



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2016

Y4 OVERNIGHT RESIDENTIAL TO CALDECOTTE

Our Year 4 children spent last night under canvas at their overnight residential trip to Caldecotte. They have enjoyed a whole variety of outdoor activities, including canoeing, sailing, raft building, zorbing and kayaking. Everyone had a great time, but I'm sure they will be pleased to be home in their warm cosy beds this evening.



NEW SHENLEY WOOD CAMPUS

Our new Shenley Wood Campus progressing well. From just a grassy field in August, the ground works have been finished and, when Mr Smith visited the site yesterday, the frame structure of the building had been completed! We are using our school drone to capture various stages of the build and will continue to share developments with you along the way.



MARVELLOUS ME



Thank you all for such a fantastic response to last week's launch of 'Marvellous Me' – over 60% of our parents have already signed up! Teachers have been busy using 'Marvellous Me' this week to share good news with parents, and we would encourage all our remaining parents to sign up as soon as possible. You could be missing out on good news about your child's day in school! If you have any questions regarding Marvellous Me, please contact the school office.

HARVEST ASSEMBLIES



Our Harvest Assemblies are scheduled to be held on:

- ★ Monday 17th October, 9am – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2
- ★ Thursday 20th October, 9am – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

All parents/carers are very welcome to join us for the assemblies, when the children will sing and show some work.

We will be collecting donations for the Milton Keynes Food Bank once again this year, and would be grateful if any donations could be brought into school during week commencing 10th October.

Currently, The Food Bank are very low on stocks of:

- Biscuits
- Long-life juice
- Tinned vegetables

Other items which they are always grateful to receive include:

- Tins of soup which can be opened without a tin opener
- Cup-a-soup
- Noodles in a pot, or any similar snack which can be made with just hot water added
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste

We also have a dedicated collection box just inside the main school reception on a permanent basis, so we are able to accept donations throughout the year.

COMMUNITY OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2017? If so, we will be holding our Open Days as follows this year:-

Mon 10th Oct	9:30am-11:30am	&	1:30pm -2:30pm
Wed 19th Oct	9:30am-11:30am <u>only</u>		
Fri 4th Nov	9.30am-11.30am	&	1:30pm - 2.30pm
Thurs 10th Nov	9.30am-11.30am	&	1:30pm- 2.30pm
Tues 15th Nov	9:30am-11:30am	&	1:30pm -2:30pm

There is no need to make an appointment, simply come along. Our Year 6 children will give you an informal tour and you will have the opportunity to meet a member of the senior management team to ask any questions.

Our brand new school prospectus is available to view/download from the home page of our school website.

NB: The deadline for submitting Primary School Admissions Applications for Sept 2017 is *Friday 13th Jan 2017.*

INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS - TUES 11TH OCT



Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 11th October to take individual and sibling photographs.

MK DONS PLAYER VISIT – TUES 11TH OCT

We are looking forward to a visit from some of the MK Dons first team players on Tuesday afternoon, 11th October. They will be spending some time in the classes, chatting with the children, and we hope to get them involved in sporting activities out on the red pitch during the afternoon.

TA TRIBUTE DAY – THURS 20TH OCT

As an extension of 'Thank A Teacher Day', we are planning to have a special day in school on Thursday 20th October to celebrate our wonderful Teaching Assistants. If your child would like to write a special note, etc, please feel free to honour them in the same way we do our teachers.



Swimming team

On Wednesday our Year 3 & 4 swimmers took to the pool in their first competition of the year. This is the first time most of them have represented the school in an event. There were 13 other schools which entered, with some outstanding swimmers across the board. Some of the children were nervous to start with but this did not affect their performance. We finished 3rd overall collecting the bronze medals and only a few points off 2nd. This is a great start to our school competitions and will hopefully be a starting block for the rest of the year. Well Done!

Mr Thurston



CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

- ★ Ashton in Year 5 brought down some literacy work to show me this week – I was very impressed by his wonderful grammar and punctuation.



- ★ Year 1 have had a great week and came along to share their celebrations with me today. Theo passed Module 1 & 2 at Daytona and is now a 'fine driver'. Lucas sent a birthday card to Her Majesty The Queen and received a personal letter back. Rayyan has passed Stage 2 in his swimming lessons at the Leon School. Kayleigh passed Level 8 in gymnastics



- ★ Harrison, Wesley and Daniel in Year 3 all play for MK Rugby, and took part in the Buckingham Rugby Club tournament recently. Here are the medals they received.



- ★ Joseph and Ewan in Year 3 both took part in a swimming gala and brought in their medals to show me. Shravanti in Year 3 has received a medal for her tennis. Bobby in Year 2 has passed Stage 2 in his swimming lessons and Ben in Year 3 scored a hat trick for his football team, MK City FC, at the weekend when his team won 14-3!



- ★ Lily in Year 3 brought in a newspaper to show me, which featured her dog, Bobby, who is a cockapoo. Bree in Year 2 took part in her very first National Irish Dance competition and received her medals and a trophy for two 1sts, a 4th and a 5th place! Isabelle in Year 3 brought along some amazing fossil writing to show me, which she has done at home. Salma in Year 2 has done some fantastic maths work in school today and brought it down for me to see.



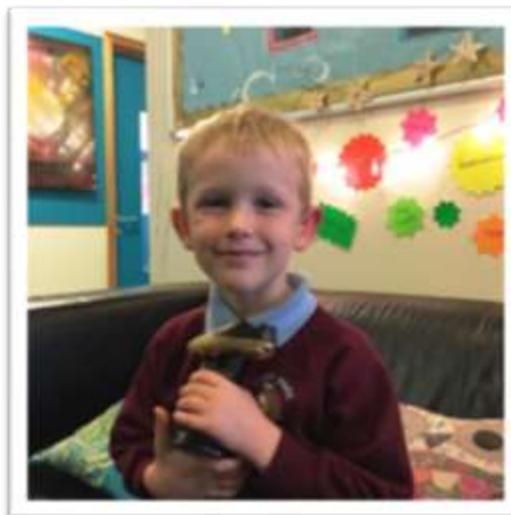
- ★ Lilia in Year 6 received a trophy for 'Man of the Match' for her football team, Shenley Cheetahs U11, when they achieved their first win. Poppy in Year 6 has won another swimming medal, this time a bronze for her 200m Butterfly, in the U10s category.



- ★ Seren in Foundation has received her 2nd gymnastics badge from MK Springers and brought her badge and certificate along to show me.



- ★ Thomas in Foundation scored a goal for his football team and was awarded the 'Golden Boot'!



- ★ This group of Year 3 children came down to see me today with some really fantastic suggestions of how to make our school a 'happy school!' They had some great ideas which we hope to be able to fulfil.



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

KEY DATES COMING UP ...

Date		
Mon 10th Oct	Community Open Day	9:30am-11:30am & 1:30pm-2:30pm
Tues 11th Oct	Individual and sibling photographs MK Dons player visit, pm	
Thurs 13th Oct	Year 5 at Kings Park residential overnight	
Fri 14th Oct	Year 5 at Kings Park/return Celebration Assembly	9am – Years 1 & 2 10am – Years 3, 4, (5) & 6

I wish you all a great weekend.

See you next week.

Cathy