



Oxley Park



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Welcome from the Oxley Park Sports Team

Welcome to the new academic year! We are really excited at the prospect of another successful sporting year ahead. For those of you who don't know us, the Sports Team, we are Mr Froud, Mr Thurston, Mr Pink and Mr Rutherford. We work across both sites, providing before- and after-school provision, as well as teaching PE and sport to all children in all year groups as part of our curriculum.

Academies

Our morning sports academies run from 8:00am—8:30am and are open to anyone interested in trying to learn new skills for a specific sport. This is an opportunity for your child to have free coaching, whether they are a beginner or more developed in that sport.

The academies tend to run in line with our sporting events and are one of the different opportunities for your child to put themselves forward for a team.

In 2018-2019, we ran 31 academies with at least 30 children attending each one. Most weeks we provide 2 academies running alongside each other.

Information will be given out at the end of each term, ready for the start of the next.

Events

We are active and successful members of the Milton Keynes School Sport Partnership (MKSSP) who deliver the objectives of the School Games, designed to build on the magic of London 2012, to enable every school and child to participate in competitive sport, including meaningful opportunities for young people with a disability.

Within Milton Keynes, they have an established school competition framework and calendar of events. Opportunities are available at Level 1 and Level 2 for all schools. Qualification at regional competitions allow children to compete in finals for most Key Stage 2 events. The MKSSP School Games Calendar has developed into an extensive year-long programme of high-quality, inclusive sports competitions, with some sports leading to County qualification.

This year, there are even more opportunities for young people to compete for Oxley Park Academy with additional sports competitions in the programme, higher numbers of teams able to qualify and a variety of events for all ages. With this in place, Oxley Park Academy enter most of the competitions. This enables us to get more pupils involved in outside competitions.

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Our teams

Following feedback from our parents, we have been looking at ways to provide more opportunities for our pupils to be involved in out-of-school-hours sport, so starting this term, we will be introducing our two new teams:

- **OPA Lightning**
- **OPA Thunder**

In addition to the city-wide sporting events, OPA are going over and above to provide even more opportunities for young people to compete for Oxley Park Academy, with additional sports competitions in a variety of events for all ages.

Our Lightning team is our competitive team, which is selected based on the children's sporting ability within that area. This is through PE lessons, academies, after-school clubs and involvement in the sport outside of school. They will compete in events against other schools and will be looking to qualify towards the county games.

The Thunder team is an opportunity for the children who have shown an interest in that sport to have a chance to represent the school in a fixture or event. Throughout the year, we will be having fixtures against other schools and will look to get as many children involved as we can. These events are likely to take place on a Thursday.

As an academy, we will soon be launching a House Team system. As part of this, we will also be running inter-house competitions that gives even more children the chance to take part in that sport in a competitive but fun environment. This is also a chance for children to represent and earn points for their house! These events are also going to take place on a Thursday.

All of these measures will give greater opportunities for the children. We will be talking to the children over the coming weeks, so please encourage your children to take part if they have any interest in the sports we will be offering over the coming year.

We are looking forward to another really successful year in sport at Oxley Park, and a year of encouragement, participation and excitement for all.

With thanks

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