

## News from Oakridge CP School



Hello from us all at Oakridge. Although we've had a few rainy days, it really feels like Spring has arrived with our daffodils blooming, frogs in abundance and even a little bit of sunshine. It's also been an incredibly busy couple of weeks with lots of exciting learning happening and an array of sporting events with plenty more excitement to



### **Lunchtimes**

Having received training in January, our year 5 and 6 sports leaders have been busy delivering a range of exciting sporting activities. With our incredible play equipment, a newly installed mud kitchen and a lot of frog-spotting, lunchtimes have become a hive of activity.



### **Nurturing School**

As we work towards our Nurture UK award, we will share one principle of Nurture with you each fortnight.

The first is:

### The Importance of Transition in Children's Lives.

We all know that change is hard. This is particularly true for children. At Oakridge, we plan ahead for the big changes (e.g. moving class) and the small changes (moving between lessons).



We offer an exciting, free breakfast club that allows your children to settle into the school day in a relaxing, nurturing environment.

If your child is finding the transition between home and school hard, please let your child's class teacher know and we can find ways to ease the transition.





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### **Sporting Events**



The year 3 and 4 children had a fantastic afternoon of gymnastics at Eskdale. They worked around a carousel of gymnastics activities led by the secondary school pupils.



Thursday was an incredibly exciting day for all of our children as they rode bikes around the school playground. The most exciting part of the day is that our teachers are now trained up to deliver cycling as part of the PE curriculum and will start in the summer term.



The year 3 and 4 children have had a very busy couple of weeks. After a trip to Whitby Sixth form for some hockey coaching, they played their first competitive match against Seton. Although the weather conditions were more akin to water polo, the children played valiantly and showed some great skill.



Our football team travelled to Seton on Wednesday for a friendly match in preparation for the upcoming Straws Cup. Again, we were slightly hampered by the weather but supporters were treated to an excellent display from both teams.



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### **Seahorse Class**



Seahorse class conducted a geography fieldtrip this week developing their understanding of their local space and how different areas of the village are used.

### **Dolphin Class**



Dolphin class further developed their understanding of the vastness of North America by learning about the different climate zones it encompasses. They had a great time recreating climate zone maps using natural materials.

### **World Book Day**

We are celebrating World Book Day tomorrow (better late than never!).

Children are wearing their pyjamas and bringing their favourite teddy and – most importantly – their favourite book.



Please join us at 2pm with your favourite book (pyjamas optional) for some shared reading activities.

### Celebration!

Please join us at 2.50pm tomorrow to celebrate our superstars:

Stars – Isabella, Regan, Reggie and Elizabeth Specials – Peter, Lila, Blake and Harry Mr Russell's BfL award - Lilly

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

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day – families welcome from 2pm.

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey

Tues 14th March - Straws Cup

Wed 15th March – Eskdale Festival and Cross Country

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery parents coffee afternoon

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March – Messy Church 3.15pm start

Fri 24th March – Inset day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tue 28th March – Easter Service at St Hilda's 9.30am

Wed 29th March - KS2 Maths Circus

Fri 31st March – Last day of Spring Term

Mon 17th April – First day of Summer Term