



# Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

## #HAPPYSCHOOLPROJECT

If you would like to take part in creating a happier school, please check my blog the first Friday of each month and take a look at what your monthly #happyschoolchallenge is.

Last month, our theme was 'Family' so we asked people to send in photographs of them having fun with their family. You can still do this if you haven't done so yet. We'd love to have your family photos up in school.

Take a look below to see what our #happyschoolchallenge is this month...

A graphic for the #happyschoolchallenge. It has a yellow background with a white border. At the top, the text '#happyschoolchallenge' is written in blue, flanked by two smiling sun icons. Below this, it says 'This November we are focussing on...' in blue. The word 'Happiness' is written in a large, bold, blue font. Underneath, it says 'This month is all about you and your happiness.' in blue. Then, it says 'We would like you to write a list of all the things that make you happy and spend November doing as many of these things as possible. You could also find out what makes everyone in your family happy as well then spend some time making them happy too.' in blue. At the bottom, it says 'Let's make this the happiest November ever!' in blue, flanked by two more smiling sun icons.

Additionally, as part of our #Happyschoolproject, and to celebrate all of the hard work which we do as a team, I have invited the children to design a 'Team Oxley' logo which can be used on all our teamwork. There is still time for the children to send me their designs and I look forward to receiving them. A reminder that 'Team Oxley' is parents, staff, children, governors and the community.

## MARVELLOUS ME



Following the recent launch of Marvellous Me in September, 85% of our parents have now registered, which is a fantastic response, but we are keen to get absolutely everyone on board!

All children have been issued with a letter setting out their individual log in details and guidance on how to access the system, so do please take a few minutes to read through the information and register. We are busy using the system in school and you could be missing out on news about your child's day and their amazing achievements!

More information can be found at <https://marvellousme.com/>. If you have any questions relating to the use of Marvellous Me please contact the school office.

## YEAR 6 SATS MEETING – MON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV

There will be a SATs information meeting for our Year 6 parents from 5:30pm to 6:00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the hall.

## PARENT CONSULTATION – WEDS 16<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Our Parent Consultation evening will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, for Year 1 through to Year 6. Full details of how to book your appointment are available under the 'Latest News' section of the school website. Parents of children in our Nursery and in Foundation should please see their child's teacher to arrange an appointment.

## FOUNDATION SHOE BOX APPEAL – FRI 11<sup>TH</sup> NOV



Please remember to bring your filled shoe boxes in to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, if you haven't already done so. On Friday morning, you will see Santa's sleigh parked just inside the main school gates. Please put your shoe box in Santa's sleigh, and help make many little friends happy.





## FESTIVE FOOD ARRANGEMENTS – A NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN

- ★ **Winter Wonderland Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** To celebrate our special 'Winter Wonderland' Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be having special a Christmas-themed packed lunch on the day and would like to encourage everyone to have one, to join the celebrations and have a special Winter Wonderland goodie lunch bag. Labels will be sent home in the children's planners shortly where you will need to indicate your choice of sandwich for your child, by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. If you do not indicate a choice on the label, we will assume that **you** are providing a lunch for your child.

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION – MARSHALL'S COACHES

Our pupils have been invited by Marshall's Coaches to take part in a competition to design their Christmas card. The winner of the best design will receive a £50.00 voucher for Smyths Toys and a free school trip for their school (within a 50 mile radius). The winning design will feature on their Christmas cards. Children need to be aged between 5-13 years old and inspiration can be taken from the photographs on their website at <http://marshalls-coaches.co.uk/>. Please return all entries to school by 9am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, with your child's name and class clearly written on the reverse, marked for my attention.




### FOOTBALL TEAM

On Wednesday the football team went to play Wavendon Gate, who have played a few games already this year with some good results. We started the game very well and made 8/9 passes straight from kick-off and earned ourselves a corner from which we scored our first goal. This game was by far the best we have played with some outstanding combination passes and great finishes. The game finished 5-0, with the goals coming from Kane (x2), Rian, Johnny and Harry. Well Done!

**Mr Thurston**

# READ EVERY DAY CHALLENGE

I recently came across the image below, which clearly shows just how important it is to encourage our children to **Read Every Day!**




## Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

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### James

reads 20 minutes per night,  
5 times per week



### Travis


reads only 4 minutes per night  
...or not at all




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**In one week:**

**100**  
minutes of reading




**20**  
minutes of reading




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**In one month:**

**400**  
minutes of reading




**80**  
minutes of reading




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**In one school year (9 months):**

**3600**  
minutes of reading




**720**  
minutes of reading




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**By the end of eighth grade:**

**28,800**  
minutes of reading




**5760**  
minutes of reading



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Which student would you expect to read better?  
 Which student would you expect to know more?  
 Which student would you expect to write better?  
 Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?  
 Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?  
 How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



**GREER GENIUS**  
BRILLIANT DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

## EMILY'S STAR CHARITY SUPERHERO NIGHT – FRI 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Our friends at Emily's Star are holding a charity Super Hero Club Night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Old Wolverton. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend, but I thought that perhaps some of our parents might enjoy it. Please take a look at the Emily's Star website for full details.

## CELEBRATIONS

This week, we have celebrated the following achievements:

- ★ Layla in Year 2 brought her beautiful artwork along to show me this week plus her Level 7 certificate from Arabian Gymnastics.



- ★ Veer in Year 6 took part in a swimming competition and received a gold medal for his 200m breaststroke, a silver medal for his 100m individual medley and a bronze medal for his 100m backstroke!



- ★ Another keen swimmer, Emma in Year 5, also took part in the same swimming competition and received two gold medals – one for her 100m individual medley and one for her 100m backstroke.



- ★ I am extremely proud of Poppy in Year 2 who has been busy selling her home-made hair accessories raising money for the charity Supershoes. Through her hard work and determination, Poppy has raised the magnificent sum of £513.50! She recently met with the founder of Supershoes, who awarded Poppy with a certificate, which is the only one in the world, as she is the first child they have had raising funds for them! Well done, Poppy!



- ★ Poppy brought her 'Supershoes' certificate in to show me today. Olivia in Year 2 brought her home learning down to show me – an acrostic poem for her 'All About Me' topic. Jack in Year 2 has made a fantastic flyer about the Wright Brothers and Joshua brought his home learning, maths and spellings to show me.



- ★ Hannah, Charlie, Hollie, Niamh, Kaylen and Tiffany, all in Year 5, came to see me today with their wonderful fact files all about the Ancient Egyptians.



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

## KEY DATES COMING UP ...

Date		
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Fireworks Display	5:00pm Gates open 6:30pm Display starts
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Community Open Day	9:30am-11:30am And 1:30pm-2:30pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Celebration Assembly	9am Years 1 & 2 10am Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Have a great weekend – see you at the gates on Monday morning.

**Cathy**