



# Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KINGS PARK

Our Year 5 children had an amazing two days on their overnight residential trip to Kings Park this week. They enjoyed a range of activities including dodgeball, trampolining, tennis and archery...some of the adults even had a go! The children have all returned safely, and I'm sure they'll be bursting to tell you all about it as soon as they get home this afternoon!





The children who stayed in school have also had a wonderful, activity-packed two days. They've been busy making doughnuts, toy cannons, indoor gardens, enjoying PE and even made popcorn and hot chocolate to enjoy whilst watching a movie!

## **MK DONS PLAYER VISIT – TUES 11<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

A huge thank you to our friends at the MK Dons who came in to visit us on Tuesday. The children were so excited! The players visited every class and answered lots & lots of questions. There was also an MK Dons v Year 1 football match, and the players even joined the children on their mile around the pitch. What a fantastic afternoon!



## **NURSERY TRIP TO HOWE PARK WOOD**

This week, our Nursery children went on their first educational visit, to Howe Park Woods in the school minibus. It was a beautiful autumn day, and great fun was had by all!



The children then made a big autumn picture with the things they collected.



## YEAR 4 DENTIST VISIT

Year 4 enjoyed a visit from the dentist last week to support their current topic. They discussed teeth names, their jobs, how to look after their teeth and what foods they should eat and when to help keep their teeth in the best condition! The dental nurses from Oxford House Dental Practice in Fenny Stratford were kind enough to give each child a goody bag full of tips, toothbrushes and toothpaste!



## YEAR 1 – CHINESE NUMBERS

This afternoon, two of our children became the teachers, and 'Miss Chan' and 'Miss Gohil' have been helping the children learn how to write Chinese numbers. Look at their amazing work!



## HARVEST ASSEMBLIES

We are holding our Harvest Assemblies next week at the following times:

- ★ Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 9am – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2
- ★ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 are currently collecting donations for the Milton Keynes Food Bank once again this year, and would be grateful if any donations could be brought into school.

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.

## TA TRIBUTE DAY – THURS 20<sup>TH</sup> OCT

We are looking forward to our 'TA Tribute' day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 'WEAR IT PINK' CHARITY MUFTI DAY – FRI 21<sup>ST</sup> OCT

On Friday 21st October, Year 5 will be holding a 'Wear it Pink' day in school to raise money to help those affected by breast cancer. Please could children bring in a small monetary donation if they would like to wear pink and support this charitable day. We will also be holding a cake sale after school to raise more money for this charity. The cake sale will take place on the playground, from 3:30pm - 3:45pm. We look forward to seeing you all in pink and to raising awareness and money for this cause!

## YEAR 5 & 6 CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION



We have been approached by Iain Stewart MP once again this year for our Year 5 & 6 children to take part in his annual Christmas card design competition. This year's theme is 'Houses of Parliament with a Christmas twist!' and designs should be submitted on A5 sized paper. Please return all entries to school by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** with your child's name and class clearly written on the reverse. The winning entry will be announced at 6:00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at MK College, Silbury Campus on Silbury Boulevard. Once printed, the winning design will be sent to

all of Iain Stewart's constituents, other MPs and even to Her Majesty the Queen! All entries will be displayed at the Silbury Campus from 1<sup>st</sup> December-30<sup>th</sup> December.

## 'THE ZIP YARD' COLOUR/DESIGN COMPETITION



We have been invited by The Zip Yard Milton Keynes to take part in a competition to design an outfit for a teddy bear. There are two age categories:

- 4 years – 7 years
- 8 years – 11 years

There will be one winner in each category throughout all primary schools in Milton Keynes.

The winners of each category will be invited into the Zip Yard to watch their outfit being made up for **their very own teddy** to wear at home.

The winning school in each category will also receive a basket of sewing materials together with a cheque for £100.00 for art and craft materials. All entries should be posted or dropped into us to The Zip Yard, First Floor (Above O2 Shop), Intu Shopping Centre, Milton Keynes, MK9 3GB by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Full details, and the teddy bear template, can be found under the 'Latest News' section of the school website. Good luck!!

