

# News from Oakridge CP School



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

We've had such an eventful couple of weeks that the time has flown by. I've loved seeing our exciting curriculum in action from year 6 learning about light waves to reception children learning about germs.

I've also enjoyed visiting writing lessons – an area we have identified for improvement – where I have seen children showing real engagement and desire to improve. Keep an eye out on class dojo for KS2's excellent adaptations of Goodnight Mr Tom.

## School Photographs

Our school photographer will be attending school on:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

## Year 6 parents

Don't forget the deadline to apply for a North Yorkshire Secondary School place is the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

If you need any support with this process, please let us know.

## Seahorse Class

We are reading: Mouse's Wood by Alice Melvin

Ask us about: The Great Fire of London



Seahorse class children now brush their teeth every day after lunch which we hope will develop good habits for life.



EYFS children have been intrigued by a duck visitor who this morning appeared in our garden. If you have lost a duck, please contact the school office.

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The scientists in Seahorse class investigating how far a sneeze can travel.



Dolphin class had a fantastic time at Cross Country on Monday afternoon.

## Dolphin Class

We are reading: Goodnight Mr Tom

Ask us about: Frida Kahlo



Some children in Dolphin Class have taken part in a lunchtime whittling club. They have started making model alligators. Over the course of the term, every child in KS2 will have the opportunity to take part.



We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part but particularly Isabella who ran almost the full length of the course with one shoe on after it fell off. Incredibly, she managed to finish the race in second place!

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## Family Reading Carousel

One of our pledges is to instil a love of reading into our pupils and this Autumn Term's Family Reading Carousel was a great success.



Sharing a book by the firepit.



On a reading scavenger hunt!



These boys are making colour monsters after Mrs Bannister read *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llena.

This great story encourages children to open up about their worries linking perfectly with our Nurture principle:

**Language is a vital means of communication**



The children loved browsing Whitby Book Shop's pop-up shop. We gifted every child £5 to spend. It was great to see the excitement this generated.

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## Staff Updates

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Mrs Bell is leaving Oakridge. Mrs Bell has been the cook for the last 32 years and she will be greatly missed. If any past or present pupils, staff or friends of the school would like to send Mrs Bell a card, please drop them in to the school office.

## General Teaching Assistant Post

We are excited to be recruiting a part time General Teaching Assistant to join the team at Oakridge.

For information about this post, please see the link below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/job/oakridge-community-primary-school-general-teaching-assistant>

## Halloween Bingo

The PTFA are holding the Halloween Bingo on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October!!

The doors will open at 4:45pm for hot dogs and refreshments.

Bingo will start at 5:30pm.

Any donations of raffle prizes/bingo prizes would be greatly received, please drop off at school office.

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Please join us at our Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2pm.

Tea/Coffee and lots of yummy cakes all for a great cause!!!

Any donations of cakes will be greatly received, please bring to the school office on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct morning.

## Attendance

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

This fortnight, our attendance has been

This is above than our target of 96%.

## Celebration!

Please join us at 3.10pm tomorrow (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September).

Stars – Dillan and Matilda.

Specials – Isabella and Delilah

Mr Russell's BfL award – Lilly

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## Dates for the Diary

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Messy Church

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – KS2 Friendly Football Match  
@ Seton School

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – KS2 trip to Eden Camp

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fun of the fair Meal

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Football Tournament -Team  
@Eskdale

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – School Photographs

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival @ 2:30pm

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tag Rugby KS2 Team  
@Whitby

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon @  
2pm

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sponsored Sports for  
Champions Event

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Halloween Bingo

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Messy Church

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of term

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – First day of term