

Headlines

24th March 2023



Dear Parents,

It has been another week filled with creativity and memorable moments at Ongar. There have been some amazing achievements across the school in all areas of the curriculum. It was especially lovely to see some of our Year 6 children reading with children in Nursery during the week. They were wonderful role models for our youngest children and demonstrated our school values beautifully.



Running up that Hill...

On Saturday morning, some children from Running Club, in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, travelled to Notre Dame School in Cobham to take part in a Cross Country Running event. The weather was not promising and the Year 3 and 4 had to run through the rain as well as through the woods and over the hills. Later, the skies cleared and Years 5 and 6 were treated to the sunshine although it didn't make the races any easier. We had a mixture of results with Arthur in Year 6 achieving a 7th position and beating his score from last year (there were between 70 and 80 children in every race). Thank you to Mr Knott, Mrs Bullett, all the parents and most of all, the runners who should be very proud to represent the school, showing determination and resilience to run up that hill.



Chess Club

Another hugely successful term at chess club. The standard of playing has continued to improve and the newer players are giving some of the older ones a real challenge in matches. The last couple of weeks have been fun with a Lightning Chess tournament (10 seconds per move) and a Bug House tournament (passing pieces to your partner). Well done to William who won the Lightning Tournament.

In the main termly tournament, Sam came 1st, Jack came 2nd and Matthew came 3rd and was given the most improved player award. Fletcher won this term's Spirit of Chess award for his enthusiasm and commitment to learning chess.

Well done to all the members of the chess club – I hope to see you all again next term. Mark

RockSteady

Our RockSteady bands entertained the school and their families on Thursday by performing the songs they have been working on this term. It was loud, full of energy and the children's growing confidence when performing shone through. Thank you to Nick, our band leader who comes in to work with the bands each week. If your child is interested in joining one of the bands, information is on the flyer being sent home today.

Reading success

Congratulations to Victoria (Yr4) and Ella K (Yr6) for becoming Word Millionaires having read over a million words since September. Also, well done to Hugo (Yr3) for becoming a Word Half-millionaire.

County Final Badminton

On Monday 20th March, 17 children from Year 4 visited Three Rivers in Walton to take part in the County Badminton final for which they had qualified previously.

There were 9 teams taking part and each team took part in 10 activities scoring points as they went along. The teams did very well and showed a good understanding not only of badminton but also of the values that are expected of them.

Although neither team was placed in the top 4 it was clear to see the improvement that the players have made - well done!

A big thank you to Mr Good for organising and all the parents who helped with transporting children to and from the venue.

Dates

Tuesday 28 th March	PTFA Easter activities for Early Years and KS1
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term – School finishes at 1.30pm Nursery closed
Monday 17 th April	First day of Summer term

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