

News from Oakridge CP School



Friday 15th March 2024

We've had another busy two weeks with so many exciting things going on and developments across school. World Book Day was a success of epic proportions. If you get a chance come and see the fabulous "book in a box" entries.

We've been very busy continuing to develop our learning areas in Seahorse Class with an amazing provision area that provides a transition bridge between EYFS and KS1.

Our sports teams have also excelled and it was with pride I watched both our Y3/4 hockey team and our football team show true sporting spirit in their support for one another and their respect for their opponents and referees.

Finally, another huge thank you to our phenomenal PTFA who hosted another hugely successful Easter Bingo. We are so fortunate that we are in such a wonderful and supportive community.

EYFS

EYFS have been focusing on mass and capacity in maths. The children used containers in the water tray and were asked to fill them to different capacities such as half full.



The children have really enjoyed subitising this week. This means they recognise arrangements of numbers without actually needing to count them. This skill has been shown to be a fantastic indicator of future maths success.



Seahorse Class

We are reading: The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl

Ask us about: The Life Cycle



The children are learning about different animals' life-cycles in Science.

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They went to the pond where they spotted lots of frog spawn and a few frogs.

Dolphin Class

We are reading: October October by Katya Balen

Ask us about: Biomes



KS2 welcomed KS1 into their classroom to share the wonderful stories they had written.

KS2 were interested to see what they had been doing.



Dolphin class have written some fantastic letters to Rishi Sunak advising him on the issue of deforestation.



A group of year 3 and 4s travelled to WSF for a competitive afternoon of hockey.

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Community Library

We want our children to love reading and books. Having positive reading role-models will encourage them to read more themselves.

In the foyer of the school we have a selection of books for adults kindly donated by the National Literacy Trust.

Please have a browse, take a book and, when you're finished, bring it back to swap with another book.



They played fantastically coming second in their group and fourth place overall.

Straw's Cup

The Oakridge football team travelled to Eskdale on Tuesday for the annual Straw's Cup tournament.

A 1-1 draw with Lythe proved the highlight of the group stage after being placed in the toughest of groups that also contained Stakesby and West Cliff.

The shield competition beckoned. Oakridge raised their game to complete a comprehensive victory over Egton meaning they will now travel to Whitby Town for the final where they will battle it out once more with West Cliff. Date to be confirmed.

Easter

We would like to invite all of our local community to an Easter Assembly with Reverend Jackson at 1pm on Tuesday 19th March.

EYFS Stay and Play

Come to our next session where your child can enjoy accessing our provision while getting to know our routines with the comfort of a familiar face watching on.

Thursday 18th April 10.30 – 12.00

Friday 10th May 14.00 – 15.15

If you would like to stay for lunch with your child after this session, please inform the school office and we can order your meal.

We will also welcome our new starters for transition week in the week beginning 8th July. Please contact school for details.

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World Book Day!

We had a huge week of book related activities in celebration of WBD 2024.



Every child in the school received a free book courtesy of the National Literacy Trust.



KS1 and KS2 travelled over to Lealholm last week to meet the author Isobel Thomas. Both classes took part in an exciting assembly exploring questions such as "Can dogs swim through ice cream?"



We ran a competition for the whole school to create a "book in a box". To poverty proof the competition every child took home equipment from school to make their entry.

This Snail and the Whale entry won its creator a £20 book voucher for Whitby Book Shop.



KS1 children then took part in a workshop where they learned about the peppered moth through Isobel's wonderful story. Meanwhile, KS2 learned the importance of conflict in a good story while also learning some interesting science such as how yeast defends itself when attacked by hydrogen peroxide.

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Afterschool Clubs

Tuesday – Y6 homework club

Wednesday – Year 1 and 2 Art Club

Thursday – Sports club

Attendance

Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of school life.

This week, our attendance has been

93%

This is below our target of 96%.

Celebration Assembly

Due to the staff training day on Friday 15th March, the celebration assembly will take place on Tuesday 19th March with the Easter Assembly at 1pm.

Join us to celebrate all of the fantastic work the children have been doing and particularly these children who have excelled over the past two weeks:

Stars of the Week: Reggie and Peter

Special Award: Stirling and Isabella

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: Marlie

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 14th March – PTFA Easter Bingo

Fri 15th March – Staff Training Day

Tues 19th March – Happy Easter Lunch

Tues 19th March – Easter Service Assembly with Reverend Malcolm Jackson and Celebration Assembly (families and community members are invited to attend)

Weds 20th-22nd March – Yr3/4 Peat Rigg Residential Trip

Fri 22nd March – Last Day of Spring Term

Mon 8th April – First Day of Summer Term

Thurs 11th April – Swimming

Fri 12th April – Messy Church 3:30pm

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday

Fri 10th May – Messy Church 3:30pm

Mon 27th May-Fri 31st May – Half Term

Thurs 13th – 14th June – Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

Fri 14th June – Messy Church 3:30pm

Weds 3rd July – KS2 Let's Learn Moor 2024

Fri 12th July – Staff Training Day

Mon 8TH July – Transition Week

Mon 22nd July Last Day of Summer Term