

Ongar Primary School Newsletter



In our safe and supportive school, we provide lessons full of challenge, inspiration and real life learning in order to promote independent, respectful, high achievers who step out of their comfort zone, smiling.

Monday 30th January 2017
DINNER MENU WEEK 1

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%
% for w/e 30th January – 90.8%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	91.3	4
Hargreaves	87.1	0
Morpurgo	87.9	3
Dahl	95	11
Rowling	91	0
Tolkien	91.9	6

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

The children listed below will be receiving certificates in this Fridays Celebration Assembly.

Donaldson	Tolkien
Levi	Riley
Alisa	Tyler
Blake	Jennifer
Danny	Rosie
Teddy	Ruby S
Kai	Alfie
Timmy	Grace
Max	Naiomi
Archie	Gracie
Ronnie	Ethan
Rebecca	CJ
Demi	Ruby O
	Keira
	Frankie
	Freddie
	Adam
	Kieron

Dahl Class Assembly

This assembly will take place on 8th February at 2.45pm. All are welcome to come and see our Dahl Class stars talk about their term's learning on Ancient Egypt. We look forward to seeing as many Dahl parents there as possible.

Sporting Heroes

I would like to say how proud I am of our sporting teams at the moment. Last Tuesday, our netball team played against Moreton and won 8-0 and in the karate tournament we won three gold medals and two silver, placing the highest for small schools and 6th overall out of all schools. We now have smart attire, smart attitudes and smart skills now when we go out and compete and I am just delighted to see how confident our children are becoming- the world is their oyster!

Our netball team are Rosie, Brook, Naiomi, Gracie, Ruby C, Ruby O, Francesca, Estelle, Ethan and Connor.

Netball Report from Rosie and Ruby – We played our third league game against Moreton Primary School last Tuesday and won 8-0. We are really playing well as a team and all of us thoroughly enjoy representing Ongar Primary School. Our next game is in March, against High Ongar Primary School.



Our karate team are: Joel (gold) Naiomi, Gracie (silver), CJ (silver) and Alex (2x gold)

Karate Report from Alex and Gracie– We attended the District Karate competition where we were one of sixteen schools. All team members took part in fights and Kata competitions. We all enjoyed ourselves very much and some of us even came home with medals. If anyone is interested in Karate please consider joining a club as it would be great to have a bigger team next year and win more medals and be higher up the leader board.

Top Performing Schools Table

Lots of you have seen and commented on how well that we have performed in the “Top Performing Schools of Essex” tables that were released a few weeks ago. I do agree that we have performed well; however when I unpicked the data, I discovered that we would have been in the top 50 if the attendance of the pupils was better. The measure that we also fell down on was attainment for all, and it transpires that the children who had not attained as well as they should have done are the children who have poor attendance. This is really something that you should consider, particularly if your child's attendance is less than 96%. We have excellent teaching and learning at our school now and we provide a superb education for your children. We deserve to be number one on that list and I am disappointed that attendance has let us down. Please support your school, by ensuring that your child is here every day.

EYFS and Key Stage One School Meals

We have now completed a whole three week cycle of trialling the school meals with Donaldson, Hargreaves and Morpurgo children. We have had a very positive response from the children and they have all really enjoyed the whole school dinner experience along with sampling new tastes. Starting this week school meals are going to be made for every child in EYFS or KS1 **unless** you, as a parent, advise us in writing that you do not wish your child to eat a school meal.