## FOOPA FLYERS

We are really looking forward to our Halloween disco next Tuesday evening. A reminder of the timings are on the flyer below:

A flyer for a Halloween Disco event. The top features a night scene with a jack-o'-lantern, a full moon, and houses with lit windows. The text is arranged in several boxes and sections.

**£3.50 Each**  
Includes –  
Drink,  
sweets.

# Halloween Disco

*Music*

**Tuesday 18th October**

*Fun & Games*

Foundation, Yr. 1 - 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Year 2 & 3 – 5.45pm – 6.45pm  
Yr. 4 -Yr. 5 – Yr. 6 – 7pm – 8pm

**NO MONIES TO BE LEFT IN RECEPTION**

Tickets sold on a first come first served basis. Due to limited numbers and health and safety numbers.

Deadline for tickets is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Any issues regarding the disco/tickets will only be dealt with via FOOPA on the email below. If you cannot make these days for tickets please email FOOPA. If your child attends Ziggy or before clubs please email for ticket help.

Tickets for this event will be sold only via FOOPA, at the following times:

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – 8am -8.45  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – 8am  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.15pm (playground)  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – 8am

Any questions or free to help please contact [friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com)

In light of recent events which have been reported in the national and local media, we would respectfully ask that children do not attend the Halloween disco dressed as clowns of any sort and we thank you for your support on this matter.

We are also super-excited about our fun fair and fireworks display on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please be sure to come along if you are able to – it should be a brilliant evening!



## FOOPA Fun Fair & Fireworks Display



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Fireworks**

**Food**

**Glo-sticks**

**Hot Drinks**

**Mexican Food**

£1.50 Each

Under 3 Free

Tickets can be bought on the night subject to sales

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Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 8am

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 8am

Come early to avoid queuing

Gates open at 5.00pm

Last Entry 6.10pm

Display starts at 6.30pm

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**Hot Dogs**

John Scarrott & Sons  
Funfair



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## FOUNDATION SHOE BOX APPEAL



Just a reminder that any filled shoe boxes for the Foundation charity shoe box appeal should please be brought into school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## ART PROJECT FOR SCHOOLS

The Art Project for School Christmas Card online ordering system is down. It was due to be up and running today. Parents have until midnight Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October to place their orders online, however this may be extended. Artwork should be returned to the class teacher on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember to hand it directly to the teacher or ensure a note has been put into the home-school link book and artwork can be added to the envelope, ready to be sent off to company to be produced into cards.



## Badminton Team

On Thursday, a group of Year 6 children and a child from Year 4 took part in the National Badminton Centre finals. Out of 32 teams who originally entered, we were amongst 10 teams participating in the finals, and went on to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall! The kids were awesome!! Well done!

*Mr Pink*



## Hockey Team

On Thursday we took another team down to Woughton on the Green to take part in this week's Hockey tournament. We took part in 3 games with some great performances from the children during the games but luck just wasn't on our side. Well done to everyone who took part!

*Mr Froud*

## Football Team

This week saw our football teams play 2 fixtures, one on Tuesday and one Wednesday.

Our game on Tuesday was against a strong Emerson Valley team who won their first game 12-0. As we continue to try and allow all players the chance to play in different positions and as much game time as possible we made a few changes to the team and included Rian, who is in year 4. Our boys started the game strongly putting Emerson on the back foot and within minutes found ourselves 1-0 up. The boys were in complete control of the game and linked up passes well. A nice passing move down the left side created our 2nd goal 10 mins into the game. Unfortunately there were no more goals for the rest of the game. Our goalkeeper was rarely tested and we did create many more chances but couldn't hit the back of the net. Once again this was a strong performance from all involved.

