

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 20th February 2017
DINNER MENU WEEK 3

Welcome back everyone!

Attendance

Congratulations once again to Dahl Class for having the highest attendance and securing the party last term. This class are actually at a disadvantage as there are less of them, so if one is off sick, it constitutes a larger percentage; however they seem to be unstoppable at winning the attendance cup- well done Dahl!

We have noticed that there was a large amount of children that have dropped in their attendance suddenly and as a result we have sent letters home to those parents. Children with the highest attendance at Ongar Primary School also have the highest academic progress and attainment scores; they are happier at school as they have formed more secure friendships and are fully involved in school life. Research has shown that students reporting missing three or more days of school in the prior month had lower average scores in reading and maths than students with fewer absences.

In addition to this, we have noticed that several children who are late every morning. At 8.50 am each class takes part in responding to marking sessions with their class teacher which enables the children to get support from their teacher with things that they may have struggled with on the previous day. In Donaldson and Hargreaves Class, they immediately begin their phonics session. This prepares them to read fluently and pass their phonics screen. When a child walks in late, even if it is five minutes, they are behind their classmates and having to play catch up; the register has been taken and so they have missed being welcomed in by their teacher. As adults, we all know how uncomfortable it is to walk in late to a room full of people already established in what they are doing- please consider this for your child. Thank you.

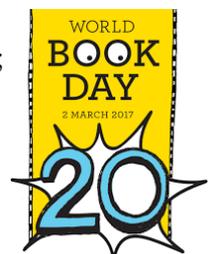
ParentMail

ParentMail is now the way we communicate to our parents, either via email or text. Parents need to register following a link sent to them previously. Registering lets you to download the app, allowing all school communication to come through the app (similar to SMS). If you are unable to register, you should still receive communication to either your email or mobile number. If you are having any problems, please speak to the school office; they will be happy to help you with any issues you may be having.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on 2nd March and we are asking all children to come to school dressed as a book character; once again we will be starting the day, at 8:15am with our Reading Breakfast- so please join us for this; it will be lovely to see you.



ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%
% for w/e 10th February -91.4%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	93.3	4
Hargreaves	81.9	1
Morpurgo	98.2	9
Dahl	95.3	12
Rowling	96.3	4
Tolkien	88.3	6

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Certificates are awarded to all children during Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoons.

Donaldson	Hargreaves
Teddy	Rocco
Denholm	Macie
Kai	Layla
Alisa	Lexi
Demi	Piper
	Shayla
Morpurgo	Tilly
Morgan M	Neve
Nathan	Riley
Maizie	Victoria
	Alfie

Red Nose Day

The school council have decided on the events for Red Nose Day (**Friday 24th March**). Everyone is encouraged to come to school dress as one of the 2017 Red Nose characters or alternatively children can wear non-uniform. A donation of £1 is required which will go to the Red Nose Charity. In the afternoon we will be hosting 'Ongar Primary's Got Talent'. The children had great fun last time we ran this event and have already started practising their acts. We will also be holding a Key Stage 'Red Nose Hunt' competition, with the winning house from each Key Stage receiving 100 house points.

British Museum – written by Owen

The Thursday before half term Rowling class went to the British museum to learn all about the Egyptians and how they lived and how the pharaohs were mummified ready for the afterlife.

All the mummies were very old and dusty. There was a mummified man that had been buried in the sand and he was so well preserved that he still had all of his hair. We saw canopic jars that would have had all their organs in because the Egyptians removed the organs and kept them, except for the brain, which they threw away.

At the end we were allowed to go and look wherever we wanted to, I went to look at the coffins which were decorated with hieroglyphics. We had a great day and saw lots of things that we had been learning about.

CIA Sponsored Read

Just before the holidays children were sent home with a sponsored reading form. If your child completed the reading, please could you return your sponsor form and money to the school office by Friday 24th February 2017. Many thanks



RED NOSE 2017 CHARACTERS



Dr. Nose



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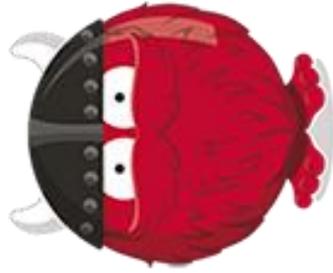
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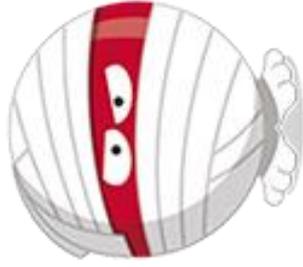
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