS2 children have increased by 10p per meal with effect from September, to £2.30 per meal. The minimum payment for the week therefore is now £11.50, rather than the previous £11.00.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - APPEAL FOR SHOE BOXES

This year we will be taking part in the world's largest children's Christmas Project through Operation Christmas Child. Full details will follow in due course, but for now please could we ask that you start saving shoe boxes at home if you would like to take part.

CELEBRATE NURSING THIS CHRISTMAS

The Royal College of Nursing is inviting pupils aged 5 to 10 to enter their Christmas card competition, for the chance to win a magical family holiday to Lapland.. The school of the winning child will receive £100 of high-street shopping vouchers too!

To enter, simply download the template from <https://www.rcn.org.uk/centenary/competitions/christmas-card-competition>, ask your child to create their design and return it to the Royal College of Nursing by **Sunday 9 October** via their website or by post.

The competition theme is 100, in celebration of their centenary – 100 years as the voice of nursing.

The winning design will feature on their 2016 Christmas card, which will be sent to people and organisations they have worked with throughout the year.

Full details can be found on the link above. Good luck!

CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

- ★ Keira and Niamh in Year 5 have both brought celebrations to show me this week. Niamh brought in her Blue Peter badge, which she received for a story she wrote about an ambulance helicopter. Keira brought her space homework, a book she wrote about Georgia O'Keefe and her designs for Mini Miss KG hightops!



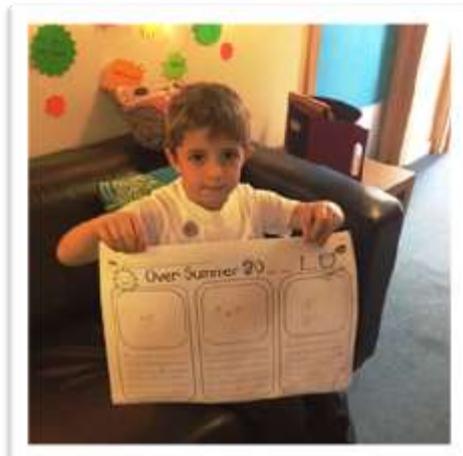
★ Lily and Ronak in Year 3 showed me their wonderful sketches. They were amazing!



★ Michael and Arainn in Year 1 have made a beautiful marble maze out of Lego. Catarina in Year 1 brought in an Oxley Park owl picture to show.



★ Jack in Year 2 brought along his fabulous writing about his summer holiday. Wow! Wow! Wow!



- ★ Jack in Year 2 brought his beautiful summer holiday writing down to show me, and Anika in Year 1 learned all her 100 Hotwords just before the summer holidays and came to collect her certificate this week.



- ★ Chaiya and Lacey in Year 3, together with Keira in Year 5, are Big Friendly Read Champions after completing the summer reading challenge run by the local libraries.



- ★ Congratulations go to Zak, Harry, Lewis and Rian in Year 4, who all play for Tattenhoe Youth FC Pumas U9s and won a football tournament at Kempston last weekend. Calum also played in the team



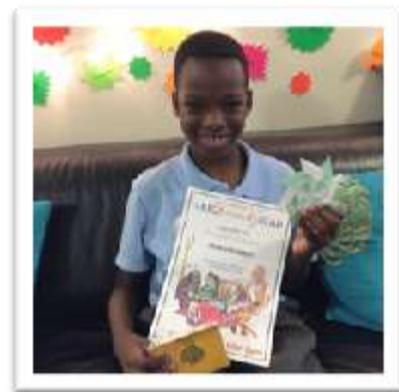
★ It has been a good week for Year 3. Ellie earned another ice skating badge and is now on Level 9 – she only Levels 9 and 10 to go! Mia has completed Stage 5 in swimming and brought her certificate in to show. Calum and Charlie received medals for taking part in a football tournament at Dunstable – they both play for Emerson Valley U8s. Calum was also in the team that won another tournament. Wesley has a medal from his rugby holiday club for tackling. He says that he is now going to really enjoy rugby at MK Rugby Club.



★ These Year 1 children have also shared celebrations this week. Anna has received a certificate for Level 8 in gymnastics. Rosie completed the Big Friendly Read during the summer holidays. Oliver received a trophy for 'Best Player in Training' from his football coach.



★ Temi in Year 5 made some origami at home and also received a certificate for the Big Friendly Read.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THIS WEEK'S
SUPERSTARS!**

KEY DATES COMING UP ...

Date		
Mon 12 th Sept	RED Challenge for the autumn term starts	
Fri 16 th Sept	Celebration Assembly	9am – Years 1, 2 & 3 10am – Years 4, 5 & 6

AND FINALLY....

RACE FOR LIFE 'PRETTY MUDDY' – SAT 10TH SEPT



A team of us will be taking part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life 'Pretty Muddy' tomorrow morning at 11:15am at Willen Lake. We've been training really hard and would hugely appreciate it if you could consider sponsoring us at <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/muddy-owls-of-oxley>.

I am sure that many parents will also be taking part, and we hope to see some of you along the way!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Cathy