

Headlines

14th February 2020



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy and exciting week in what has been a very productive half term at Ongar Place. The children look amazing today in a range of pinks and reds to celebrate Valentine's Day. There has been some great learning taking place including Year 2 making sandwiches with some visitors from Warburtons, Year 5 learning all about air pollution as part of the Schools Air Quality Programme and a great performance from the dance team. Despite the changeable weather, Year 6 have been enjoying themselves at High Ashurst this week. We are looking forward to welcoming them back this afternoon and hearing all about it. There will be more details about the trip in Headlines after half term. Have a lovely break and we will see you at 8.55am on Monday 24th February.

County Dance Final

On Monday, 15 children from Years 3, 4 and 5 travelled to Leatherhead to take part in a dance festival which also incorporated the Surrey School Games County Dance Final. The children have been working with Mrs Reed and Miss Minto to create a dance which reflects the School Games values. In the morning, there was time for each school to rehearse their dance routine as well as taking part in three workshops with professional dancers.

Twelve schools from across Surrey took part in the event and the competition was strong. In the afternoon, children worked with children from other schools to perform one of the dances they had learnt in the workshop and each school performed their own dance. The competition was judged by professional dancers and everyone was very nervous as they awaited the final results.

St Polycarps School in Farnham came third, Ravenscote School in Frimley took second place and we are delighted to announce that Ongar Place were the overall winners! During their feedback the judges commented on the strength of the performance and the maturity with which the children were able to convey such meaningful messages about teamwork, determination and self-belief. Well done to Elisha, Grace, Jason, Oliver, Dexter, Millie, Emily, Evie, Sophia, William, Eleanor, Mia, Emily, Blake and Sophia for an amazing achievement, and a huge thank you to Miss Minto and Mrs Reed for choreographing and helping the children to learn the routine. We look forward to seeing the dance again at Ongar's Got Talent in April.



Accelerated Reader Workshop

We held a parent workshop on Wednesday for parents to find out about how we use Accelerated Reader in school to support children's reading. Parents were also given details of how to access their child's online reading log at home.

If you were unable to attend the workshop, teachers will have the log in details available for you during parents' evenings.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. The theme will be 'Bedtime stories' and children are invited to come into school wearing their pyjamas and to bring in a favourite story book to share with their class. They will also be bringing home an activity sheet today that they can choose to complete over half term to contribute to a BFG display in the library.

PE kit donations

We keep a supply of spare PE kit in school, but we currently have a low supply of some items. If you have any trainers, plimsolls or tracksuit bottoms that your child has grown out of but that are still in good condition and you are happy to donate, please hand them into the office.

Dates

Monday 24 th February	Ongar's Got Talent audition
Wednesday 26 th February	Year 1 trip to Wisley
Wednesday 26 th February and Thursday 27 th February	Parents' Evenings
Friday 28 th February	Year 3 cake sale
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 6 Assembly
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day celebration

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