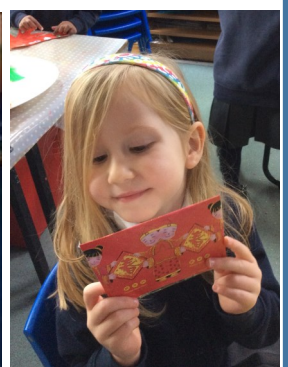


Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year fell on 22nd of January and so this week and our Nursery children have been learning all about this important holiday for many Asian Countries. They learnt Chinese ribbon dancing in PE, made Chinese dragons and today had the opportunity to taste some Chinese food.



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Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **97.6%** which is
above our school target.

Reception	94.7%
Year One	99.33%
Year Two	97.33%
Year Three	97.42%
Year Four	98.13%
Year Five	95.45%
Year Six	95.15%

Keyboard Lessons

If your child has a keyboard lesson in school please note that next week Mr Moon's keyboard lesson will be taking place on Friday rather than Thursday.



Let's Connect!

As you are already aware, Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from the 6th-12th February and on Friday, 10th February we will be hosting a community event in school.

Friends/family members of each child are invited into school to share a drink and a cake with them whilst enjoying a game of bingo. In order to accommodate all who wish to join us, please can we ask that no more than two people attend for each child.

We will be talking to the children during the course of Children's Mental Health Week about the importance of meaningful connections with family, friends and other people in our lives to support our health and wellbeing and hope to see you at our community event.

You will shortly be receiving a time slot via a Parentmail Form and we would be grateful if you could reply so we know how many people will be attending each session.

As we are anticipating that this will be a popular event we would be grateful if you could support us by making donations of cakes. These can either be bought or home baked and we would be grateful if they could be brought in to school on Thursday 9th February.



Year Two Design and Technology

Year Two have been making lorries that move. In order for them to be successful the lorry must move straight, be strong, look realistic and have an original logo. The whole class did a great job reflecting and making adjustments to make sure the lorries were the best they could be.



Change to Lunch Menu

Please note that on Wednesday next week we will be making a change to our lunchtime menu as follows:-

Beef chilli with rice and tortilla chips

Or

Quorn Parcel

The lunch can be ordered via your Parentpay account as usual.

Year Three and Four Visit to Chester

Our Year Three and Four children are looking forward to their visit to Chester next week which will include a Roman workshop, and taking part in a military formation march.

Contributions of £27.50 are invited towards the cost of the visit and are now due. Thank you to everyone who has already paid in full.



Drinks

We ask that every child brings a drink into school each day and we have the facility for them to re-fill their drink with water during the school day should they require it.

We have noticed that in recent weeks children have started to bring in the Prime drinks which, although popular, are energy drinks and are not suitable for school.

Could we please remind parents that children should only be bringing water as a drink in their water bottles to keep them hydrated.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Draw results

£25,000 Jackpot

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£9.30 - won by Ms T
(STAFFORD)

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Year Two Zoolab

On Thursday 2nd February children in Year Two will be visited by Zoo Lab Animals during school time, to explore caring for animals as a part of their science learning. They will take part in the work shop 'Caring for Living Things'.

This workshop emphasises what we need to do to look after animals, plants and the planet. Exploring the diverse requirements of a range of Zoo Lab animals, we discover that often creatures need the same core things to survive; food, water, oxygen and protection/shelter. Using active learning techniques and building on prior knowledge this value driven show teaches respect for all living things.

If there any children with allergies that may be affected by this visit or if you have any other concerns please speak to Miss Walker prior to event taking place.

We are asking for a contribution of £9 per child to be paid, via ParentPay, ASAP. Insufficient contributions may result in this visit being cancelled. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.



Science Week

Each class from Year One through to Year Six has enjoyed taking part in a morning of science learning this week. From making volcanoes to learning about magnetic forces every class has had an exciting opportunity to take part in some hands on science.



Pokemon County Cup

On Monday our girls and boy's School Games Cup winners went to Stafford Town to meet the other winners from across the County in the Pokemon Schools Cup. Our boys played very well but thanks to some bad luck and great goalkeeping from the opposition teams came out on the wrong side of 3 close games.

The girls lost their first game 1-0 in another close match but bounced back fantastically to go the remainder of the competition undefeated with 2 convincing wins and a draw. A great effort by the girls which saw them crowned as runners up for Staffordshire!

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part and represented the school so well!



Congratulations to our girls football team who were runners up in the tournament having won the Stafford and district cup earlier in the year.



tread

We are delighted to inform you that Tread Productions will be re-starting a new performing arts group here at Oakridge, starting after half term.

Over the past 15 years, Tread has developed into one of the UK's leading Theatre schools for young performers. Tread offers high quality training in the Performing Arts and students have enjoyed huge success within Television, Film and Theatre as a result of their commitment to Tread.

The weekly club will offer children the opportunity to work with professional actors every week in order to develop their performance skills. Classes have proven to develop self-confidence, communication and concentration skills amongst other vital performance techniques that can be used in their everyday life. The sessions are designed by Tread Directors and professional actors Helen Noble (Hollyoaks) & Graham Tudor (West End leading actor) & are delivered by members of their professional team. All of the actors hold valid DBS certificates and have extensive teaching experience with young children. The club will cost approximately £8 per session, further details and registration information will be forwarded from Tread.

Initially, we would like to offer children from **Key Stage Two** a chance to attend a free 'taster' session on Thursday 9th February from 3.30-5pm. This will give your child an excellent opportunity to see if this is the club for them!



The promotional image features the Tread logo at the top left, with the tagline 'Theatre, Representation, Entertainment Acting Schools, Dramaworks.' below it. A circular badge on the right side of the image states 'For children aged 5-16'. The central image shows a group of children in a studio setting, some holding up colorful puppets and others in green costumes. At the bottom, the text reads 'Weekly Tread Classes' in a large, bold font, followed by 'Led by Professional Actors from Stage & TV' in a smaller font.

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