



NEWSLETTER

22ND SEPTEMBER 2023

Golden Book

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



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| Reception - | Eve and Grace |
| Year One - | Teddy and Lizzy |
| Year Two - | Evelyn, Leonardo and Robyn |
| Year Three - | Ollie and Emily |
| Year Four - | Tom and Ruby |
| Year Five - | Fleur and Jeremi |
| Year Six - | Demir and Shayan |



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Reception Phonics

Thank you to all of the parents who attended one of our phonics meetings on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend or would like a copy of the presentation please speak to Mrs. Evans, the class teacher.

KS2 Maths Workshop

Just a reminder that the KS2 Maths Workshop for parents is next Wednesday 27th September at 9.15am and repeated at 6.30pm.

~ Bikeability ~

Year 4 have their Bikeability training next week on Thursday 28th September.

Please ensure P.E Kit is worn on this day.

Y5 and Y6 Trip to Botanical Gardens

We are looking forward to our visit to The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham on Monday.

Please ensure children wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Working Together— Parental Workshops

We strongly believe that working with parents is so important in developing a strong partnership to help and support your child to achieve their best. This week we held our first phonics workshops for parents in Reception and we know from the feedback that parents really appreciated them.

Next Wednesday we will be holding a maths workshop for the parents of children in KS2. Once again we will run the workshop twice in order that we give as many parents the opportunity to attend. The first workshop will be held at 9:15am and repeated again at 6:30pm.

The workshop will share with you our approach to teaching maths, the importance of retrieval practice and the role that parents can play to support their children in their home learning. We will also look at the importance of mental mathematics and recall of number facts as well as helping you understand the expectations for your child whichever KS2 class they are in.

We really appreciate your support and by working together we can all support our children to be the best that they can be.

Year 2 Parents - Accelerated Reader workshop:

October 3rd at 9.15am and 6.30pm

Year 6 Parents - Sats Workshop;

October 19th at 6.00pm



Handwriting

Handwriting introduced in the National curriculum 2014, requires children to be able to produce 'fluent, legible and, eventually, speedy handwriting'

We teach handwriting regularly. In Year 2 children begin to learn continuous cursive writing (joined). Usually during KS2, children graduate to writing in ink once they've achieved a certain level of competence in writing with a pencil.

At Oakridge we acknowledge this milestone by giving children a certificate called a pen licence: a certificate that states that they are now allowed and expected to use ink for both their schoolwork and home learning. 'Pen licences formalise the transition from pencil to ink, and the prospect of earning a pen licence is used by teachers as a motivator to encourage children to develop the required standard of handwriting.

Teachers will usually assess children's work over a number of weeks to decide whether they're ready for a pen licence, rather than basing their decision on a one-off handwriting test. We share the steps to achieve a pen licence with the children through clear success criteria which we teach and facilitate at school.

With time and practice, most children will develop their own handwriting style that works in both pencil and pen. We feel it is important to share our pen licence success criteria with you so you can support your child at home.



Oakridge Pen Licence Criteria

- ⇒ Use an effective writing tool grip which results in **high quality presentation**.
- ⇒ Writing is always on the line with clear spacing (appropriate gaps between words).
- ⇒ All letters start in the correct place and are **formed correctly** relative to one another.
- ⇒ Letters are consistently the same size.
- ⇒ All ascending and descending strokes are the right length, angle and position on the line.
- ⇒ Letters are joined correctly.
- ⇒ Writing is clear and presented successfully for other people to read in **all subjects**.

Sporting Clubs

It has been great to see our Sporting Clubs so well attended again since we started back in September. On Thursday evening it was our Years 3 and 4 multi skills club where the children all had a great time playing basketball.



Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and reliable individual to join our excellent team of Lunchtime Supervisors.

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Supervising children during their break both inside and outside.
- Promoting positive behaviour through leading play activities.

Guidance will be given on:

- Health and Safety
- First Aid
- School Policies and Procedures.

If you wish to find out more or have any general enquires around this role, please contact Mrs Edwards in the school office.

Caretaker Position 15 hours per week

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity in our school to work alongside our dedicated and talented team. We are seeking to appoint a site supervisor who is proactive and takes pride in a job well done. You will be expected to carry out a wide range of duties and ensure that the fabric of the school, furnishings and grounds are maintained to the highest standard at all times. You will need to evidence that you have a good level of competency in areas of property maintenance. It is expected that the hours of work will be 8.00am – 11.00am everyday although there is flexibility as to how these hours can be worked.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, resilient and highly motivated person to work alongside staff and governors to ensure that our learning environment is of the highest quality

If you are interested please contact Mrs Edwards in the school office.

Year 6 Bikeability



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week our Year Six children completed the Level Two Bikeability course which was delivered by Velo Cyclist Training.

Over two days they learned how to ride their bikes with more confidence and you may have seen them out and about as they negotiated our local roads .

Well done to everyone who took part and gained their Level Two award!

