



7th July 2023



Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, many teachers across the country chose to take industrial action this week. Teachers at Ongar are supportive of the cause and agree that there should be fully funded improved pay and conditions for teachers. However, teachers here decided that they would not strike. I am sure you will join me in thanking all our teachers for their hard work and continuing commitment to ensuring all our children have the best end to the year we can provide.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Good

This week the children from Year 1-6 (Year 5 next week) have been taking part in **Personal Best challenges**. This time we added 2 new events and continued with one.

The children took part in the speed bounce which is really hard work, bouncing over a wedge for a minute. Three of the children in Year 6 Jamie, Amelia and Arthur managed over 100. We then took part in throwing the vortex- there was a wide range of distances being achieved - 34m (Arthur) was the furthest although James in Year 4 threw 28m and Miller in Year 3 27m. The final event was the javelin which proved tricky. This, of course, is a foam javelin- Xavier managed to throw this 19m.

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I have just found out the distances achieved at QuadKids last week. Both Miller and Octavia managed to beat the old Year 3 record for the standing long jump with distances of 1.76m and 1.73m respectively.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at the **PTFA Summer Fair**. We raised over **£2,500** on the day with the raffle takings still to follow. Our Year 6 girls raised over £92 for charity! We will let you know what is on our shopping list very soon!

Yesterday, **Year 2 went to explore Sayes Court Allotments**. We have been learning all about plants and vegetables. We got to see lots of amazing plants and how they grow. We got to smell the sweet aroma of sweet peas and lavender. We saw some awesome plants like roses, runner beans and poppies. We had so much fun exploring the gardens and planting sunflowers to take home. We were lucky enough to take part in wood crafts and a hunt around the allotment. What a great day! Reported by Abhiram, Sol, George and Sienna



Y5/6 Production JHS	11/07/23	17.00 – 18.15
Y5/6 Production JHS	12/07/23	17.00 – 18.15
Leavers Assembly	17/07/23	09:00 - 10:00
Y6 Top Golf	17/07/23	10:00 - 15:00
Year 6 Pool Party	18/07/23	09:00 - 12:00
Y6 Cinema trip	18/07/23	13:00 - 15:30
End of year (not Nursery)	19/07/23	1.30 PM
Nursery finishes	21/07/23	3.00 PM

Uniform

If you have any spare uniform or kit that your child has grown out of or that they don't need anymore, please can you consider donating it to school - we are particularly short of larger sizes.

Sports Kit

As we end the year Mr Good is busy trying to collect in all the sports kit that has been given out this year. If your child has represented the school this year please can you check at home for any Ongar Place Football shirts, Athletics vests, polo shirts, socks shorts etc, etc and return them to school.

Yesterday we were treated to a **wonderful assembly from Chestnut class**. They told the story of The Three Little Pigs with style and panache! We could hear all the lines, we enjoyed the singing and appreciated the hats and costumes. It was good to see the wolf get his comeuppance when he climbed down the chimney! Well done Chestnuts and thank you Mrs Brill.