

Headlines

8th March 2019



Dear Parents,

This week has been a fantastic celebration of reading, learning, sport and performing. Thank you to everyone involved – adults and children.

Year 6 Assembly

On Wednesday Year 6 treated us to an assembly based around the Blind Date theme. With the lovely Joe and Heidi hosting the show we found out the type of girl Ben might be looking for and all the amazing things Year 6 have done this year. High Ashurst, dance, writing, music, science and a whole range of other learning featured. Thank you Year 6 for a very entertaining half hour and to Miss Minto and Miss Watts.



Sport at Ongar - Football

On Tuesday 5th March the football team visited Pycroft Grange. The game played earlier in the season resulted in a tight win for Ongar and this game was again very competitive. The Ongar defence battled very hard but it was Pycroft who took the lead only for Ongar to equalise through a long range “shot” from Charlie. 1-1 at half-time. The second half saw the whole team defend very well and have a few counter attacks but it was great goals from Pycroft that saw them run out as 3-1 winners.

The team was Oliver, Lucy, Toby, Matthew K, Joe, Jordan and Charlie.

Hopefully the team will be back to full strength next week for their final game of the season.

A big thank you to Miss Minto who has been working with Miss Watts in Year 6 for the past few months as a student teacher and will be leaving us today to return to college. She is an outstanding student and I look forward to hearing about her successful career.

Sports News – Dance

On Thursday 7th March a group of dancers from Year 3 and 4 visited Addlestone Community Centre to take part in the ERPSA dance showcase.

The children walked to the centre and then, along with the 4 other schools taking part, rehearsed their dance on the stage. After about an hour parents came in and were treated to a fantastic show.

It was lovely to see the group performing with such energy and enthusiasm. They worked superbly as a team and clearly showed understanding of their own individual role too. The group were rewarded with an ovation from the watching parents.

All of the children in Year 3 and 4 have been taking part in dance sessions with Jess from Synergy Dance this term. This particular group of 20 children will get another opportunity to perform as a group in April at the county festival and the whole of Year 3 and 4 will get their chance at an event in May.

The dance group consists of Lola, Maisie, Millie, Emily, Grace, Lauren, Charlotte, Isabella, Poppy, Krisha, Susan, Lilly-Rose, Kieran, Harry, Orton, Max, Nic, Harvey, Harrison and Luca.

Just a reminder that Synergy run a dance club, led by Cameron, on Tuesdays after school and there are places available.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the parent survey.

The results were very positive and it was lovely to read some of the strengths you can see at Ongar and some of the suggestions for improvement. Particularly pleasing that 100% of forms stated:

- My child is happy at Ongar Place
- My child feels safe
- My child is well looked after
- My child is taught well.

Some comments that made me feel very proud:

‘Amazing teaching and office staff’

‘Supportive and nurturing’

‘Each child counts’

Thank you

World Book Day

World Book Day has, as always, brought forth a wealth of characters throughout the school! From Harry Potter to Where’s Wally and Mary Poppins to Alice in Wonderland. Thank you to everyone who dressed up and a special thank you to parents who came in and read. If any parents are free other days to do this, we welcome adults in to hear readers every week.

Thank you Mrs Marwick who organised the day.

Dates

Friday 8 th March	Year 3 cake sale
Friday 15 th March	Year 2 Birdworld trip
Friday 15th March	Bring a donation to come to school dressed in RED. No football kits!
Monday 18 th March	Year 3 Butser Farm trip
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 2 class assembly

It has come to my attention that some parents are having difficulties on the playground and in the local area. I would remind all parents that any issues in the local community where you feel threatened or worried should be referred to the police – 101 for non-emergencies and 999 for emergencies. Any inappropriate behaviour on the school site will be reported. Our job at Ongar is to make sure that children are happy, safe and learning. If you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to come and speak to me.