

Friday 25th October

What a lovely end to the term! I had the pleasure of accompanying a small group of children delivering harvest packages into the community and it gave me such a warm feeling inside to see the joy both the children and elderly recipients shared. This was all after an absolutely gorgeous harvest festival which was so well attended.

I've also greatly enjoyed reading some amazing writing this week. Oak class's Stone Age reports are masterful and I was so impressed this morning to read some incredible acrostic poems in KS1.

Finally, I would just like to express a huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly this half-term and to the parents and wider community who have supported our PTFA who again have set a standard other PTFA's can only aspire to.

Mr Russell

Acorn Class

We are reading: Traction Man

Ask me about: Autumn

Which material can keep Humpty Dumpty safe? Acorn Class used hard boiled eggs as Humpty Dumpty and they wrapped them in different materials to see which material could keep Humpty Dumpty safe. Do ask the children which was the best material.



Acorn class enjoyed a sensory walk. This helped them to get ready to write their acrostic poems. A copy of these wonderful poems will be coming home.



To work on verbal instructions Acorn Class got out the parachute. They worked together, developing team work to keep the ball in the centre of the parachute.



Children starting primary school in September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and are due to start school in September 2025 parents can now apply for a place at school.

The application is open and closes 15th January 2025.

Please visit the webpage below for everything you need to know.

www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Community Library

In the foyer of the school we have a selection of books for adults.

We ask that you leave a book when you take a book.

We have had some lovely books added to the collection, please pop in and take a look.

The library will be accessible during school hours. Please feel free to access this.

Poppy Appeal

We have been given a box of poppies, wrist bands and key rings for this years Poppy Appeal.

If any children want to bring a donation to school and choose something out of the box, they are more than welcome to.

<https://oakridge.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

Oak Class

We are reading: Stone Age Boy
Ask me about: How shadows are formed

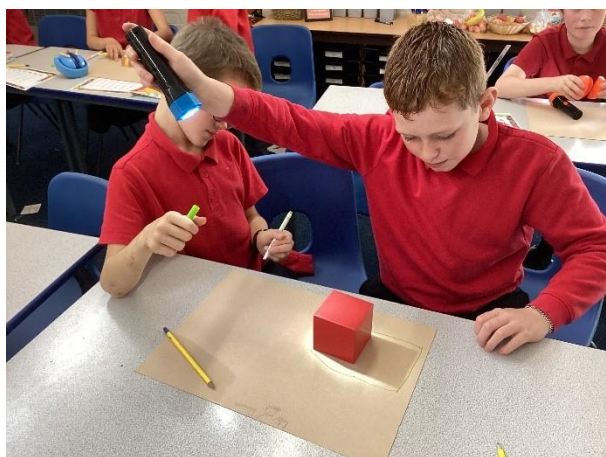


Stone Age Challenge. Building a fire with only kindling, cotton wool and a flint and steel. Oak class considered the importance of fire for people in the Stone Age as fire was a source of warmth, a way of cooking their food as well as scaring away predators. Oak Class have been using this knowledge to support them in creating fantastic non-chronological reports on the Stone Age. Well done Oak class for linking your knowledge across so many different subjects.



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As well, as fires, Oak class have also finished and evaluated their Stone Age weaving. We learnt that in the Neolithic period and into the Bronze Age that they started to weave their own clothes. We really enjoyed our weaving, which is now proudly displayed in our classroom. Well done on your fantastic art skills!



Over the past two weeks, Oak class have also been scientists, exploring how we see objects and how and why shadows are formed. We enjoyed exploring how different objects can create different shadows when we change the position and angle of the light source. Oak class were excellent scientists creating thorough predictions and conclusions. We also showed lovely teamwork skills. Well done Oak Class!



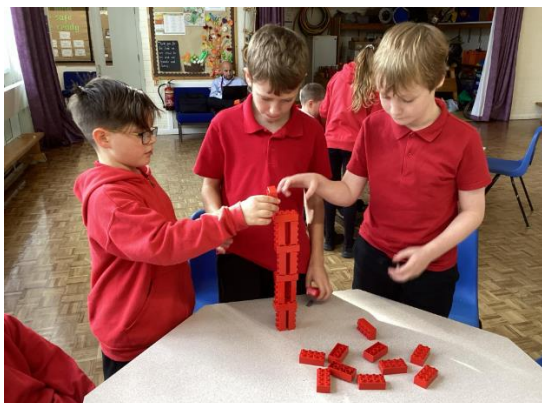
Game of Actual Life (G.O.A.L). Oak class were lucky to be introduced to the Game of Actual Life on Monday. Oak class were all transformed into 22 year olds with bank accounts. They had to make important decisions regarding their lives and money, especially considering what is important to them. Oak class gave fantastic and thoughtful answers to the question: *'What is most important to you – Wealth, Health or Happiness?'.* The children worked hard together as a class to increase their 'jackpot' throughout the session by following the 5 key principles: Respect, Eye Contact, Body language, Listening and Positive Attitude. Well done to Oak class on being kind and respectful 22 year olds! We look forward to our next G.O.A.L session next half-term!



