

Principal's post

KEEPING YOU INFORMED FROM MR SPRINGETT-MCHUGH

Goodbyes, new arrivals and welcomes...

Half term!

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of another half term and we can't quite believe that we will be entering our final term of this academic year. As I have mentioned before, this past term has been a major period of assessment for all our children but especially our Year 6. We have been so proud to see how children across all ages just take this in their stride. This is thanks to our excellent staff team for creating such a wonderful, safe and supportive ethos, along with our children clearly ready to learn! Thank you for all your support during this period.

Year 6, however, have had the official SATs take place. This was a week of 'showing off' our wonderful academic achievements over the primary years. Once again, every day was just 'WOW'. Your children were simply amazing! The week ran so smoothly, and with a Local Authority inspection taking place, the feedback was overwhelming, commenting on the children's attitudes, behaviour and the overall ethos that we had created. Well done Year 6, you did yourselves proud! A big thank you to the wonderful staff team that have made this such a positive experience for all.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Rogers today, whose contract has come to an end. She will be missed by staff and the children she has worked with in class and supported at lunchtimes.

We are also saying another sad goodbye today to Miss Price, our Head of Year 6. She is moving to a school nearer to her home! The dreaded M1 at peak times will no longer be a problem. Miss Price has done a wonderful job of leading our Year 6 this year and leaves us with a group of confident children ready to move to their secondary stage.

Mrs Catlow has also left us today to begin her maternity leave, as she is expecting her second baby. We look forward to some exciting news very soon!

On behalf of all the Oxley community we wish all three members of staff leaving us today all the very best and thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Abbott has welcomed her baby girl into the world. Children in Ziggy Club, and staff in school, are looking forward to meeting her new daughter when she visits in a few weeks.

Mrs Buckley-Ryan has been working hard to get the new books, which she and Mrs Frayne-Johnson purchased, ready for the children to enjoy. The books from the £10,000 spend that were bought are still arriving, but those that are labelled will be on the shelves in both campuses when we come back from half term.

It was a pleasure to welcome parents of the Nursery children who will be joining us in September. We enjoyed the chance to meet them during an informal coffee morning we held at the Shenley Wood site.

It was a great opportunity for the parents to meet each other and ask staff questions in a relaxed atmosphere. It was a pleasure to give them a tour of the Nursery, where they were able to meet more staff, which we followed with a tour of the whole school.

We are looking forward to welcoming the parents of the new Reception children, who are due to start school in September, to an informal coffee morning at both sites after the holiday. We realise what an important



time it is when your child starts school, and we want to make parents feel welcome and give them the chance to meet each other. Staff will also be on hand to answer questions, and we will give parents the chance to look at the classrooms. These coffee mornings are in addition to the slightly more formal new parents' meetings which are being held on both sites later in the term.

Our Nursery children enjoyed a visit to Thrift Farm this week. They were all very well behaved, and had a wonderful time looking at the sheep, goats, pigs and chickens.

Have a FAB half term.

N Springett-McHugh
Academy Principal

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Campus Principal



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News...

Friends of Oxley Park Academy

The 'pennies for the playground' competition has drawn to a close today and it will take half term to tally the amounts and confirm a winner. We will keep you informed!

FOOPA are busy organising the School Fete, which will be held on Friday 6th July 2018 from 3.30pm—6.30pm, and in support of this we will be holding a 'bring a bottle' mufti day on Friday 22nd June 2018.

If you would like to contribute anything, or contact FOOPA for any reason, please do so by emailing us at friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com and/or contacting us via our Facebook page - FOOPA Information and Events.

Congratulations Mrs Abbott

As mentioned, the wonderful news came this week that Mrs Abbott had given birth to a healthy baby girl, Ivy Elphaba, weighing 7lb. Many congratulations from everyone at OPA!

Polite Request

Please continue to support us by sending your children into school with sun hats and sun cream on the hot weather days, and no toys please, as these are easily lost and/or broken.

Reminder—Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

In order for your child's name to be on this year's Leavers' hoodie please make sure you 'opt in' on the letter that has been sent home this week.

Music Lessons—September 2018

A letter has been emailed out this week to the parents and carers of children in Years 1 to 5, regarding music lessons for September 2018. If you haven't received a copy, please let the school office know.

Thank you

Sports Reports...

Cycling Festival...

A team of six Year 5 and 6 pupils attended the Cycling Festival at Woughton on the Green this week.

The Festival consisted of 7 schools taking part in 3 different events.

The first event was a 70-metre sprint, the second event was an endurance test, cycling around the track, and the final event was 2 or 3 laps around the track.

Mixed results in all 3 events for the boys and girls, where some of the pupils favoured the sprint and some pupils cycled better in the endurance.

All of the individuals did extremely well considering the length of the track. The greatest success came from Lylla who finished with a Bronze medal and Harry who became a Gold Medallist! Well done!

Overall the team finished in second place which meant everyone received a silver medal.

Amazing!

Mr Pink



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Achievements...

Swimming Achievement

Massive congratulations to our swimming team.

Having won silver medals this week, we have now qualified for the County Games.

The team is made up of children from Years 5 and 6, as well as a one from Year 4, so well done to you all and we cannot wait to see how we get on...!

Thank you for representing Oxley Park Academy so well.



Academy Dates coming up...

Date:	Oxley Park Campus	Shenley Wood Campus	Further details
Mon 4th Jun		9:30am Informal meeting for new Foundation parents	School re-opens
Tues 5th Jun	9:30am Informal meeting for new Foundation parents		
Fri 8th Jun		2:45pm Celebration Assembly	

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