

# Headlines

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## Dear Parents,

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> but hopefully there is no bad luck today at Ongar!

This week Mrs Pirie and I took 2 mornings to spend time in all year groups looking at teaching and Learning in all of the classrooms. It was so lovely to see the children so engaged with their learning, joining in and enjoying the activities. It was also great to see the difference moving the whiteboards has had in some of our classrooms.

Have a good weekend Mrs T L Good

## Sporting News

On Wednesday, the Y6 football team played a league game against Sayes Court. We started the game well, and it wasn't long before we were 1-0 up. By half time our lead had doubled to make it 2-0. We dominated possession throughout the game and looked threatening with every attack, peppering the goal in the second half. Henry scored a hat-trick (well done!) to make it 3-0 and despite Sayes Court pulling one back, a final goal from Lennon just before the final whistle resulted in a 4-1 win to Ongar. Well done to Hugo, Emmanuel, Octavia, Louie, Lennon, Callie and Henry. Thanks to parents for their help with transport and to Danielle for being our parent helper.

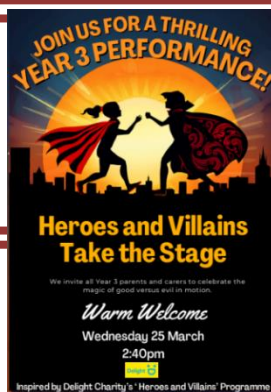
## Breaking the Rules Day

Thank you to the PTFA for organising this day for us and to parents for allowing their children to take part we raised over £680!

## Delight Performances

Year 3 parents and Year 5 parents will have received official invitations to the Performance of Macbeth (Y5) and Performance of the Hero's and Villains Dance (Y3). We are very excited to be able to give our children these opportunities and for parents and families to come and share the outcomes.

Later in the year there will be opportunities for Year 2, 4 and 6 to come in and share learning and exhibitions with their children.



## Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who came to look at and purchase books from the Scholastic Book Fair. We hope your children are enjoying the books you purchased. Because of your purchases we will be awarded over £600 of books to stock up our library with! Mrs Pirie is very much looking forward to choosing some more great books for our accelerated reader scheme. Thank you.

## PTFA News

Following the letter from the PTFA asking for volunteers to come forward to help run the summer fair there has not been enough interest. Thank you to those who did volunteer but unfortunately, this means that the PTFA have taken the decision to cancel the Fair. I will talk to Mr Fenton and other members of the PTFA about trying to put in place a more low key event for our children and possibly our families.

The PTFA do such a wonderful job ensuring that there are events for our children to take part in during the school day and after school like the discos, present buying, uniform provision, cake sales etc. These are good fun and also help us to raise money so that we can supplement the cost of trips to the panto and buy resources and provide experiences. Sadly, if there is no support these wonderful things can't happen.

The Easter Disco is coming up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. I understand from Mr. Fenton that we still need some DBS checked volunteers to help. If you can help please make yourself known to the PTFA, we need to know who is here for the risk assessment.

Thank you to those of you who suggested some ideas for spending PTFA money. Suggestions so far:

- more outside activity play learning equipment.
- more outdoor learning equipment or more shelter options
- better variety of reading books new books especially reading range 4.5 upwards
- more visitors into the school for lessons
- fencing for the forest school area
- update to the bridge treehouse in Key stage one playground
- An allotment area for growing basic vegetables and herbs.

If you would like to add to these please drop either [admin@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk) or the PTFA an email.