Our second game was against St Bernadette's, a team we have not come across before. We took another 10 boys and once again mixed up their positions and gave as much game time as possible to all. This game did not start as well and unfortunately we conceded a goal in the first 10 seconds. I think this shocked the boys and we didn't get the right response we should get from going a goal down. As this game was a friendly we were not concerned about the score line, but just trying to work on the key points about passing, moving and communication. Once again there were a few outstanding performances but our work rate to get forward and back let us down. This was the reason we conceded many of our goals. Their goal keeper made some great saves in the second half but some really good finishing gave us a couple of goals and the result finished 7-2. There were many positives to come of the game and as mentioned before we want to get as many players representing the school team as possible in all sports so this is the reason we arrange these friendlies.

**Mr Thurston**

# CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

- ★ Aydan in Year 5 has shown me the official results for his Go Karting club championship. All the drivers with him are 12/13 years of age, so to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the championship is an amazing achievement!

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1 Jack Williams (27)	15	22	14	22	24	25	31	75	31	40	40	75	30	40	26	85	40	26	40	100	21	22	31	40	31	18	21	80	26	35	40	75	1338	1168	39	
2 Aife Baxter-Davies (21)	15	19	12	28	29	26	26	58	26	31	31	85	40	31	20	75	35	35	31	85	35	17	25	75	23	35	35	85	26	28	28	70	1338	1133	58	
3 Harry Yardley-Rose (18)	15	20	13	25	28	28	28	85	28	26	26	80	31	35	31	70	31	31	35	75	40	23	23	75	28	31	28	48	31	26	24	54	1181	1083	50	
4 Max Speed (81)	16	11	14	38	24	24	58	35	28	35	70				28	25	28	70	22	40	28	85	35	24	31	75	35	25	25	61	989	989	80			
5 Aydan Hassan (64)	DNS	7	8	17	17	18	48	24	25	25	60	23	28	24	80	26	28	25	50	16	15	18	40	21	20	25	58	25	23	25	61	873	858	32		
6 Aaron Walker (25)												22	23	22	54	21	22	24	58	17	21	17	48	22	28	23	48	868	860	105						
7 Shay Kibough (35)	28	35	24	60	40	40	30	100																					360	360	70					
8 Connor Kearney (88)	26	17	13	35	31	35	40	80																					298	298	16					
9 Ben Kasperzak (25)	22	25	24	70																									341	341	58					

- ★ Alexia in Year 1 has passed her Stage 2 swimming award and brought her certificate in to share this week.



- ★ Another swimmer, Chloe in Foundation has passed her Stage 1 swimming award and can now swim on her back, jump into the pool and get her face wet!



- ★ The children in Year 4 have all been writing letters to their favourite celebrities, and these children have been lucky enough to receive replies. Megan has received a letter from the Duchess of Cambridge, Tazio received a letter from Lewis Hamilton, Ahmed has one from David Walliams and Zach received a letter and an autograph from Daniel Ratcliffe. How exciting!



- ★ Joseph and Jovan in Year 3 both took part in a mini tennis competition recently, in different categories, and both came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group! They have a certificate and a lovely silver medal each to treasure. Toby in Year 4 was Man of the Match for his football team, Tattenhoe Youth Panthers, and brought in his splendid trophy to show. Also, Toby's rugby team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in a tournament and he has received a medal in recognition of the team's achievement.



- ★ Wareesha in Year 3 brought in her amazing home learning, all about dinosaurs. Raihan in Year 3 completed the Big Friendly Read over the summer holidays, reading 6 books in 6 weeks, and brought in his medal and certificate to show.



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

## KEY DATES COMING UP ...

Date		
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Black History week in school Foundation/KS1 Harvest Assembly – parents/carers welcome	9:00am
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Halloween Disco: Foundation/Year 1 Year 2/3 Years 4/5/6	4:30pm-5:30pm 5:45pm-6:45pm 7:00pm-8:00pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Community Open Day	9:30am-11:30am only
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	TA Tribute Day KS2 Harvest Assembly – parents/carers welcome	9:00am
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	'Wear it Pink' charity mufti day Celebration Assembly School closes for half term	9am – Years 1 & 2 10am – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	INSET Day	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	School re-opens	

Have a wonderful weekend. See you at the gates on Monday morning.

**Cathy**