

Headlines

10th May 2019



Dear Parents,

It has been another short week due to the Bank holiday, but despite this we have managed to fit in lots of exciting learning this week. There have been lots of memorable moments taking place and the whole school has been filled with singing as everyone practises for the recording of our '50 Years of Ongar' CD next week – even the staff have managed to fit in some rehearsals!

ONGAR RULES!

We are gentle
We are kind and helpful
We listen
We are honest
We learn well

Zoo Lab visit

On Tuesday there was great excitement in Cedar Class as a company called UKZoo Lab visited with an array of different animals. The children had opportunities to handle a corn snake and an African land snail. There was also a stick insect, two rats and a scorpion!

The workshop was about animal classification and lots of vocabulary was used such as amphibians, mammals, reproduction and reptiles. It was wonderful to see how engaged the children all were in their learning and to also see how many children had to draw on some special qualities because it took a lot of courage and bravery to actually hold a snake.



Year 5 Jubilee visit

On Wednesday, Year 5 attended a Cross Curricular Day at Jubilee High School. The focus of the day was to make and sell ice cream. First, in groups, the children had to develop an ice cream business - name and logo. They then had to build a cart to display their products. Eventually, with great anticipation and excitement they made their own vanilla ice cream. After tasting, the children learned how to use powerful adjectives, hyperbole and direct address to persuade others to buy their ice cream. Finally, in a market hall, they 'sold' and ate ice cream. It was a fantastic day. Thank you, Jubilee.

Year 3 Assembly

On Wednesday, Year 3 performed a very entertaining assembly based on the 1990s. The children spoke clearly and sang beautifully.

It was a fun trip down 'Memory Lane' for lots of the parents and interesting to see how many of the things we loved in the nineties are still with us. What a great lead in to our Local History week. Well done Year 3 and thank you Miss Wells.

Year Six SATs

Next week Year 6 children throughout the country will be taking their KS2 SATs tests.

Our Year 6s have been working hard and are more than ready to show what they are capable of. Remember, these tests simply provide a snapshot of part of our amazing children and are nothing to worry about.

If your child is ill on any of the test days or is going to be late please inform the school office ASAP so we can make arrangements.

Whole School Trips

If you have not completed the form giving permission for your child to take part in the whole school trips during Local History week, please return these to the office ASAP.

Behaviour Workshops

There are still spaces left on our Behaviour Family Learning course this term. If you are interested in attending, please ask at the office or speak to Mrs Pirie.

Dates

Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	CD recording day
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Local History week
Thursday 23 rd May	Whole school Local History trips
Friday 24 th May	50 Years of Ongar picnic

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