

Headlines

3rd February 2023



Dear Parents

It was an absolute pleasure to invite parents into school this week and have them join children in class to experience learning computing, reading and maths. There was a real buzz in the classroom/hall. Thank you to everyone who attended. Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good

Trees

We were delighted to welcome two volunteers into school this week to help us plant some new trees from Surrey in our forest area. Please take care of them as they settle in and do not let your children play round them in the mornings and after school. Thank you Mrs Denyer and Mrs Bennett



Congratulations

Well done to Rosie in Year 5 who has been shortlisted for a Runnymede Civic Award in the category of Young Volunteer of the Year Award. Rosie has raised a huge amount of money through her Rosie Cares and has raised the profile of Andy's Man Club. She will be attending the presentation ceremony after half term with her guests. Fingers crossed!



Year 3 Football Festival

On Monday 30th January, 6 children from Year 3 visited Cleves School to take part in a 5-a-side football festival.

I am told that there was a fantastic amount of excitement in the morning before their departure. Mrs Reed managed to calm things down with a Maths assessment. When we got to Cleves we had a little wait but then played 4 matches. The games were against Grovelands, Cobham Free, Cleves and St Jude's.

Some of the teams had some fantastic players who, in many cases, were in fact a year older than our players. Ongar tried hard in all their games and persevered even when they conceded a few goals. They lost 3 of their games but did manage a 3-2 win against St Jude's. They were also awarded a medal which they received in assembly. The team was Miller, Lennon, Henry, Callie, Louis and Oliver

District Football - Congratulations

Back in the autumn term I was pleased to report that 3 of our Year 6 boys had been selected to play for the Elmbridge and Runnymede District Football Team. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Lily M in Year 5 has been selected for the Girl's District Team. She has had a fantastic season playing for both the girls and mixed teams at Ongar Place. Her determination, skill and attitude to develop has been fantastic to watch. Her achievement to be selected is even more special as she is a year younger than most of the girls. Well done Lily!

Industrial Action

Thank you to all staff for ensuring the children were able to attend school on Wednesday. The next planned industrial actions that affect our area are on Thursday 2 March, Wednesday 15 March, Thursday 16 March. Teachers at Ongar are sympathetic to the union's requests that a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers, which matches inflation, is agreed. I will keep you informed as to whether the school will remain open, partially open or closed.

Surrey County Council, via the school and Wonde, has agreed to continue funding to provide all families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) with supermarket food vouchers during the February Half Term period. These will be sent out next week. If you have changed your email address, please inform the office.

Parents' Evening 21st and 23rd February 2022 - Online Appointment Booking Open