



# NEWSLETTER

10TH NOVEMBER 2023

## Year 5 and Year 6 Greek Day

Year 5 and 6 have had a great day on Wednesday learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation and having the opportunity to try on some armour before practising their Greek fighting techniques.



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## Year 4 Visit to The Wolseley Centre

Year 4 had a great time being a Nature Ranger at The Wolseley Centre. We learnt about the 12 Cannock Chase Codes and how these teach us to protect the Chase.

We had great fun going wildlife hunting and learning how the creatures we found adapt to the environment.



## Farewell and Welcome

**B**efore half term we said goodbye to Dave Dawson our wonderful caretaker who had been with us here at Oakridge for 6 years. We will all miss him very much and we all wish him the very best with his retirement!



We now give a warm welcome our new caretaker Mr Sullivan.



## Children in Need

### Friday 17th November

**C**hildren can come to school in non uniform on this day in exchange for a donation.

Donations should be made by copying the link below into your browser.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11588>

Please do not send cash into school but use the link so your donation goes directly to the Charity.



## Flu Vaccines

### Monday 13th November

**T**he immunisation team are with us on Monday 13th November for the childhood flu vaccination programme.

If you haven't given consent for your child already and would like to; please use the link below:

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

(Choose the following from the dropdown list:  
**Oakridge Primary School – 13 Nov 2023 – Flu**

Your school code is: **SS124130-23)**

## Reception Maths

### Workshop for Parents

**J**ust a reminder that we have a Maths Workshop for parents of our Reception children next **Wednesday 15th November at 9.15am.**

We hope to see many of you there.

Please come to main reception, many thanks.

## Carol Concert Thursday 21st December at 6.30pm

**P**reparations for the Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Baswich Lane on Thursday 21st December have already started.

Year 6 children have an important role to play as they will be reading between songs and some will have the chance to perform as a soloist or as part of a small group.

With this in mind, we need confirmation of any Year 6 children who will not be attending and any children who are unable to participate in either the rehearsals, performance or both due to religious beliefs.

A ParentMail form has been sent out this week to the Year 6 children only. If you can please complete this form no later than Wednesday 15th November. Thank you.

## 2024 Year 6 Ireland Visit

**W**e are really excited to be able to take our Year Six children to Ireland once again next year. The dates for the week long visit to Ireland are from Monday 20th May returning on Friday 24th May 2024. It is a fantastic opportunity for our children to discover another country, culture and heritage.

We have sent out a form to all Year Six parents and would be grateful if you could complete you please complete this ParentMail form sent to you before **Friday 17th November**.



Our website is : [www.oakridge.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.oakridge.staffs.sch.uk)

## “Be Bright, Be Seen”

**A**t this time of year many children will be travelling to or from school throughout the Winter months in the dark.

For this reason, it is important to encourage everyone to dress accordingly for these conditions.

Bright and reflective clothing can greatly reduce the risk of children being involved in a road traffic accident and will help keep them safer whilst walking, scooting or cycling to school.

“Be Bright, Be Seen” will be in school on Tuesday 14th November to hold an assembly for all classes.



THE OAKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Christmas Fair

PLEASE  
SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
5.30<sup>PM</sup> - 7.30<sup>PM</sup>



## Earrings during P.E

A reminder please that only a stud earring is allowed during the school day but must be removed for all P.E activities.

Children must be able to remove their own earrings themselves; they cannot be covered.

