



NEWSLETTER

3RD MAY 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 "Resilience".



- Year One - Stanley and Elouise
- Year Two - Sam and Jack
- Year Three - George and Imogen
- Year Four - Ben and Lily
- Year Five - Emily and Snigdha
- Year Six - Aydin, Alfie H and Jess

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Curriculum Enrichment

This week has been an incredibly busy and exciting week when it comes to curriculum enrichment. On Monday after school Oakridge organised and hosted the Stafford and District Sports Partnership girls football competition attended by eight different schools. The girls performed magnificently winning all their group games and their semi final without conceding a goal before being beaten 1-0 in extra time.

The sport continued on Tuesday when our Year 3 and 4 footballers won their two league games 6-1 and 8-0 and on Wednesday Mr Rowell took our Year 5 and 6 rugby players to the schools tournament at Stafford Rugby Club where once again they played their hearts out. Thursday saw our cross country runners compete in the third and final race of the season and after some great performances the girls won the bronze medal. Thursday also saw Year 3 and 4 visit Liverpool where they learnt about the geography of the city attended a workshop about global trade, developed their artwork in the style of Peter Blake all before taking a trip on the world famous Ferry across the Mersey. On the same day Nursery children visited Ash End Farm and today Reception visited Blisthill museum and our Year 5 and 6 netballers take part in the Stafford Schools Tournament.

Our school vision says that we want to provide the children with a range of enrichment opportunities and this week that vision has really been evident.

Whether it has been a sporting event or an enrichment trip our children have cast a fabulous shadow and their good behaviour is often commented upon by the general public and museum guides. An example of this was in in Liverpool where the guides commented on the children's conduct as well as their outstanding knowledge. Even visiting tourists from Finland commented on how smart and well behaved the children were!

Finally I would like to thank all the staff at school who make these visits and experiences happen and the fabulous parents who join us on the trips and support our sporting teams. Thankyou!



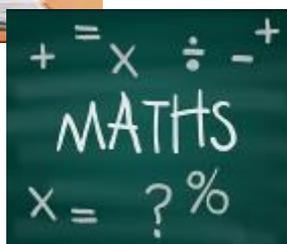
Morning Clubs

A reminder please to arrive at 8.30am for any clubs that your child is attending before school (for example 'reading club' or 'maths club').

We are finding some children are arriving much earlier and so they are having to go into 8 o'clock club and therefore parents receiving a charge for this.

If you do not want your child in 8 o'clock club, please be mindful of the time you are dropping off your child.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

This year we will once again be giving the children in Year 6 the opportunity to order a leavers hoodie as a reminder of their time at Oakridge

The design will be the same as in previous years with each child's name appearing in the year number on the back.

The cost depends on the size ordered.

Age 7-8 Years (29" chest)	- £20.00
Age 9-11 Years (32" chest)	- £20.00
Age 12-13 Years (34" chest)	- £20.00
Small Adult (36" chest)	- £23.50
Medium Adult (40" chest)	- £23.50

If you would like to order a hoodie could you please complete the ParentMail form stating which size you require and make payment via ParentPay by Thursday 16th May 2024. Each child's name will appear within the number 24 on the back of the hoodie. We are aware that some children like to shorten their name so we have put an additional box on the form for you to state how you would like your child's name to appear. Only first names will be printed.

Hoodies will be delivered to school before the end of term.



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **97%** which is **above** our school target.

Reception	96.7%
Year One	95.3%
Year Two	97.7%
Year Three	94.2%
Year Four	99.4%
Year Five	98.7%
Year Six	97.2%

Positive Feedback

We would like to share with you some lovely feedback we have received this week.

"I just wanted to drop an email as I rarely see you to say thank you for organising the farm trip for the children. Miles had the most wonderful time and despite being absolutely shattered this evening was so enthusiastic to tell us all about it! Thank you to all the team for your hard work! Miles is absolutely loving Nursery at the moment. Everyday he's bursting to tell us all about the caterpillars and was impressing us with his amazing vocabulary! When your 3 year old is using words like metamorphosis in the correct context you know they attend a first class setting! Miles has matured such a lot in the past few months and it's down to your consistently high standards and expectations. I will be so sad when he leaves you because you really have given him the best start possible."

Thank you
for your
Feedback



"Hi Mr Fisher,

Thank you for letting me come today, I had a lovely day.

Just thought I'd let you know that I was stopped by someone getting off the ferry. They were with their family who were over from Finland.

They wanted to say how smart all the children looked (the people from Finland don't wear school uniform, so we're mesmerised apparently) and they praised the children on how well behaved and polite they all were! They said they were a credit to the school.

Just thought you would like to know. Although Oakridge are always a credit to the school and have such lovely children."

Sports Report

This week has been a very busy week for school Sport as Oakridge with a sports event or fixture on every night. We have had 41 children represent the school this week in football, tag rugby, cross country and netball.

On Monday Oakridge hosted the rearranged girls football festival on our school field which saw 8 teams compete for the trophy won last year by Oakridge. The teams were split in two groups with two teams qualifying from each group for the semi-finals. Oakridge won their group with 3 wins over Veritas, St Leonards and Leasowes and therefore qualified for a semi-final against Barnfields. Oakridge dominated the semi final and a hat-trick from Jenny saw Oakridge progress to a final against Stafford Prep. The final was a close game where Oakridge came the closest when Jenny's shot struck the bar. 0-0 at full time meant the game went to extra time where Stafford Prep scored the only goal to finish as champions. Well done to all the girls involved and a great performance by all of our girls to finish as runners-up.



On Tuesday night it was the turn of our Year 3 / 4 football team to finally get the defence of their trophy under way in the Stafford and Stone Primary Schools cup, following a number of cancellations due to poor weather. Oakridge started their campaign very strongly with two great team performances and two convincing wins against Woodseaves. The first game finished 6-1 and the second 8-0. We have our second block of fixtures next week against Pirehill.

Thursday saw the much-anticipated final race of the Stafford and District School Sports Association Cross Country competition at Stafford Grammar. Going into the race there was all to race for with the team standings in both the girls and boys events very close. Our boys just missed out on a medal finishing in 4th place, however following a fantastic last race from our girls team we were delighted to see them pick up a bronze medal. A fantastic effort from all the children involved! We now look forward to the 'School Games' cross country events for Years 3-6 that are running over the next three weeks.



May Day

Reminder

*Bank Holiday – School
Closed*

Monday 6th May

Poem of the Week

The Trees by Philip Larkin

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

*The BBC has an animated version of this poem available to watch online
at <https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20151201-a-beautiful-animation-of-philip-larkins-the-trees>*



COMING SOON...

THE
OAKRIDGE PRIMARY
SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM

DISCO

THURSDAY 16TH MAY

FOUNDATION & KEY STAGE 1: 5.30 - 6.30PM

KEY STAGE 2: 6.45 - 7.45PM

ALL DRINKS INCLUDED!

ENTRANCE
£1
ON DOOR

TUCK SHOP!

GLOW SHOP!

Selling headbands, glasses, jewellery, glow sticks
and much, much more (all items £1.50 or less) ...

PLEASE BRING
CASH

SAVE THE DATE!