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Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire

Welcome back for a busy Summer term. We will have lots going on in the next few weeks. New school run clubs will be released shortly and there are lots of fun events throughout the whole term.

We have had 3 new additions to the Ongar Primary Team.

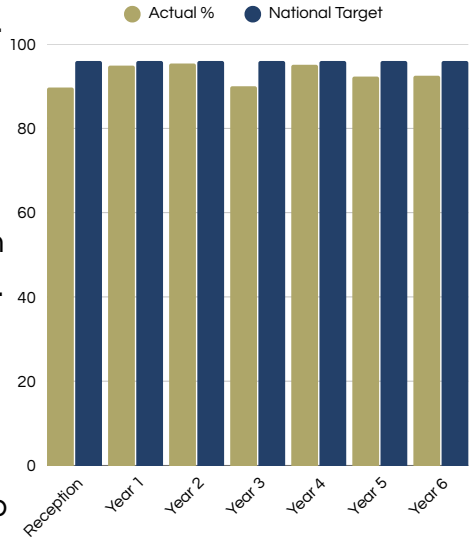
We welcome to the school Ms Fykin our new year 5 teacher while Miss Love is on Maternity leave. Mr Defreitas our new sports coach and Mrs Smith our new catering assistant are also busy settling in. I hope you will all join us in welcoming them.

A quick reminder to park responsibly around the school, the area is residential so please be mindful of blocking peoples driveways and avoiding private roads. Additionally please do not stop to drop off pupils on zig zag markings in front of the school. It is not only causing congestion but can also also very dangerous.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is: 94%

The national target is 95%



Reading Awards

Year R - Georgie W, Luca & Remy
Year 2 - Grayson, Chisimdi, Mason, Albert & Ollie
Year 4 - Teddy & Darcie-Mae

Headteacher Award

EYFS - James
Year 1 - Harry
Year 2 - Ella
Year 3 - Frankie
Year 4 - Harley
Year 5 - Elliott
Year 6 - Ryan

Menu

Week 2	Macaroni Cheese and Veg Sticks Or Pizza Panini	Chicken Curry and Rice Or Jacket Potato and Tuna	Picnic Day Choice of fillings in a wrap or roll, sausage rolls, crisps and veg sticks	Sausage Plait (Homemade Sausage Roll), Potato Tots and Veg Or Broccoli and Cheese Pasta Bake	Chicken Nuggets, Chips and Spaghetti Hoops Or Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels

Thank You!

We would like to say a very big thank you to Ongar Tree Care for donating wood chip to our school. This is needed in areas that would normally get very muddy so that the children can still access those areas.

Thank you also to the parents who are helping take the pupils to and from Swimming sessions. Your help is much appreciated!

Essex Fire Museum have got a family open day coming up at the Essex Fire Museum on: Sunday 26th April.

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities, sit on our fire engines (and squirt water). We can also take referrals for families who don't have working smoke alarms and arrange a free home visit.

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only……as we are on the site of an operational fire station).
If families are interested, could they please make a booking via Eventbrite:

Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sunday 26 April • 10:30 - 16 | Eventbrite

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

Our address and contact details are:
Essex Fire Museum
Grays Fire Station,
Hogg Lane,
Grays RM17 5QS
Phone: 01376 576847
Email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk
Website: Fire Museum (essex-fire.gov.uk)

WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

EYFS

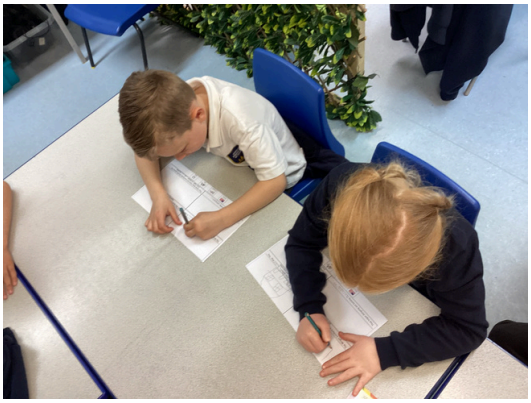
Donaldson have been enjoying their new and improved mud kitchen and digging area.

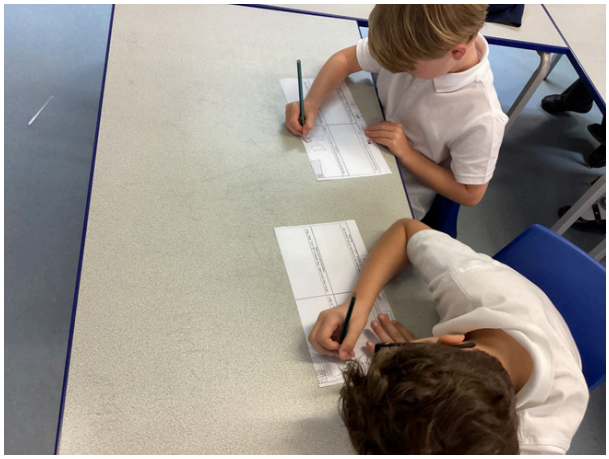
YEAR 1

The children acted out the story "The Magic Key" and wrote their own versions of the story.

YEAR 2

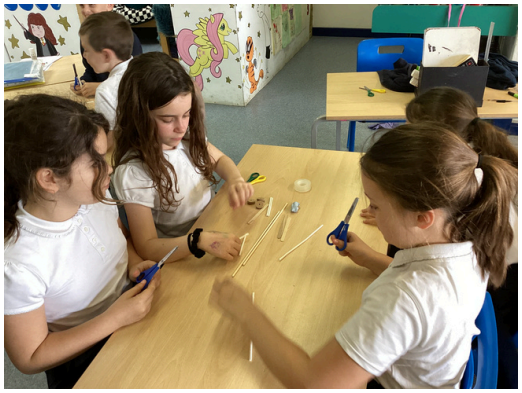
Year 2 enjoyed learning about the Wright brothers in history this week. They are using what they have learned to answer the bigger question of - How did man learn to fly?





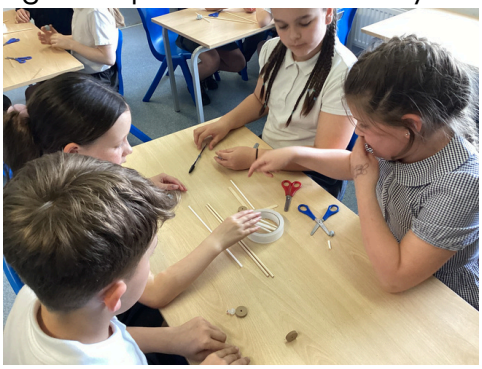
YEAR 3

Year 3 have begun their new geography unit this week. They are learning about different types of settlements and have enjoyed comparing Ongar to different locations around the world.



YEAR 4

We have had a busy first week back in Year 4. This week we started our new DT unit of mechanical systems. Our first lesson was to build a car chassis.
After we built the car, we then tested them out using a ramp. Some worked very well!



YEAR 5

Year 5 in Science this week have dissected tulips and roses to document and learn about parts of a flower. You may want to ask your child if they can remember any of the names.

YEAR 6

This week in computing, year 6 have been programming Micro:bits to be temperature sensors and read the weather.

Diary dates	When	Parents	Children
Swimming Starts Year 3 & 6	17.04.26		x
Starting Reception Roadshow	30.04.26	x	
Bank Holiday - School Closed	04.05.26	x	x
Year 4 Wow Day	20.05.26		x
May Half Term	25.05.26 - 29.05.26	x	x