On Monday afternoon, Oak class had the privilege of having Steve from the RAF Lego STEM team join us to show us how to create amazing moon buggy's.



The children had to work in pairs and use their creativity, science, technology, engineering and mathematical ideas to make the buggy's move using coding. Some very impressive designs, some making them go and stop when a sensor picked up a certain colour and some had ramps hitting the criteria for a wheelchair Lego figure.



The children worked hard all afternoon, sharing ideas and overcoming many technical issues.

Application for Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2025 the application process is now open. The deadline for applying is 31st October 2024.

Please visit the webpage below for everything you need to know.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school>

Secondary School Transport

Please note information regarding changes in The Councils revised Home to School Travel policy.

The main eligibility criteria for eligible pupils is for travel to their 'nearest suitable school with places available'.

More information – including about how parents can find their nearest schools - is available on the website:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/school-transport-reception-year-11-children>

School share concerns about the impact of these changes on our pupils and are in the process of raising these concerns with the appropriate bodies.

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK is attending your child's school for flu vaccinations on Friday 22nd November. This has been changed from Thursday 21st November. This is for children in Reception and above.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

Due to the success we had last year in introducing new starters to our school environment and routines we have planned more stay and play sessions throughout the school year.

If you have a child due to start nursery or reception next year, we would love to invite you along to the stay and play sessions. The next session is

Monday 2nd Dec 9:15am-10:45am

NYC Let's Talk Money Survey

North Yorkshire Council is now in the second year of providing many of your local services. They want to hear about what's important to you and the budget for 2025-26.

Fill in the Let's Talk Money survey before 9 December

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk>

Harvest Festival

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival. Look at the wonderful display of food that we received. Thank you for the donations.



From the donations we put 23 boxes together and distributed these to the local community.





We enjoyed visiting Mrs Mackinder who was the Headteacher at Oakridge many years ago.



The children sang some lovely songs and read out the poems they had written.



We also had Reverend Jackson join us to celebrate Harvest.

School Photographs

Tempest came to school on Wednesday 23rd October to take the individual/family photographs.

Copies of the photographs were sent home that evening.

To order, please scan the QR code that is on the copy of the photograph and follow the instructions. There are lots of different packages to choose from. Please do take a look.

PTFA Update

ASDA's Cashpot for Schools – Keep going

Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser. We have £159.33

This is running until the 30/11/24, so please keep shopping at ASDA and if you haven't done so yet please join.

All you have to do is download the ASDA rewards app, if you don't already have it and choose Oakridge CP School.



Every time you scan your rewards app Asda donate £££ to our school.

Spooky Prize Bingo

Thank you to all of you that attended and donated raffle prizes. A big thank you for parents who donated the wonderful cakes.

The total raised was £278.70.

Our next event will be the **Christmas Fair** on **6.12.24.**

We need your continued support for these events. Please hand in any raffle prizes to the school office.

Attendance

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

This week, our attendance has been

95%

This is just below our target of 96%.

Celebration Assembly

Friday 8th Nov at 3:10pm

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

Stars of the Week: Jennifer and Bella

Special Award: Mateo and Amelia

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: Stirling

Dates for the Diary

October 2024

Mon 28th – Fri 1st Nov Half Term

November 2024

Mon 4th – First day back

Thurs 7th – Oak Class Trip to Murton Park

Fri 22nd – Vaccination UK – Flu Vaccinations

Mon 25th – Oak Class Healthy Schools Event at East Barnby

December 2024

Mon 2nd – EYFS Stay and Play 9:15am-10:45am

Fri 6th – PTFA Christmas Fair

Weds 11th – Nativity at Church

Fri 13th – Staff Training Day

Thurs 19th – Christmas Performance

Fri 20th – Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th – Last day of Autumn Term

January 2025

Mon 6th – First day of Spring Term

Weds 8th – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents 3:30pm

Weds 22nd – EYFS Stay and Play 10:30am-12

February 2025

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Half Term

March 2025

Mon 3rd – EYFS Stay and Play 9:15am-10:45am

Fri 7th Family Reading Carousel 1:30pm-3:30pm

Fri 21st Staff Training Day

April 2025

Fri 4th Last day of Spring Term

Tues 22nd First day of Summer Term

May 2025

Mon 5th – Bank Holiday

News from Oakridge CP School



Fri 9th – Family Mental Health Awareness 1:30pm-3:30pm

Mon 12th SATS Week

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Half Term

June 2025

Mon 2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

Mon 9th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Weds 25th – Class Photographs

July 2025

Mon 21st Last day of Summer Term