



NEWSLETTER

17TH FEBRUARY 2022

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assemblies this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "The Oakridge Way"



- Reception - Myla, Emerson and Pratham
- Year One - Eden, Oliver and Imogen
- Year Two - Tamara and Austin
- Year Three - Luke, Kian and Florence
- Year Four - Noah and Toby
- Year Five - Ayla and Oliver
- Year Six - Sachin and Kitty

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House Winners

Congratulations to the winning houses from each year group who enjoyed a mug of hot chocolate and a sausage sandwich as well as 15 minutes extra break this morning. Well done to you all!

The winners were:- Reception-Ursa, Year One-Ursa, Year Two-Draco, Year Three-Ursa, Year Four-Orion, Year Five-Draco and Year Six—Draco.



Year Five Residential Visit to Standon Bowers

Our Year Five children are all looking forward to their residential visit to Standon Bowers from 28th March to 1st April.

If you have a child in Year Five can we please remind you that payment in full for the visit is due by 21st March at the latest and can be paid for via your ParentPay account. Thank you to those who have already paid in full.

Just a reminder that there is a meeting after school on for parents of children in Year Five to find out more information about the visit and what to take. If you are unable to attend the meeting, handouts will be available from the class teacher.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who have made appointments and attended the two evenings this week and for the many lovely positive comments that we received.

Can we also thank everyone for following all the arrangements so respectfully which ensured that the two evenings flowed so smoothly.

Once again thank you all for your continued support.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is an event organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, which aims to promote safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology.

The theme of Safer Internet Day 2022 was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

This week all pupils took part in assemblies which took a closer look at online gaming, streaming and video sites that have chat functions and raising awareness about potential safety issues.

Information about internet safety and how you can protect your children can be found on our school website.



Nursery Applications

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.

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.

If you would like to visit our Nursery we have an open day planned on Friday 4th March at 10.30. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

Year One and Two Visit to Cannock Chase Museum

On Wednesday 9th March, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting the Museum of Cannock Chase where, as part of their knowledge and understanding of the World, they will be exploring the history of toys and games through a series of workshops.

We will be leaving school at 9.15 am and will return to school at approximately 3.00pm. School uniform should be worn.

Children will need a packed lunch for dinnertime, could you please put this in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free.

Contributions of £13.75 are invited towards the cost, payable via your Parent Pay account. Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.



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 look forward to seeing all of your wonderful costumes!



Don't Forget!

No after school sporting club on Monday 28th February due to a staff meeting.

Year Three and Four Egyptian Day

On Thursday 10th March, Year 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to welcome a historical expert to school to begin their learning on 'How much did the Egyptians achieve'. During the day children will explore Egyptian Artefacts, take part in Tomb Building and mummification workshops. If your child could dress up for the day it would be appreciated as it would add to the atmosphere.

Contributions of £7.00 are invited towards the cost, payable via your Parent Pay account. Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the workshop may need to be cancelled.

Inter-house Sportshall Athletics Competitions

Sportshall Athletics is an indoor form of athletics for children between the ages of 4 and 15. It is the largest competition programme in schools in the UK. Sportshall Athletics involves traditional Athletics disciplines such as running, jumping, and throwing events, but with a few twists. As a school, we have taken part in inter-school sportshall athletics competitions in recent years which have been organised by 'School Games'. When taking part in the events, it became clear that we could implement many of the skills and disciplines within school. We have adapted the sportshall events to ensure they are suitable to take place in our school hall.

Over the last few weeks, sportshall athletics has been the focus of children's curriculum P.E. lessons, as they have prepared for their inter-house competitions. The competitions themselves are made up field events, and track events. Field events include: Soft Javelin Throw, Target Roll, Long Jump, Triple Jump, and Speed Bounce. The track events consist of 4 different relay races: 4x1 Lap, 2x2 Lap, 2x3 Lap, and 4x1 Lap Hurdles.

During their P.E. lessons this half-term, children have had the opportunity to practice all events, and improve their skills for each one, before deciding as a house team, which children would do which events.

Over the last 10 days, each class has loved taking part in their own competition. Children have enjoyed their events, as well as cheering on their friends and housemates. The competitions have all been hugely successful with children demonstrating resilience, teamwork, determination, respect, and a sporting attitude, as well as putting the Oakridge Way in to practice. It was also fantastic to hold our first inter-house sporting competition in our new house teams. When collating the new house teams in the summer, we tried to ensure that sporting ability was spread evenly across the house teams in each class, in order to make events such as this as fair and as interesting for the children as possible. With this in mind, it's been fantastic to see each house team win at least one competition each over the last 10 days.

Full results over the page.

Inter-house Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of each competition who were as follows:



Year 1 – Orion



Year 2 – Ursa



Year 3 – Draco & Pegasus



Year 4 – Ursa



Year 5 – Pegasus



Year 6 – Draco.

Under 11s Boys County Cup Quarter-Final

On Tuesday, our Under 11s Boys' 9-a-side football team travelled to Pointon Park, to face Werrington Primary School in the Quarter-Final of the Under 11s Staffordshire Schools F.A. County Cup. As this was a knockout tie, we knew that the winners would progress to the semi-finals of the competition.

Werrington had won their previous 2 games impressively, so we knew we would be in for a tough game, and that's exactly how the match started. There were lots of tackles being put in by both teams, who were keen to move the ball forward as quickly as possible. It was a really fast opening to the game, but without many chances in the first 15 minutes. After this frantic period, Oakridge began to settle, moving the ball nicely through midfield, and attacking with plenty of pace in wide areas. Twenty minutes in, we took a deserved lead after George tapped home from Laurie's excellent cross. We continued to dominate until half time, with Henson almost doubling our lead after a wonderful team counter-attack.

Shortly in to the second half, we did double our lead. George finished calmly in to the corner, having been played through on goal by a lovely pass from Henson. At this point we were in control, but then, from nowhere, Werrington scored a stunning long-range goal to make it 2-1. The 10 minutes that followed were really tough, as Werrington grew in confidence, and started to create chances. Our defence stood strong however, withstanding crosses, corners, and everything that came our way. With 5 minutes to go, Oakridge made the game safe after some wonderful individual skill and an excellent finish from Henson, to make the final score 3-1 to Oakridge.

At the end of the game the boys were a combination of delighted and exhausted from their efforts. It had been an excellent game of football, and to have made it through to the semi-finals is a fantastic achievement by the whole team. We will look forward to finding out who our next opponents will be after half-term, and we will be excited to welcome back our captain William, who was unable to play on Tuesday.

A huge well done to our team: Leo, Oliver B, Huwi, Todd, Laurie, Oliver A, Miller, George, Henson, and Euan. You have made us all very proud.

A big thank you to everyone who came to watch the game and cheer on the children.

