

# News from Oakridge CP School



# 17th November 2022

We've had another fantastic couple of weeks here with everything from Christmas Fayres, new pets and family reading carousels. All of this on top of the excellent learning that's been going on throughout school.

#### Our new class pet!

Seahorse class are so excited about their new class pet Derek. He seems to have already settled happily and demonstrates a dare-devil attitude!





#### **Gem Powers**

You may have heard your child talking about gem powers over the last few weeks.

Each of the gems relates to behaviours we are looking for in school. So far, we have introduced:

Diamond - independence

Sapphire – concentration

Emerald - resilience



## Methodist Chapel Christmas Fayre

The children spent the remarkable amount of £95.60 at yesterday's Christmas Fayre. As well as raising money for a good cause, it was a lovely opportunity for the children to get out into the community.

Thank you for supporting this especially those of you who having missed the original notice, dashed around yesterday morning to bring money into school.

## **England V. Iran**





As a special treat, on Monday afternoon, the children will get to watch England's opening match of the World Cup against Iran.



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### **Family Reading Carousel**





The children loved having time to share books.





Food tasting and hot chocolates were a particular highlight for the children.

# <u>Message from Sonya Easthope – Chair of Governors</u>

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, organise and deliver the reading carousel.

Thank you to those parents who attended and shared with the children how much they delight in reading.

Thank you to the children for their positive attitudes and the enjoyment they showed whilst reading and listening to stories. How lucky you are to have books to choose from and take home.

It was so rewarding to see children's smiles and their confident interactions with the adults and other children. Children who are stronger readers were willingly reading to others and holding their interest. Such a genuinely happy story time.

If you missed out on this super opportunity to get involved with your child's school, don't forget to put the event in your diary when the next one comes around. Hope to see you there.



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#### **Seahorse Class**



Children in Seahorse class earning lots of sapphire power by staying on task.



These boys are building up their diamond power by using resources to support them with their maths rather than asking for help.

#### Celebration!

Come and join us tomorrow at <u>2.50pm</u> to celebrate the children's wonderful achievements over the past two weeks.

Stars of the Week: Ben, Jennifer, William and Tommy.

Special Awards: Dexter, Elizabeth, Amelia and Dillan.

Mr Russell's BfL award: Lila.

### **Dolphin Class**



The children are engrossed in the story of Beowulf: the Anglo-Saxon legend.

They have been re-writing the story (which was of course originally an epic poem) into playscripts with the older children in particular demonstrating a good understanding of how to change from an informal to a formal register.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

Thursday  $24^{th}$  Nov – Islamic Diversity Centre visit to school 1pm

Tuesday 29th Nov - Christmas Fayre 2pm

Wednesday 30th Nov - Peat Rigg Trip

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Messy Church 3.30 – 4.30pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Parent craft afternoon 1.15-3.15pm

Wednesday 7th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 8th Dec - Whole school Panto trip

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Show 1.30 & 5.30pm

Thursday 15th Dec - KS2 trip to York

Friday 16th Dec – KS1 Nativity performance 2.15pm