

Headlines

9th October 2020



Dear Parents,

Another fantastic week at Ongar. We end the week safe and happy and we've all learnt something – you can't ask much more! Have a good weekend Mrs Good

Technology

Since the beginning of term staff have been busy learning how to use Microsoft Teams so that we communicate with each other remotely. Last Friday and this Thursday we ran remote assemblies for the first time.

Last Friday Mrs Pirie 'remotely' visited every classroom. The children could see her on the whiteboard and hear her. The children were then able to share some of their work from Languages Day. For our first attempt it went well and some of the younger children were fascinated at seeing Mrs Pirie on 'the telly'!

Every week certificates of achievement are presented in each class but yesterday Mrs Good and Mrs Pirie ran an achievement assembly – and classes could see each other. It was lovely to share achievements and great that some of the children could spot brothers and sisters and cousins in other classes.

Our next challenge is trying to communicate remotely with children on their own ipads and laptops! We are conducting a survey to give us an indication of the access children have at home to technology etc. There is a survey link below and on the email accompanying headlines

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K68DV5K>

Or you can complete the paper copy attached and return to school.

Dogs on site

Dogs are not allowed on site. Please don't bring them through the gates when you pick up or drop off your children. The only exception will be our School Dog, Amber who we are looking forward to meeting at the end of next week!



Waiting outside school

Please be kind and careful while waiting outside the school.

Wooded Area

Please can you ensure your children are supervised if they play in the wooded area at the end of school. Children are breaking branches by swinging on them and are taking bits off the bug houses to play with.

This is obviously dangerous and spoils the area for everyone else.

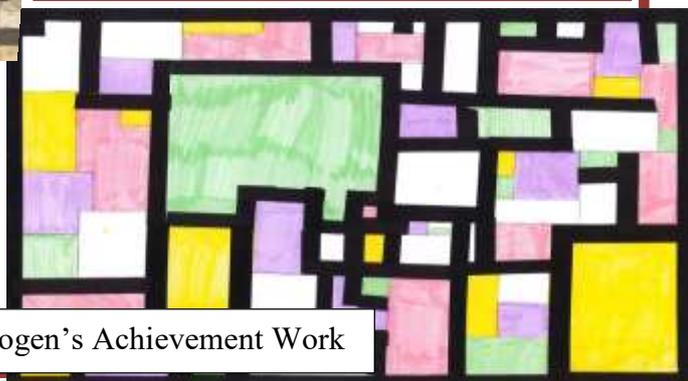


PE Board Update

A big thank you to Mrs Denyer for updating our PE board in the school hall with a fantastic Minion theme.

The board contains some amazing photos of the children working this year. It also has a large focus on personal bests. There is space included on the board for each Key Stage 1 and 2 class to record who has achieved the greatest personal best across a range of track and field events in our Sportshall Athletics work. This runs alongside the children's individual PE books. These show their individual personal bests which many of the children started working on during the last school year.

Let's hope the children can make some fantastic progress and get their names on the board!



Imogen's Achievement Work