

The Oval School

Newsletter – June 2016

Some Exciting Rugby News From Mr Sullivan

The Oval Rugby Team recently made the short journey to Birmingham Exiles RFC to take part in a regional rugby tournament.

We did not have a Teigan like last year, who went down in Oval folklore by scoring eight tries and winning 'Girl of the Tournament'. In fact, on arrival it was obvious that we weren't the biggest or fastest. What we did have was a collection of good team players with most of the team determined to make some memories in their last few weeks at primary school. Here they are:

Jack (captain):	led from the front and rallied the team when we conceded tries
Libby (stand in captain):	equally effective in defence and attack
Danyal (stand in captain):	great support player and led the team well in his game as captain
Omar:	started as a support player but ran so well we tried to give him the ball more and more as the tournament went on
Asam:	leader of the defence, instructed those in front of him to keep the line
Harry:	an excellent attacking threat, skilfully running through and around players twice his size and contributed 3 tries
Izzie:	another great threat from year 5, scoring 3 tries and even scoring for Yarnfield when they were a player down
Rhys (The vision):	always on hand to offer some valuable insights and good support play
Zara:	one of our go-to attacking threats, mesmerising defences with her speed and turns and ending the tournament with 5 tries
Aleesha:	came back from a bump to become an incredible attacking weapon, scoring 5 tries including that memorable hat-trick
Kyle:	defied his age (year 4) to shine in his role alongside the twins, Izzie and Harry by leading the attacking line and ended up with 4 tries. He has 2 more years of this!



We lined up against 'Our Lady's' having practised our defence and support play tirelessly and the hard work paid off as we left the field with 5 tries to nil victory. We then came up against the eventual winners, Lyndon Green, and gave them what turned out to be their most competitive game of the tournament, with the team going down 4-2 in a hard fought contest. We even went a try down in our final group game against Yarnfield, but our motto of 'if they score, we score' saw us through and we won 3-1.

Our great points difference meant we qualified into the 'Gold' group against all of the other group winners including Lyndon Green. This was already a greater achievement than last year. Astonishingly we took to the field and Aleesha played like a girl possessed, scoring a hat-trick against Elms Farm in a 3-1 victory. We then lost a couple of matches to winners Lyndon Green and the excellent Gossey Lane before coming up against brilliant Blakenhale in our final group game. We went down 3 times but every time we did, we picked up the ball and ran to the middle, determined to follow the motto, 'if they score, we score'. In the last minute we tied the game at 3-3 to cap off a wonderful tournament and finish 5th overall out of 16 teams.

At the end of the tournament 9 players were awarded prizes for their play and The Oval won 2 of them, so congratulations to Aleesha and Izzie!



Year 6 Leavers Information

As they prepare to say goodbye to The Oval School and look forward to the new challenge of life at secondary school our year 6 pupils have a couple of special events coming up:

- leavers' party on Wednesday 20 July from 6.30 – 8.30pm
- leavers' production on Thursday 21 July at 2.00pm (please note that doors will open at 1.40pm for parents to take their seats for a prompt start)

Nursery Graduation

We shall be bidding a fond farewell to this year's nursery pupils in their graduation ceremonies to which parents are cordially invited to attend as follows:

- **Robins** on Wednesday 20 July at 10.00am
- **Sparrows** on Thursday 21 July at 1.30pm
- **Full-Timers** on Thursday 21 July at 1.30pm (there will be NO morning nursery session for full-timers on Wednesday 20 July due to Robins' graduation so please bring them in on this day at 12.45pm ready for the afternoon session – thank you)

Summer Holiday Fun

The Big Family Festival will be held at Dutton Hall, Sutton Coldfield on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July. There will be an open air cinema, outdoor theatre, craft workshops, book reading (they've just managed to get rights to have the Gruffalo meet and greet), food festival, bands, comedians, djs, refreshment tent, circus acts, tribute acts (some include Michael Jackson, Bruno Mars, Katy Perry). You can also camp there over the weekend if you want as there will be lots more going on . . .

If you want to check it all out they have also set up a Facebook page - just search Big Family Festival all the info is on there and the website is:

<http://www.bigfamilyfestival.co.uk/http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/brand-new-big-family-festival-11356694>

A Bit More Summer Fun

As part of a BBC campaign called Get Reading, CBBC are planning a free live event called '*Awesome Authors*' which will be based around **The Library of Birmingham and Centenary Square on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July**. The whole event is free and there are loads of famous children's authors that you can meet . . . as well as other activities to see and take part in.

Have a look at the link for more info: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2016/cbbc-live>

Food For Life News



As a Food For Life Ambassador school, we have been asked to pass this following information to you requesting you complete their survey. It will only take a couple of minutes and all entries will be put into a prize draw with the first prize of £100 vouchers for a specialist organic growing shop (please make sure you put The Oval School name onto your entry so you have a chance of winning).

The link to enter is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G7FB8NY>

Thank you and good luck!

Writing Competition

Some of our pupils have recently entered a Pilot Partnership Writing Competition when they submitted some lovely poems. All pupils should be congratulated on their efforts and special praise goes to the winners whose poems will be published in TPP Calendar 2017 which will be available countrywide. The following winners receive a copy of the calendar:

- Ibrahim Uddin Y1
- Hafsah Arshad Y3
- Ayesha Sharif Y5

Special Music Concert

On Saturday 11 June 2016, Miss Gayle and Miss George took 7 pupils from class 4.3 to Ingestre Hall in Staffordshire. The pupils were extremely lucky to work with The British Police Symphony Orchestra and got to play a variety of different instruments as well as helping to conduct the whole orchestra with the help of Richard the conductor.

The pupils were an absolute credit to The Oval and Miss George, their class teacher, wants you to know how very proud of them she is.



Iqra said *“I really enjoyed being the conductor of such a big orchestra and having a go on a French horn and a cello”*.

Jethro said *“During the trip, I really enjoyed playing the flute, trombone and double bass. My favourite part was acting like the conductor, telling all of the players how fast or slow to play.”*

