



# NEWSLETTER

11TH FEBRUARY 2022

## Inter House Athletics Competition

This week children have been taking part in the inter-house indoor athletics competition. The children have all competed well and with an excellent attitude. The winners will be announced next week and we will publish the winners in next weeks' Newsletter.



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## Parents Evenings

We will be holding our Parents' Evening sessions on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th February. A letter has been sent out to all parents with details of how to book your appointment. The appointments will take place in school face-to-face with the teachers, with ten minute meetings taking place in the classrooms.

Within this meeting, your child's teacher will discuss your child's progress, as well as targets linked to their next steps in learning. You will also get the chance to look through the work that your child has completed so far this year during the meeting with your child's teacher.

Please be mindful during these sessions that times are tight, so please be on time for your child's meetings. Additionally, if you wish to discuss a matter that may take longer than the allocated ten minute slot, your child's teacher will be happy to arrange another time to meet.

We ask that anyone showing symptoms for Covid-19 cancel their appointment, letting the school know as soon as possible. The class teacher will re-arrange a time to meet when it is safe to do so. There will be hand sanitiser available at the entrance to the school and in each classroom. We ask that you wear face masks throughout the time that you are in school in order to keep everybody safe and well.

We have a number of students in school who are training to be teachers and would like to sit in on the parents evening appointments on Wednesday evening. If you are not happy for a student to attend please let your class teacher know.

## Year Five Standon Bowers Meeting

We are holding a meeting for the parents of our Year Five children to provide information about their upcoming visit to Standon Bowers.

The meeting will take place on 1st March straight after school. Could we please ask that face masks are worn and that you do not attend if you have any of the symptoms of Covid.

If you are unable to attend, handouts will be available from the class teacher.

## School Lottery

Congratulations to the winner of our school lottery this week.

£25,000 Jackpot

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£11.40 - won by Ms B (STAFFORD)

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Sat 05 Feb 2022



## British School Shooting Champion

Congratulations to Pippa who took part in the British Shooting School's Pistol Championship last week. The event featured the UK's very best pistol and air rifle competitors aged 11-18 who represented over 140 schools.

Pippa represented Oakridge and came 8th out of 160 competitors! She was also the youngest to take part in her class of the competition.

Well done Pippa—we are all very proud of you!



## World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of our celebration the children can dress up as a book character – either fiction or non-fiction.

We are also aiming to have a class book swap and if restrictions allow we will participate in some shared reading experiences.

Each class will have an author who they will focus on. The children will explore this author's style and work and then create their own piece of learning in the style of the author. The day will be full on valuable reading experiences and promoting reading for pleasure



## Nursery Open Morning

If you have a child who is due to start our school Nursery class in September this year we are holding the first of our open mornings on Thursday 17th February at 10.30.

If you wish to attend could you please contact the school office so that we know how many visitors to expect.

If you wish to apply for a place in our morning Nursery to start in September 2022 applications can be made via our school website at Key Information / Admissions where you can download an application form. Once complete the form should be emailed to [admissions@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk).

The closing date to submit your application is 14th March 2022 and applications can now be made. Places will be offered, by ourselves, no later than 21st March 2022.

## Sporting Clubs after Half Term

Starting from the first week back after the break, the changes to our after-school sports clubs will be as follows:

Mondays	Year 3 and 4 Boys & Girls Football.
Wednesdays	Year 3 and 4 Boys and Girls Cross-Country
Thursdays	Year 5 and 6 Boys & Girls Gaelic Football

*Please note that on the first Monday back (28th February), Year 3 and 4 football won't be running, due to a staff meeting.*

All clubs will finish at 4:30pm, and please let us know how your child will be getting home, once the club has finished. As always, if your child's club falls on a non-P.E. day, then they may bring alternative sports clothing to wear, instead of wearing their school P.E. kit.

If any of the clubs are oversubscribed then we will draw names at random - as per our P.E. policy. If any child is unfortunate enough to miss out, then they will be placed on a 'priority list' for future after school clubs.

If your child would like to take part in an after school sporting club after half term could you please complete and submit the form which has been sent out via Parentmail by the deadline of **Monday 14th February**.

We will then be able to let you know whether or not you have been successful in obtaining a place, before we break up for half-term

## Children's Mental Health Week

This week was Children's Mental Health Week and the theme was 'Growing Together'. The theme growing together is about growing emotionally and encouraging children to consider how they've grown and how they can help others to grow.

Challenges and setbacks can help up us grow and adapt, and trying new things can help us move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process which happens over time and sometimes we may feel a bit 'stuck'.

All children in Key Stage Two had an assembly on Monday exploring this theme and on Wednesday our Key Stage One children also had an assembly.

Today, all children came into school in non-uniform and brought in a photograph of themselves as a baby or toddler to stimulate discussion and celebrate how we have all grown together.



**Inset Day 18th February**

**Followed by half term**

**21st—25th February**

## Hair today, gone tomorrow

**O**n Friday 18th February, one of our Year Six pupils, Huwi, will be cutting his hair for the Little Princess Trust.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up to the age of 24 who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other conditions.

Huwi's hair will be made into a wig for a child who is suffering the devastating effects of hair loss and I'm sure you will agree that this is an incredible thing to do. The wig will cost £550 to make and fit and because of this Huwi is going one step further and is also raising money to pay for the wig to be made as the charity relies solely on donations. There is no charge to children and their families who receive the wigs.

Huwi has set up a just giving page and if you would like to help him please follow the link below:-

[Huwi Smith-Lewis is fundraising for Little Princess Trust \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Huwi-Smith-Lewis)



## Year 4 Football Match

**O**n Thursday, 10 children from Year 4 travelled to Springfields First School in Stone, to take part in a one-off, friendly football fixture. The children were all really excited, as for many of them, it was their first chance to represent Oakridge on the sporting field.

As the game began, it was clear that we were in for a tough match. Our opponents started brilliantly, scoring 3 goals in no time. However, before half-time, our players began to settle into the game and improve. We were rewarded for our improvement when Eligh scored a fantastic goal.

Into the second half, and Springfield continued to play some really high-quality football which proved too difficult to defend. They went on to score more goals, to win the game convincingly. Had it not been for a brilliant performance from our goalkeeper Demir, it might have been even more.

Although the team were disappointed at the result, they should still be very proud of their attitude throughout the game. At no point did their 'heads drop', they continued to try their best, and cast the right shadow, which they certainly did. It is easy to show the right values when winning, but it's much harder when losing. Our children were a credit to themselves and Oakridge. Well done to Demir, Alex, Eben, Ibrahim, Eligh, Jack, Noah, Jenny, Alfie, and Ned. We are sure that our next match will not be against such strong opponents.