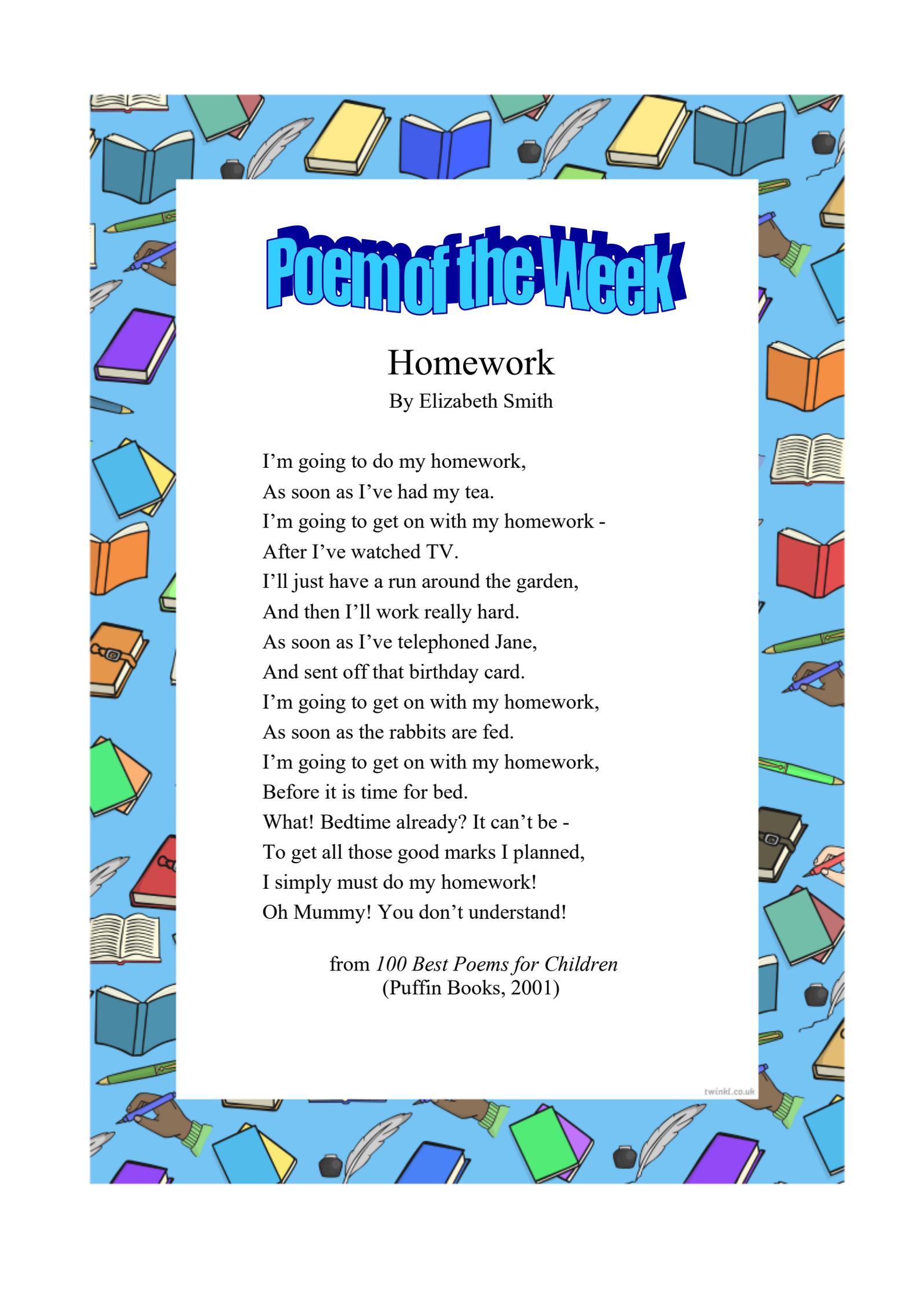
Many thanks for your co-operation.



Please note there will be no Sporting clubs on next Monday 13th or Thursday 16th November due to football fixtures.

Mondays fixture is our Year 3 and 4 girls and boys here at Oakridge vs Barnfields.

Thursdays fixture is Year 3 and 4 boys here at Oakridge vs Springfields.



# Poem of the Week

## Homework

By Elizabeth Smith

I'm going to do my homework,  
As soon as I've had my tea.  
I'm going to get on with my homework -  
After I've watched TV.  
I'll just have a run around the garden,  
And then I'll work really hard.  
As soon as I've telephoned Jane,  
And sent off that birthday card.  
I'm going to get on with my homework,  
As soon as the rabbits are fed.  
I'm going to get on with my homework,  
Before it is time for bed.  
What! Bedtime already? It can't be -  
To get all those good marks I planned,  
I simply must do my homework!  
Oh Mummy! You don't understand!

from *100 Best Poems for Children*  
(Puffin Books, 2001)



Let's get **GREENER**  
and



# RE-UNIFORM

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WE ARE LAUNCHING A SCHOOL UNIFORM  
RECYCLING PROJECT TO HELP MAXIMISE THE  
AMOUNT OF OAKRIDGE UNIFORM THAT IS  
RE-USED.



## Bring!

Please bring any pre-loved branded uniform (jumpers, cardigans, PE kit and ties) that you no longer need into school. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Items must be in good, clean condition.



## Buy!

Pre-loved uniform items will be available to buy at significantly discounted prices at school events throughout the year.