



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2016

FOUNDATION STAGE SHOE BOX APPEAL



Shoebbox Challenge! We are very excited to join the world's largest children's Christmas project, Operation Christmas Child. In 2015, with the help of schools like ours, the organisation managed to deliver 11.2 million shoebbox gifts to children in over 100 countries. This year, we would like to **set a challenge to all Oxley Parkers** to fill a shoebbox for this amazing challenge. When starting to fill your box, keep in mind that our boxes will be distributed in Eastern Europe.

Please see the letter and leaflet in your child's book bag as it will explain in more detail on how to go about to take part in this challenge.

Thank you for your support.

Foundation Team

BOOK BAGS

As mentioned before, children bringing rucksacks to school is creating tripping and Health & Safety hazards, as they do not fit on the children's pegs and fall on the floor. All classes throughout the whole school have a book bag trolley for the children to put their book bags in each day. If you do not wish to purchase a book bag, either a drawstring bag or a carrier bag with your child's name on it will be adequate. Lunch boxes should go on the lunch trollies and if children require PE kit to change into for an end of day sports club, this can be brought in in either a drawstring or carrier bag that can be put into the child's cubbyhole under their coat peg. This should not cause too many difficulties for parents, but will make this much safer for our children in school.

APPRECIATION DAYS – 2016-17

I have decided to extend our 'Thank A Teacher Day' celebrations this year, to include a dedicated appreciation day for TAs and for those staff who we fondly refer to as our 'RSJ's' (RSJs are the beams that hold a building up, and this is how we consider our office staff, our site team, finance staff, library, kitchen, etc):

- Thursday 20th October – TA Tribute Day
- Thursday 23rd February – RSJ Day
- June 2017 (date to be confirmed) – Thank A Teacher Day

Further information will follow nearer the time.

PS: Mrs Carter (Foxes class) is a finalist in the Teaching Awards' Newly Qualified Teacher of the Year (for teachers in their first 3 years of teaching). We will find out if she is the National Winner on Sunday 23rd October. The ceremony is shown on BBC at 7:00pm (I think!). Let's hope we've got a winner in our midst!! We'll be there cheering her on to victory!!

TERM DATES FOR 2017/18

Our term dates and training days for next year have now been set, and are available via the school website from the Dates & Events tab, and then by clicking on the Term Dates page. Alternatively, please click on the following link <http://oxley.schooljotter2.com/dates-events/term-dates>.

MORNING ACADEMIES/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – W/C 26TH SEPTEMBER

Just a reminder that there will be no after school clubs or morning academies running next week due to the sports staff being at Kingswood.

CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

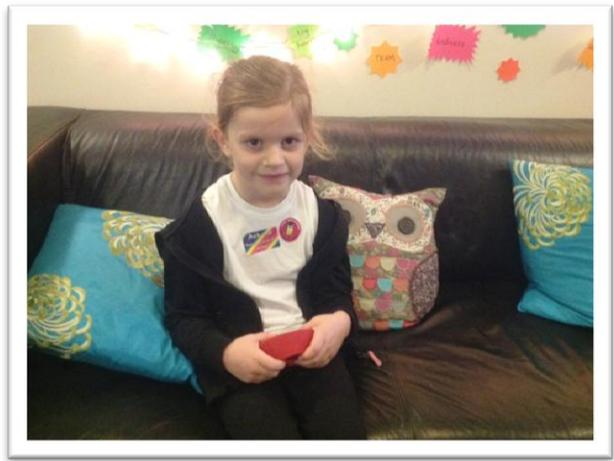
- ★ Gray in Year 4 brought his fantastic maths work down to show me this week.



- ★ Grace in Foundation brought in two certificates to show me, which she has received for her beautiful ballet dancing.



- ★ Evie in Year 1 has received her red belt in karate. She brought it in to show me, and even demonstrated some of her karate moves!



- ★ Rowan in Year 4 has passed Grade 1 in his clarinet, with merit. He also passed Stage 4 in swimming and has made this impressive 3D puzzle of Big Ben. Skye received a certificate for being Performer of the Week in her drama club.



