

Newsletter Winter Term – 02.02.2024

What happened this week in school?



What a week! We had the author, Cathryn Barry, in to tell the pupils about her book, "The Bubble of Love." Cathryn Barry has worked with children and young people in a variety of different roles. She has a background in teaching and supporting special educational

needs. She subsequently retrained as a Counsellor, specialising in work with children and adolescents.

We also had Rev Brazier-Gibbs in to lead assembly on **Candlemas: the presentation of Christ in the temple.**

And Rabbi Posen came to speak to pupils about Judaism.

Thank you for all the support this week with Ofsted. It is pleasing to learn the very positive responses on Ofsted parent view. We are a happy school community!

We successfully addressed action points identified in the last Ofsted report and positive changes and improvements acknowledged. Our pupils are a real credit to the school.

What next? The school will receive a draft report before the final report is published in 30 days.

Have a well-deserved weekend.

Picture News – This week's Big Question...



Roots and Fruits







This term's focus will be on the words of Jesus.

British Value of the term





Democracy










Attendance target: 96%

	Reception class 100%
	Yeas 1 and 2 78%
	Years 3 and 4 67%
	Years 5 and 6 90%
Whole school	81%

House Points

Ants		1102
Badgers		954
Locusts		1099
Lizards		966

Value Awards

	Reception	Lucas	Creativity: For drawing an excellent picture of the different versions of the Three Little Pigs
	Courage		
	Years 1 and 2	Nellie	For sharing her work and ideas with the rest of the class.
	Years 3 and 4	Amber	Always willing to try
	Years 5 and 6	Teddy Do	For producing more work in his books.
	Creativity		
	Years 1 and 2	Ethan	For writing a lovely recount of the rugby session.
	Years 3 and 4	Amber	Great ideas
	Years 5 and 6	John James	For taking time at home to draw a sketch.
	Respect		
	Years 1 and 2	Evie-May	For following instructions and listening intently.
	Years 3 and 4	Dotty	Always willing to help
	Years 5 and 6	Tilly	For always being very respectful towards staff.
	Compassion		
	Years 1 and 2	Scarlett	For being an honest and caring friend.
	Years 3 and 4	Hugo	Helps others
	Years 5 and 6	Teddie	For being helpful to people when unwell.
	Perseverance		
	Years 1 and 2	Madison	For trying her best to write a recount of a rugby session.
	Years 3 and 4	Maci	Always finishes her work
	Years 5 and 6	Barney	For asking for help until he understands maths concepts.
	Responsibility		
	Years 1 and 2	Mikey	For always being keen to help the adults.
	Years 3 and 4	Amelia	Willing to organise jobs for the class
	Years 5 and 6	Gabriella	For taking an active role in helping her peers.
	Hope		
	Years 1 and 2	Lucas	For being kind and positive to adults and her friends.
	Years 3 and 4	Alice Curtis	Looks for the best in everything
	Years 5 and 6	Archie	For always being willing to help those around him.

Classroom News



Reception Red Class

Reception have been busy in Maths this week.

We have been looking at the composition of 6, 7 and 8 using part-whole models and cubes.



We have been exploring pairs and odd and even numbers, as well as doubling numbers to 8!

You can consolidate their learning at home with some games we have been using in school.

Caterpillar Doubles – roll or call numbers 1-4 and children will need to find the double! You can chalk this on the floor – the children LOVED jumping on the numbers!



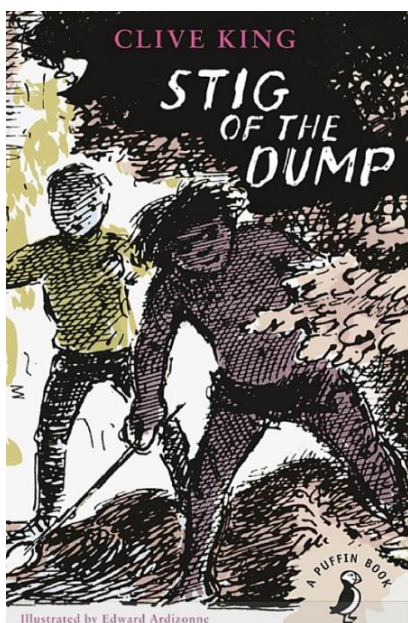
Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

This week our focus was on writing a recount of the rugby session that took place previous Friday. It was the first time when children organised their work into paragraphs and diligently described each part of the event.

We have also enjoyed the dress up day and the visit from the Rabi which tied really nicely with our learning about Judaism.



Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class



We have been imagining the different portions of the story and sharing our ideas with each other. What could happen next? We have been learning to be good listeners, use our skills and enjoy a good book.



Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class

During PSHE, we have been looking at the pros and cons of social media. We discussed some rules we should follow to be a responsible digital citizen:

1. Keep yourself safe online by not sharing your personal information.
2. Always be careful about people you meet and information that you read online – not all people can be trusted and not everything you read is true!
3. When interacting with other people online, always use appropriate language and behaviour. Remember that cyberbullying is a crime!
4. Respect the opinions and ideas of others, even if you don't agree with them.
5. Only use or share other people's work if you have their permission.
6. **Try to limit your use of social media, and to use it in a productive and responsible manner.**

REMEMBER:



PEGI is the system by which games and apps are age rated to provide guidance to parents as to whether they are appropriate for their children.

Information

Welcome to Dr Walkers!



We would like to Welcome Diane Kiely to Dr Walkers! If you see her around school, please give her a wave!

After School Clubs



Please note that the Arts and Crafts Club on a Monday is now fully booked, sadly there was no uptake for the Board Games Club on a Wednesday so this club will not be going ahead. We could offer an additional Arts and Crafts Club for Wednesday, if you are interested, please email the school office. If there are any pupils on Pupil Premium who would like to attend, please contact the school office for more information

School Play Leaders



Play leaders are taking their roles seriously and supporting children on the playground at lunchtime. Giant Jenga is very popular and the giant Connect Four attracts a lot of interest too.

National Storytelling Week Dress Up Day



As part of National Storytelling Week, we dressed up as our favourite book characters, we even had a visit from "The BIG bad wolf and Little Red Riding Hood"



You are Invited to our Pancake Breakfast



Pancake flipping skills at the ready!

Dr Walker's invites you to a

Pancake Breakfast

**Suggested voluntary contribution of £2
per child (payable on the day) but
please only pay what you can afford
All allergies catered for**



Tuesday, 13th February

8-8.30am

For Our Year 6 Pupils

ONGAR
**Apprenticeships,
 Skills and Jobs Fair**
 FOR ALL AGES

**FREE
 ADMISSION**

Includes:

- Essex companies offering local and national opportunities
- Professionals on hand to offer advice on CV preparation and interview skills
- Chat with your County Councillor

Tuesday 27th February · 6-8pm

Supported by **Come to**
 The Ongar Academy
 Fyfield Rd, Ongar, CM5 0AN

Cllr Jaymey McIvor *A Strong Voice for Ongar*

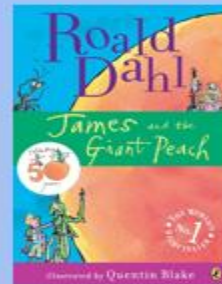
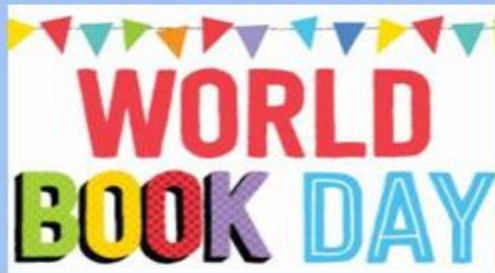
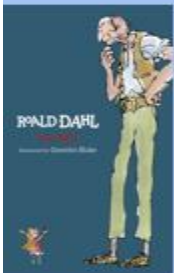
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We thought that this event at the Ongar Academy would be great for our year 6 Pupils to attend.

Cllr Jaymey McIvor will be visiting Dr Walkers shortly to talk to our students about a career in politics and local Government.

We hope that our pupils will attend this exciting event!

World Book Day



On 7th March we will be having a special menu for World Book Day.

More information will follow shortly.....



Thursday 7th March 2023

Scrumdiddlyumptious Ashlyns Beef burger in a Bun

Peter Rabbit ~~Meatfree~~ Burger in a Bun

Served with ~~Mr~~ Stink Potato Wedges



Jacket Potato

Served with a choice of Fillings

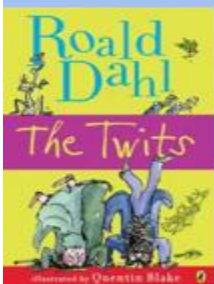
Charlie & the Chocolate Cake

With Oompa Loompa Chocolate Custard

Or

James and the Giant Peach

Fruit Platter



Information



02.02.24	Reception Assembly
02.02.24	Pupil Voice Afternoon
05.02.24	Children's Mental Health Week Begins
06.02.24	Safer internet day
06.02.24	Morning Sports Hall Athletics Years 5&6 : Ongar Academy
06.02.24	Afternoon Sports Hall Athletics Years 3&4 : Ongar Academy
09.02.24	Mini Reports Home
09.02.24	Indigo – Violet Assembly
14.02.24	Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
14.02.24	Parent Consultations
16.02.24	Bake Off Competition (TBC)
16.02.24	Half Term Begins
26.02.24	Back to School
07.02.24	World Book Day – Special School Dinner Menu.
05.03.24	Epping & Ongar District Cross Country : Ongar Primary
08.03.24	Reception & Year 5 Road Safety 12.45 to 3pm



Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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	School closed: Holidays		School closed: Bank Holiday		School closed: Staff training (INSET)		School days		Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February – 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday – 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.