

Headlines

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Dear Parents,

This week has been full of book themed activities across the school which culminated in everyone coming into school in their pyjamas today. The whole school took part in an Inter-house competition this morning where children guessed different adult's favourite book by listening to an extract.

We were also able to celebrate Oliver in Year 3 becoming our first Reading 'Half-millionaire' of the year. Well done Oliver!

Congratulations, also to the winners of our 'Design a book cover' competition. All winners received a free book from the Book Fair.

Nursery – Harper	Year 3 – Ellanie
Reception – Arjan	Year 4 – Ben
Year 1 - Barney	Year 5 – Molly Rose
Year 2 – George	Year 6 – Arthur

Thank you to Mr Knott for organising our World Book Day activities.



First Steps to Leadership

Last week (22nd February) 10 children from Year 2 took part in some training to become Sports Leaders. This took place in school and was led by Mrs Black from Active Surrey.

The children worked all afternoon in groups taking part in games activities and beginning to organise them for others. They all had fun and were rewarded with bibs, badges and certificates.

The children taking part were Francesca, Sol, Pippa, Connor, Judd, Nectarios, Penny, Kareem, Josh and Sienna.

ERPSSA Cup Quarter-Final

On Tuesday 28th February, the football team visited St James' in Weybridge in what was a repeat of last season's quarter-final.

Ongar Place started well and took an early lead as Summer struck the post and Ronnie was there to knock in the rebound. There were chances at both ends and St James' equalised through some bobbles in the goalmouth. Into the second half Ongar again took the lead through a fierce shot from Ollie but St James' immediately equalised.

The game was played in a very competitive but fair manner and both teams had chances to win both in normal and extra-time but the score remained at 2-2.

The match went to penalties but unfortunately Ongar lost 2-1 and were not able to repeat their victory of 12 months ago.

Nevertheless, this was a fantastic performance by ALL the players who should be proud against a very good side. As they say we can now concentrate on the League!

Amazon Reading Wishlist

We have created an Amazon wishlist to help us increase the number of books we have available for reading sessions. The books on the list will complement the books we buy as a school and will be used throughout the school. If you would like to support reading at Ongar by donating a book, please use the following link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2TP3YKBUZ78K?ref=wl_share

Dance festival

On Thursday, a group of twelve children from KS2 took part in the first ever ERPSSA Dance Festival at Notre Dame School in Cobham.

Five schools from across the boroughs of Elmbridge and Runnymede entered dances based on the theme of reading, in honour of World Book Day. Our entry was about children who find that they have difficulties with learning to read and how perseverance and resilience pays off when you can finally read. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last five weeks to learn the dance and perform it with confidence and expression.

The five entries were scored by the teachers from all the participating schools and we are very proud to say that Ongar Place came first! The winning team was: Sophia (Y6), Isaac (Y6), Blake (Y6), Emily (Y6), William (Y6), Mia (Y6), Mia (Y5), Mirabelle (Y5), Harper (Y5), Amy (Y4), Octavia (Y3) and Matthew (Y3). Thank you to Mr Good for organising the festival and to Mrs Reed and Miss Minto for choreographing the dance and helping the children prepare.



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