- ★ Poppy in Year 6 took part in a swimming festival recently, and received 5 medals from the 5 events she entered! Emma in Year 5 also took part in the same event, and she received 3 medals from the events in which she swam. Hannah in Year 5 brought her literacy work down to show me – she had written a wonderful diary entry all about her best day during the summer holidays. Emma and Remy in Year 5 took part in the Coles Forsyth Dance Academy Summer Show in July, and brought in a copy of the DVD so that I could enjoy the performance as if I was there. I watched it at home, and it was amazing!



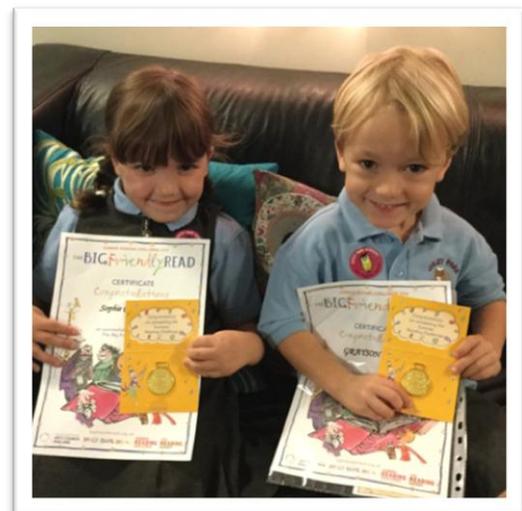
- ★ Renee in Year 2 and her big sister Niamh in Year 5 recently went to the Countryfile Live event at Blenheim Palace. They were photographed with two Papillon dogs belonging to their Nanna, and the photograph was published in Dog World.



- ★ Eloise in Year 1 went parasailing and brought her certificate in to show me. Wow!! Leila in Year 1 has achieved a yellow belt in her karate and brought her award in to share.



- ★ Sophie and Grayson in Foundation both completed the Big Friendly Read summer holiday reading challenge and brought in their certificates to show me.



- ★ Veer in Year 6 took part in a swimming competition and received 6 medals (3 silver and 3 bronze) in the age 9-13 category.



- ★ Eva-Rose, Huzaifa and Samuel in Year 4 have all been along to see me for their achievements this week. Eva-Rose has been awarded her yellow belt in karate. Samuel passed his Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam with distinction. Huzaifa has passed Stage 4 in swimming, and also completed the Big Friendly Read during the summer holidays.



- ★ Thomas in Year 4 has passed Stage 6 in his swimming lessons and brought his badge and certificate in to show me. Lola in Year 4 has passed Level 4 in gymnastics at MK Springers and also brought her certificate in to share. Alfie in Year 4 came 28th out of 94 children in a 2km run recently, and completed his race in 10m 56s, a new personal best! Libbly in Year 3 completed the Big Friendly Read over the summer holidays and brought her certificate in to school.



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

KEY DATES COMING UP ...

Date		
Mon 26th to Fri 30th Sept	Y6 on residential trip to Kingswood	
Weds 28th Sept	FOOPA meeting – all parents/carers welcome	6:30pm
	Y4 parent meeting about Caldecotte	5:00pm
Fri 30th Sept	Celebration Assembly	9am – Years 1 & 2 10am – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	FOOPA meeting – all parents/carers welcome	2:00pm

AND FINALLY...

Our lovely Miss Hewson achieved the ultimate challenge last Sunday, when she completed an Ironman competition in Pembrokeshire, Wales. She swam 2.4 miles, then cycled for 112 miles, before running a marathon of 26.2 miles!! Hayley completed the event in 14hours and 41 minutes - what an amazing achievement! She really is an inspiration.



Our Year 6 children will be away on their residential trip to Kingswood next week, so no doubt they'll have a busy weekend ahead getting ready. I am looking forward to joining them towards the end of the week - the weather looks good, and I'm sure they'll have a fantastic week. Staff will post updates on the school's Facebook account as and when they are able to (although be mindful that reception is poor in the area, so please bear with us!).

Have a wonderful weekend. See you all on Monday.

Cathy