

Headlines

1st March 2024



Dear Parents,

A busy week as always at Ongar Place. Our dancers are getting ready for the dance festival next week, lots of children have been out representing the school and we've heard all about the Surrey Youth Games in assembly as well as all out normal learning, activities, clubs and fun! Have a good weekend. Mrs T L Good

Judo Festival

On Wednesday 28th February, 5 boys from Year 5 and 6, Caio, Alfie, Damian, Kian and Harry, visited the Dojo in Thorpe and took part in a judo festival.

This proved to be a fantastic event with some superb coaches who also coach England international teams. The boys worked hard in a range of activities with boys from 6 other schools - Hammond, Hythe, Manorcroft, New Monument and Broadmere. They learnt how to throw and to hold and were kept busy all day and showed fantastic resilience. They also got to work with a double Olympian Gemma Howell and ask her questions and saw a range of her medals. Well done to the boys and hopefully they will be inspired to take part in judo again.

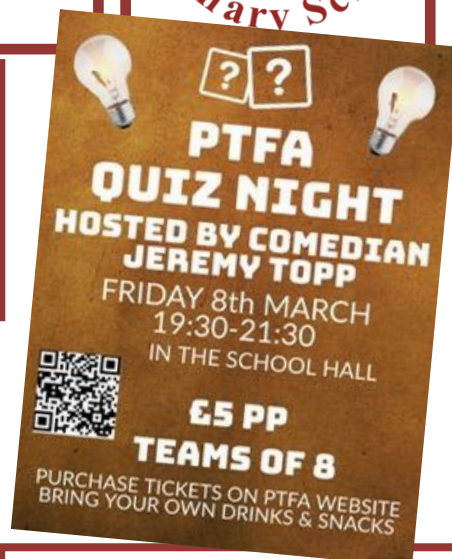
Pantathlon Festival

On Thursday 22nd February a team of athletes visited Cleves School to take part in the annual Pantathlon Festival. This is an event where the children take part in 8 different events and score points for their team. There were events like boccia, new-age kurling and paddle table tennis. The children were superbly behaved and worked very hard to encourage each other to succeed. There were 8 teams taking part and Ongar Place finished in 4th place - well done. The team were presented with medals as well as certificates which they were pleased to show off back in school.

The team was Oscar H, Damian, Molly-Rose, Alice S, Alice H, Harry, Hassan and Lara. Thank you to Mr Bullett for accompanying us - I think he secretly wanted to join in too! Also thank you to the parents again for helping with transport.

Dates for Diaries

Description	Date	Time
Dance Festival @ Notre Dame	07/03/24	12:00 - 15:30
World Book Day at Ongar – dress as a book character	08/03/24	
PTFA Quiz Night	08/03/24	19:30 - 22:00
Who Cares - NHS performance in hall Y5/6	13/03/24	08:30 - 11:30
Cross Country @ Notre Dame	16/03/24	09:00 - 13:00
Family Learning Week More details to follow 18/03/24		
Rock Steady Spring Concert	21/03/24	14:30 - 15:30
Nursery closed	26/03/24 – 28/03/24	
SATRO Electronics Workshop Y4/Y6	26/03/24	all day
Easter Holidays finish at 1.30pm	28/03/24	
INSET DAY School closed to children	15/04/24	
Nursery open as usual		
Back to school 8.55am	16/04/24	



Under 10 ERPSSA Football Tournament

On Thursday 29th February 2024 boys from Year 4 and 5 took part in a high quality football tournament at Royal Holloway. Ongar were playing as a team for the first time and were drawn against schools with many more children and/or much more experience playing together. The boys tried really hard in poor weather conditions and persevered even when they conceded goals. There were good performances, particularly defensively but Ongar did lose each of their 4 games. Hopefully they will be able to work hard when they play together again next season. The team was Ben, Ethan, Zac, Hugo, Lennon, Henry, James and Grayson. Thank you to Mr Telling for supplying the transport and to Mr Palinski and Tilly for accompanying the team.

Don't forget it is book week next week. The book shop will be open in the PPA room from Monday. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday and asking everyone to dress up as their favourite book character.