



# NEWSLETTER

7TH JULY 2023

## Golden Book

**C**ongratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assembly this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Reaching for the Stars".



- Reception - Yathra, Sofia, Bobby and Josh
- Year One - Rosie, Alice, Alfie and Jacob
- Year Two - Lauren and Benji
- Year Three - Lili, Harvey, Clark, Ruby and Tom
- Year Four - Sathvik and Daisy
- Year Five - Harry, Alfie and Sarah
- Year Six - Jayden and Elsie

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Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **96.1%** which is  
**above** our school target.

Reception	91.7%
Year One	96.0%
Year Two	94.3%
Year Three	96.8%
Year Four	98.8%
Year Five	98.8%
Year Six	96.1%

## Year Three Brass Concert

**O**n Friday 14th July our Year Three class will be holding an informal brass concert and performing some pieces of music which they have learnt during their lessons this term.

The performance will begin at 2.30pm and everyone is welcome to come and watch.

## Millionaire Readers

**C**ongratulations to our most recent Millionaire readers who received their certificates in assembly last week.



## The Summer Reading Challenge

**O**n Tuesday we had a visit from the schools Library Service to promote the reading challenge during a whole school assembly.

Get the children signed up to this year's summer reading challenge; Ready Set Read which starts in Staffordshire Libraries on Saturday 8th July and runs until 10th September. The Summer Reading Challenge is FREE to join and encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read!

The challenge is aimed for children aged 4-11 and this year they are also offering a mini challenge for younger readers. Once children sign up they will get a booklet to mark their progress and stickers along the way and of course that all important medal and certificate when they complete.

For more information please pop into your local library or <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone> so please encourage your child to sign up and get reading this summer.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready,  
Set,  
**Read!**

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

## Year Four Visit to Coventry Cathedral

On Monday our Year Four children went on a visit to Coventry Cathedral where they learnt all about the history of the building and how it was re-built after the Second World War.



## Year 5 Pizza!

Year 5 have enjoyed making pizzas this week as part of their D and T curriculum.

Well done Year Five — they look delicious!



## Sports Day

Please find below the arrangements for Sports day:-

**KS1** - Wednesday 12th July at 1.30pm

**KS2** — Wednesday 12th July at 9.15am

On the day children should come into school wearing their Oakridge PE kit but wearing a coloured t-shirt instead of their Oakridge PE top.

This year, as previous years, we are having a photographers registration form. It will be a requirement for all spectators who intend to take photographs during sports day to complete a registration declaration.

The signatory must ensure that all images are used solely for their own domestic use and that they will not place any recordings or images on social networking sites unless they are of their individual child only.

We will be holding a special athletics assembly on the last day of term to present awards.

## Good Bye Miss Walker!

Next Friday we will be saying good bye to Miss Walker for a short while as she starts her maternity leave.

I'm sure you will join us in wishing her all the best and we look forward to hearing all about her new arrival.



## Scooters

Due to an increasing number of incidents of children being injured by scooters, and numerous complaints, could we please ask that children do not come into school on scooters for the rest of the term.

We will review the decision again in September and thank you for your co-operation.



## Parent Governor Election

Just a reminder that we currently have a vacancy at school for a parent governor and should you wish to apply the closing date is Monday 10th July at 9.00am. The school has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to our children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training. If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form.

## Talent Camp 23

This summer our end of year production is 'Talent Camp '23'. It is a musical written around a combination of songs from different musicals with a story about a group of children at a talent camp and what happens when they get trapped in a rehearsal room. Parents and children from all year groups are invited to attend and it should be a very exciting event!

There will be three performances on:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm

For both of these performances we are restricted to just 100 seats. Tickets cost £6.00 each for all performances and can be paid for via your ParentPay Account. Please order and pay for your tickets by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

We will do our best to accommodate as many people as possible but as I am sure you will understand that the school hall can only hold so many.



## Year 5/6 Stafford District Primary School Sports Association Athletics Competition

On Wednesday Oakridge took a team of 30 Year 5/6 children to take part in an athletics competition at Rowley Park. Children took part in a range of throwing, running, jumping and relay events to score points for their team. Oakridge had a number of podium finishes and performed excellently throughout, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 10 schools across the district.

Well done to all the children who took part! A special mention to all the Year 6's who represented the school for the last time, having achieved some amazing results in their time at Oakridge in a range of sports events and competitions. We hope you all continue to enjoy and flourish in sport at secondary school!

