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Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March
We are excited to see everyone's costumes, please remember this year's theme is Roald Dahl. There are many fun activities planed for the day and will enhance pupils love for reading.

Mothers Day Afternoon - Friday 13th March - 14:15
Pupils are welcoming in female figures of importance to them for an hour of Mother's Day crafts. More information in the week leading up to it, but we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Therapy Dog
We are exploring the idea of having a therapy dog in school. Before we continue, we would like to gather your thoughts on the idea.

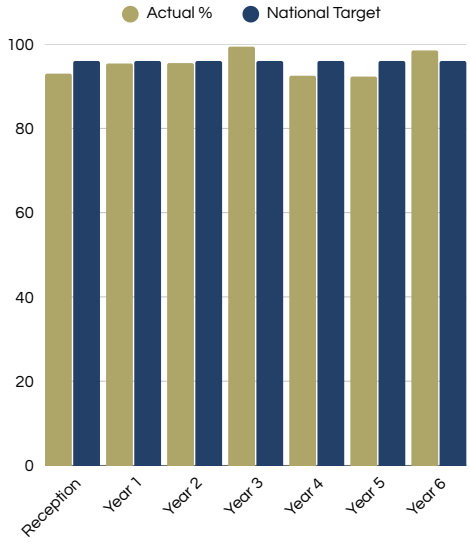
We would be working alongside a dog therapy company who provides training for staff to become dog handlers. This company also ensures that the dog we are using has a good temperament and is suitable for the program. The dog would support the children in a variety of ways: as a reading dog; to support children coming into school and to be part of several different interventions.

Please could you complete the survey attached so that we can gain your views in helping us to decide if this would work for our school.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9DVN7PK

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is: 96%
The national target is 95%



Reading Awards

Year 3 - Teddy and Connie

Headteacher Award

EYFS - Remy
Year 1 - Greyson
Year 2 - Grayson
Year 3 - Ophelia
Year 4 - Teddy
Year 5 - Avah-Lily
Year 6 - Kaydee

Menu

Week 2	Macaroni cheese or Ham panini	Chicken curry with rice or Jacket potato with cheese	Toad in the hole, with roast potatoes and veg or Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Cheese and tomato or pepperoni pizza or Flavoured chicken in a wrap	Fish fingers, chips and spaghetti hoops or Cheese whirls

Thank you!

Thank you to all of our parents who have been helping us to walk to swimming. It is very difficult to run events without the support of our parents so thank you for helping to make it possible.

Thank you also to Woodward's & Sons Ltd for providing us with woodchip for our Rosen Room garden.

Is your child experiencing anxiety or finding it difficult to manage big emotions? Please read the attached information from our school based good mental health support team and request support direct or speak to Sue Beardsmore, our school SENCo.

Expression of Interest Link: https://forms.gle/jshVDkW46Hb8XU8CA

WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

EYFS

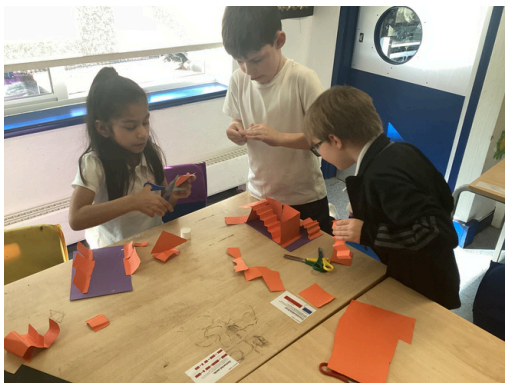
Donaldson celebrated Chinese new year by wearing red, trying Chinese stir fry and parading their dragon around the school playing the instruments they had made!

YEAR 1

Year 1 have enjoyed exploring using our senses in Science. They used their sense of touch, smell, hear and taste to describe different objects. They also went on a sense walk around the school grounds.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have started their minibeast topic in science this week. They enjoyed digging through the leaf litter and classify different types of minibeasts.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have begun their learning in Art on 3D structures. We discussed our prior learning on structures and when we have seen of created them ourselves before. The children loved having creative freedom to experiment with folds, bends, twists and cuts to create 3D forms.

YEAR 4

In PSHE this week we were looking at 'growing up', the children took part in a quiz of 'Who is it?'. The children had to guess whose baby photo matched the staff in the school. All the children done well and have a good understanding of changes that happen when growing up.

YEAR 5

This week Year 5 in science learnt about Sir Issac Newton, gravity and it's effects. We used a newton meter to measure mass and weight.

YEAR 6

This week in computing Year 6 have been learning about how to connect and send programs to their own Micro:bits.

🐣🎨 OPC Easter Egg Competition! 🎨🐣

Get creative this Easter!
Children are invited to decorate an Easter egg inside a shoebox scene/display – the more imaginative, the better! 🌸🐰

🏆 1st and 2nd prizes to be won!
💷 £1 cash per entry, per child
📅 - Friday 27th March

• Child will need to bring £1 cash on day they bring egg design to enter the competition.
• If you would like to pay before the design day, please bring £1 cash to office.
Winners will be announced in school by someone special 🎉
Creations will be displayed at the end of the school day for people to vie and children to collect & take home 🏠

We can't wait to see all the egg-cellent designs! 🥚✨
— Ongar Primary Committee (OPC)

Diary dates	When	Parents	Children
Gruffalo Trail Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	03.03.26	x	x
Year 3-6 Cross Country at Ongar Primary	03.03.26	x	x
World Book Day	05.03.26		x
Wonderdome	12.03.26		x
Mothers Day Afternoon	13.03.26	x	x
Parents evening	17.03.26 - 3:30 - 5:00	x	x
Parents evening	18.03.26 - 3:30 - 7:00	x	x
Last Day of Term 1pm Finish	27.03.26	x	x
Easter Holiday	30.03.26 - 10.04.26	x	x
Summer Term Starts	13.04.26	x	x