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Olney Middle School

A note from Mr Young

I hope you have all had a good week. Thank you to everyone for their understanding following Tuesday evening's gas leak. It was a very long couple of days (and night), thank you to everyone for the kind words and wishes of support.

This week we have also had parents evening - the feedback has been very positive and I hope you are clear on how your child is progressing, and the future steps taken for the rest of the year. If you didn't get a chance to fill in the survey, please scan the barcode below to access the survey. The results are used to allow us to continue to move the school forward.

Year 3 have spent the last term learning how to play Brass instruments. They have been having lessons from Miss Hayden from Milton Keynes Music Services. The children have learnt the techniques for playing an instrument with a mouthpiece, lots of music vocabulary and even how to read music. This week, they performed their pieces and sang one of their favourite songs for a very appreciative Year 5 audience. Year 3 children will now have the opportunity to continue to learn a brass instrument in smaller groups, if they would like to. All of the children had a wonderful time learning these instruments and hopefully we have found some talented musicians in the process!

Next week we have our year 4 residential and Sports Relief. Sadly next Friday we will also say goodbye to some members of staff - Mikaela O'Leary is a superb teacher who started her teaching career here in 2010, since then she has worked in most year groups and been a success in all. She now moves closer to home in Bedford. We wish Mrs O'Leary all the best for her new challenge - she will be greatly missed. Hannah Woods, a teaching assistant since 2001, will be retiring - Hannah has been an excellent member of the team supporting children in all year groups and will be sadly missed. Finally Janet Shaw will be leaving as caretaker of the school, in Mrs Shaw's time since 2004 she has seen the highs and lows of the school and has been supportive and creative throughout. She too will be sadly missed - but we wish her well in her new adventures. I am sure you will be joining me next week in wishing all of them the very best - we hope they will stay in touch as we hear of the next steps in their respective journeys.

Best wishes Glenn Young

Parent Survey - <https://goo.gl/iyQGA9>



Friday 16th March 2018

Our value for the half term is **Self Esteem**

Important upcoming dates

- Year 4 trip to Ironbridge 19th/20th March
- Sports relief 23rd March
- Last day of term 23rd March
- Back to school - Monday 9th April

Minion Award.....

The Minion Award is given to a child who displays the school values, such as tolerance, confidence, respect and pride.

This weeks Minion is..... Ed (5HB)

Ed was nominated by Mrs Bacon for demonstrating courage and resilience. Last week Ed broke his arm, this did not stop Ed from returning straight to school because he wanted to sit a test it was also important to Ed not to miss any learning time.

Mrs Bacon and Mrs McCabe-Smith would like Ed to know how proud they are of him.

For Sport Relief this year we are taking part in Tom Daley's "Daley Challenge". The children will have the opportunity to take part in a different challenge each day next week including a skip-a-thon, keepie-uppie challenge, hula hooping, burpees/squat challenge and a whole school marathon event! All children will need trainers in school for the week and will need to be in full PE kit on Friday for the marathon event. This year we will be collecting money through an online sponsorship page.

<https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/olneymiddleschool/>

House Cup
winners:

Hopkins Smith

Classroom Tidy
Challenge

Yr 3: 3LG Yr 4: 4KD
Yr 5: 5RH Yr 6: 6JH