



NEWSLETTER

8TH MARCH 2024

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 "History".



Reception -	Olivia B and Daisy
Year One -	Olive and Alayna
Year Two -	Evie and Henry
Year Three -	Eden and Soren
Year Five -	Lawrence and Rosa
Year Six -	Musa and Leon



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Florence Day

Year 1 and 2

On Friday 15th March Year 1 and 2 will be having a Florence Day.

The day will involve a variety of activities linked to Florence Nightingale and her impact on society.

The children are invited to dress up as doctors, nurses or any other clinicians to keep in the with the theme of the day.

As part of the day, we have booked a drama workshop for the children.

This is live on ParentPay. We are asking for a contribution of £8 towards the day.

Red Nose Day



Also, Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Children can come into school wearing non-uniform as long as you wear something red!

Donations can be made to Comic Relief via this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13636>

Pre-loved Uniform

We want to maximise the amount of Oakridge uniform that is re-used to help reduce the impact on the environment and save our families some money.

We have therefore set up a pre-loved uniform request service.

Request slips are available at the office. Once completed please return back to the office by Fridays at 12pm.

You will then await a confirmation message letting you know your items are ready to collect. If we cannot provide you with all items you have requested right away, we will keep a record and once any become available we will be in touch.

Clothing items are £3 each except ties which are £1.50, cash only please.

Year 3 to visit

Gladstone Potteries

On Tuesday our Year 3 children will be visiting 'Gladstone Potteries' as part of their knowledge and understanding, "What's special about the potteries?" The visit will deepen the children's understanding of both the historical and geographical aspects of Stoke-on-Trent. In addition, they will learn about this famous pottery industry and have the opportunity to create their own piece of pottery to bring home.

Please make sure to give consent via ParentPay or a hand written letter. We need this for you child to be able to attend.

If we receive insufficient contributions the visit maybe cancelled.

World Book Day



World Book Day

Reception children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters and sharing their favourite books. The class also joined a live story time session with author Raahat Kaduji, followed by a drawing session with her based on the story 'I'm not sleepy'.



Year 1 and year 2 Nurse Visit

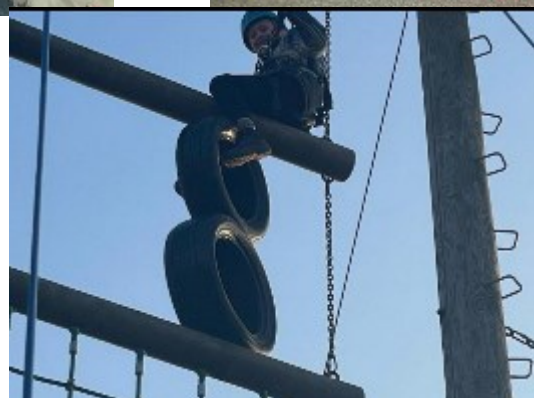
On Tuesday Year 1 and 2 classes had a wonderful visit from Nurse Claire.

During this experience the children learnt about modern nursing and how the profession has changed over the years. They learnt about the different equipment, what hospitals are like and the role of the nurse. They also had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and handle some nursing resources.

A HUGE 'Thank You' to Nurse Claire.



Year 4 at Whitemoor Lakes Residential



Year 5 and Year 6 - Home Front Talk

The children Year 5 and 6 were visited by our regular historical expert on the Ancient Greek civilisation; however, this time he was coming to talk to the children about his father's experiences in Britain as a young boy during WW2. We heard tales of bombers overhead, rationing and childhood friends. The children listened intently and it added to their knowledge of life in Britain during the conflict. A special thanks to Murray for volunteering his time for free to come and visit us again at Oakridge.



Upcoming Dates in March

12th	Y3 Gladstone Potteries
12th	Y4 Pyramid Concert 6.30pm
13th	Y4 Pyramid Concert 6.30pm
14th	JC Academy Meet & Greet
15th	Red Nose Day
15th	Y1 & 2 Florence Day
18th-22nd	Y5 Standon Bowers
19th	Y4 Gladstone Potteries
22nd	Y1 & 2 Fundraiser 2pm

Diary Dates

Tuck

Apologies, but due to a ParentPay issue this morning the majority of tuck wasn't issued.

We will sort refunds out as soon as possible.

Standon Bowers

Any parents who were unable to attend the parents meeting please see the handouts that have been sent out via ParentMail from Mrs Perkin.

Please also ensure you complete medical forms asap. Thank you.



Sports

Please note there will be no after school Sports club on Thursday 14th March as we have a Year 3 and 4 football match against Pirehill First School.



Year Four

Pyramid Concerts

All of the tickets requested for the 2 evenings for the Pyramid Concerts have now been processed. As Year 4 are away on their residential until later today, we have sent tickets home in bags with those who have siblings earlier this week. Tickets can also be collected from the office.

Any remaining tickets we will try to send home with children upon their return and if not then we will ensure you have them by Monday. Many thanks.

School Dinners

We are frequently finding that school dinners are not being booked. Please can we remind you to book these daily before 8am via ParentPay. This is important as we cook to order.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **94.4%** which is **below** our school target.

Reception	92.3%
Year One	88.7%
Year Two	93.0%
Year Three	99.4%
Year Four	96.6%
Year Five	95.3%
Year Six	94.7%

please note:

**There will be no flute or
clarinet lessons on Tuesday
12th March.**

Poem of the Week

Tinker...Tailor

By Michaela Morgan

I could be a lawyer, a doctor, a teacher, a vet.
I could be a mother, an artist, or the pilot of a jet.
I could be the one who speaks up for a revolution
Or a steady force for status, calm, order, institution.
I could be a strutting model or a structural engineer
Or I could march in uniform to fight foe or fire or fear.
I could be a juggler...a jeweller...
What could be my scene?
Whatever it is, I choose to be
A full-fledged human being.

from Reaching the Stars: Poems about Extraordinary Women &
Girls

THANK YOU
for all the
donations and
purchases
so far! 😊



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PRE-LOVED
♥
UNIFORM

scheme is expanding...

Due to the popularity of our pre-loved uniform, we are making it easier for you to purchase items throughout the year!

OUTGROWN YOUR CURRENT UNIFORM?



Bring!

Please bring any pre-loved uniform that you no longer need into school. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Items must be in good, clean condition.



REQUEST!

Pre-loved uniform can be requested through the school office. We will check what we have in stock and contact you to let you know. Items must be collected from the office and paid for in cash.



Buy!

Pre-loved uniform items can also be purchased at school events throughout the year.

