

# Headlines

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019



## Dear Parents,

It has been a good week at Ongar. The school has been busy with learning and fun. Some of our close neighbours may have heard Year 4 completing a sound science experiment - apologies! Next week I am away inspecting another school for some of the time but, if you need to, don't hesitate to contact Mrs Pirie or Miss Watts.

## Sport at Ongar 1

On November 19<sup>th</sup> we made our way to play a football match against Pycroft School, for a fabulous match. The team was Roxy, Alfie, Adam, Rosie, Josh W and Charlie. Thomas usually plays, but was off sick, so we didn't have a sub. About 10 minutes in Charlie scored a cracking goal, so that made us 1-0 up! Soon after Pycroft scored a long shot, now we were 1-1. At half-time we were still 1-1. A couple of minutes into the second half Pycroft made it 2-1. It was a close up shot. We all played really well and marked our opposition. Close to the end of the game Charlie smashed the ball into the back of the net, making it 2-2. We were surprised to get a draw against a really strong team. We were thrilled with the result. By Alfie and Josh W

## Year 6 Junior Citizen

Last week our Year 6's spent the afternoon learning about how to keep themselves and others safe. In small groups the children learnt about rail safety, first aid, making 999 calls, fire safety, water safety, being safe around electricity and of course stranger danger. Unfortunately most of the class happily went off with the stranger. The whole of the year group were complemented on their enthusiasm for learning and their behaviour. Well done Year 6 and thank you to the adults who accompanied them.

## Travel Plan

In the next few weeks we will be taking a close look at how we all travel to school. This week Mrs Turner (our School Business Manager) met with the school council to discuss how they currently get to school and how we could improve our journey time and be considerate of residents in the local area. The school council agreed that we should all walk to school, if we can. We will also be doing an assembly on road safety in the next few weeks. Mrs Turner also asked staff how they get to school. We were quite surprised to hear Mr Good declare he jogs down to the canal, swims to New Haw and then cycles the rest of the way ... we think he may be teasing Mrs Turner!

## Dates

27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 trip to Sayers Croft
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 trip to the spike
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability

## Sport at Ongar 2

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November the girls' football team played in the ERPSSA football tournament. The weather was dry but the wind bitterly cold. Ongar were up against a number of experienced teams so they knew it would be a tricky afternoon. The girls managed to draw the first game against Burhill and should have perhaps won. The second game was another draw, this time against Cardinal Newman. Ongar then lost a tight game 1-0 versus St Cuthbert's. There followed another draw against Manorcroft before a defeat to an excellent Cleves side who ended up comfortable winners of the tournament.

The team played with real determination and showed improvement in their understanding of the game. There was some fabulous defending from ALL the girls and a number of amazing saves from Roxy in goal. The rest of the team was Rosie, Jess B, Lauren P, Lauren M, Molly, Izzy and Lola. Thank you to the parents who braved the cold to support the team throughout the afternoon.

## Reading

This week Reuben in Year 5 became our first Accelerated Reader 'Word Millionaire' of the year. Since September he has read and quizzed on an amazing 32 books, containing 1,001,392 words. He has achieved an average score of over 90% on his quizzes which is a fantastic accomplishment. Well done Reuben and we look forward to more 'millionaires' joining him soon.

## PTFA News

*See over for details of our shopping event – coming up soon!*

## School photos orders

need to be back in school with payment by 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## Have a good weekend

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