

Headlines

10th June 2022



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I hope you all had an opportunity to meet up with family and friends and enjoy the patchy sunshine we had.

Teachers came in to school on Monday for the INSET day and spent a lot of time looking at the curriculum for next year. We are very excited about what we will be teaching and the adaptations we have made. The children came back enthusiastic and keen on Tuesday and it was lovely to see them engaging with Geography week.

I am inspecting another school next week so will be absent for most of the week. Mrs Pirie, Miss Watts and Mrs Brill will be here to give any support that is needed.

Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good.

Year 1 Assembly

On Wednesday Year 1 delighted us with their class assembly about poor Billy the Bee who had no buzz. The children told the story about how the other bees realised they needed to be kind beautifully. They were confident and loud and their singing, acting and movements were delightful. Well done Year 1 and thank you Mrs Pirie, Mrs Masey and Mrs Lazenby.

Geography Week

You may have seen some of our children out and about this week doing some great Geography work. Our focus was on maps and field work. Every year group did some special activities. Year 3 walked over to Strawberry Fields and also looked at the Printers cottages in Caxton Avenue, Year 6 went to Station Road to look at the shops and buildings, Year 5 looked at land use in the local area and some of our younger children did orienteering around the school and the school grounds.

Fantastic Fred

The children all saw a performance on Thursday of 'Fantastic Fred', sponsored by the NHS. It reminded them of all the things they need to keep themselves healthy and well.

- Food – healthy
- Rest - enough
- Exercise – lots
- Devices – limited

Maybe we could all try this over the weekend!

It was lovely to hear from the presenters how well-behaved and attentive our children were.



Infant Sports Festival.

On Tuesday 7th June, Ongar Place took part in the first Star Group Infant Sports Festival. This was an event held at The Grange School and involved 180 children from Year 2 at Ongar Place, The Grange, Meadowcroft and Stepgates.

The children were divided into groups of about 10 and they took part in activities which involved running, throwing, hurdling, jumping and balancing amongst other things! There were 9 different activities for the Year 2 children to take part in and they were brilliantly led in these by Year 6 Sports leaders from Ongar Place and Stepgates. The leaders were fantastic ambassadors for their schools.

The children were awarded points for how successful they were in each activity but more importantly than this, the Year 6 children looked out for children who displayed the values of respect, determination, self-belief, passion, honesty and teamwork. Those children who showed these values were rewarded with stickers. Some children seemed to be covered in hundreds of stickers- well done!

All the Year 2 children were fantastic and even those who had been a little nervous had a great time. The morning was completed with the schools having lunch together on The Grange playing field.

All in all, a great event which will hopefully be repeated next year.

