

Headlines

2nd October 2020



Dear Parents,

A Sport and PE based Headlines with some exciting news about a new addition to Mrs Pirie's family!

Football/Multi-Skills Club

We were pleased to see one of our most popular clubs restarting in a slightly new format last week.

PS Sports Coaching (Mr Seuke's company) led by Mr O'Brien is running the sessions on Thursdays after school. The sessions run until 4.30pm and are open to all children in Year 6. The children who are taking part are allowed to wear PE kit to school on Thursdays. Strong trainers would be desirable for these sessions (although the children can bring in boots if they have them). They could also bring a plain hoodie or jumper to wear.

The children had great fun and at the moment there are 18 children taking part. It would be nice to add a few more to this group!

If for any reason your child cannot attend a session please could they let Miss Watts know.

Surrey Games Award and Starmark

At Ongar Place we work hard to give our children every possible opportunity and this has been shown in PE through the awards we have won over the last few years.

Unfortunately we have not been able to take part in many of the planned sporting activities for 2020 but we have been to maintain our Surrey Games Award Gold. This concentrates on activities which are carried out by our Key Stage 2 children.

We did though have to re-apply for our Starmark award.

This recognises the work done in PE with our Key Stage 1 children. I am pleased to announce that again we have maintained our Starmark Level 2. This represents a great achievement for our children and staff.



Amber

Next weekend Mrs Pirie and her family will be picking up their brand new puppy, Amber. This wouldn't normally be Headline News but Amber has been specially chosen, socialised and checked so that she can come into school with Mrs Pirie! To begin with Amber will stay in Mrs Pirie's office and will be able to meet our children – at a distance. Over the next few months she will be trained to provide emotional support and will hopefully be able to join in with some of our ELSA sessions and hear children read. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.



Active Surrey Cultural Competition 2020

Way back in pre-lockdown 2020 Active Surrey organised a cultural competition which was due to run alongside their programme of sporting events.

This year the children in Key Stage 1 had to design a flag while Key Stage 2 had to write a poem. Both of these were to use the theme of the Tokyo Olympics and in particular the mascots for both the Olympics and Paralympics.

The children, across the school, were praised for their creative entries. There was also some incredible success.

Rosie (now Year 7) and Isaac (now Year 4) were both highly commended for their poems.

Molly and Mirabelle, now in Year 3, were also highly commended for their flag design.

Izzy, also now in Year 3, was awarded overall WINNER for her imaginative design of the flag.

Each of the children who took part have received a certificate. The winners mentioned have also received medals for their efforts.

If you would like to hear more about the success then there is a You Tube link below:

https://youtu.be/F9XOWuP_QUc

Have a look on our website for the

entries: <https://www.ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Gallery&pid=82>



Day of Languages

Today we celebrated European Day of Languages by exploring the language and culture of different countries. It was lovely to walk around school and see children engaged in a range of activities linked to their chosen country. We look forward to sharing our learning with each other this afternoon via an online assembly.