

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

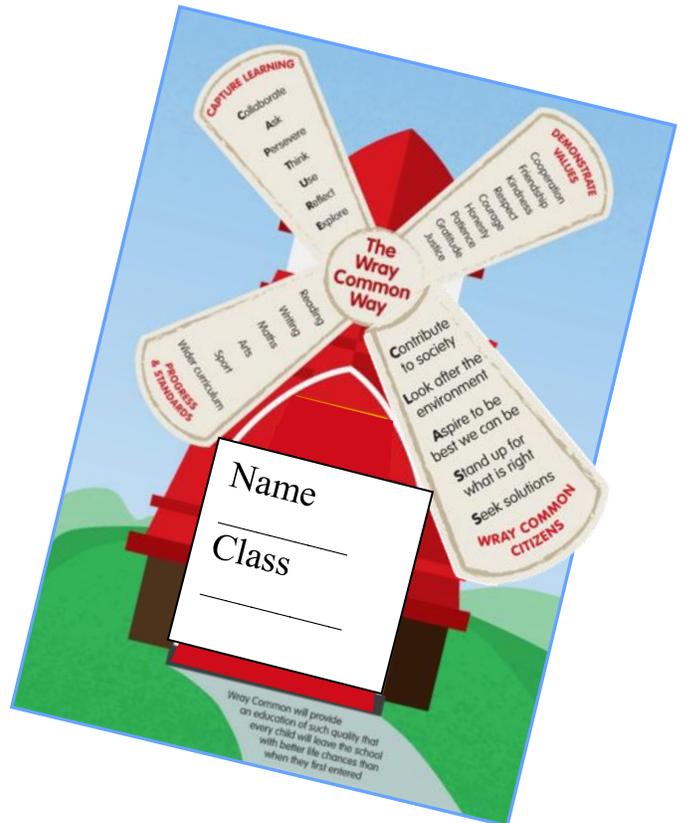
## WRAY COMMON CITIZEN PASSPORT LAUNCH

### ARE YOU A CLASS ACT?

As part of our Wray Common Way, the children in Years 3 to 6 have been provided with a Wray Common Citizen Passport. This passport will help support the children to reflect upon how they are:

- **C**ontributing to society
- **L**ooking after the environment
- **A**spiring to be the best they can be
- **S**tanding up for what is right
- **S**eeking solutions.

The children may have met some of these targets through activities outside of school as well as in school. The passports will be kept at school, where the children can record any successes they have had and discuss them with their peers and class teacher. Time will be dedicated each half term for the children to reflect upon their passport successes. There is no requirement for these passports to be completed by the end of the academic year, the emphasis is very much on an individual's own achievements. We will be sharing the passports with parents and carers during parent consultations in the Spring term.



### YEAR 6 POETRY

The children in Year 6 turned their hands to poetry this week and have written some wonderful poems inspired by their World War 2 topic. They were challenged to write a poem that included poetry features such as repetition and rhyme, a range of figurative language, stanzas and correct punctuation. Abbie in 6R produced this excellent poem that certainly meets these criteria and she cleverly chose Christmas as a setting to make the reader consider what it might have been like during the war at Christmastime.

Shrieking planes laughed dreadful bombs,  
dreadful bombs could cascade for long.  
It's nearly Christmas, hang your holly!  
This Christmas will be melancholy.  
Curse this wretched war, I pray  
just in time for Christmas day.

No such luck! The bombers sang,  
We've bombed your holly, there's none to hang.  
Let the war go on, says we,  
We will win this war, you'll see.  
You can fight your lives away,  
We've no time to stop and play.

Obnoxious bombs descend on the city,  
We understand you'll take no pity  
CRASH! BANG! over vulnerable London,  
you'll pay your price when the war is done.  
Destroy all you want from up above,  
even all the things we love.



## WRAY COMMON CHOIR



Well done Wray Common Choir for giving a 30 minute performance of songs during the Christmas Market at St. Mary's Church, Reigate last Saturday. They certainly added to the wintry and festive atmosphere of the afternoon for the visitors! Outside, there were donkeys decorated in festive bells and harnesses, with rich, red blankets across their backs, while inside, there was food of all sorts and shiny presents to buy. The children sang excerpts from *The Jungle Book*, *Skyfall*, and 'Midnight', ending with some Christmas Carols to ensure a huge helping of Christmas cheer! And boy did the Choir sing their hearts out:

- they **stood tall**
- they didn't **crumble** at all,
- and the **Skyfall** came only afterwards when the rain set in for good!

Soloists, Austin, Camila and Emily, amongst others, provided haunting solos with the full choir joining them at intervals throughout. Well done to you all! We would like to thank Mr Bruce for organising this event and to Mrs Stoughton for supporting them. Wray Common would like to thank St Mary's for the chocolates that were given to the children who participated - a lovely treat at the end of the performance.

The Choir is well tuned and all ready for their next performance—catch them at the Wray Common Christmas Fayre!



## RANGERS REPORT

There have been unconfirmed reports of shark attacks taking place at Rangers this week. Unsuspecting beach goers have been subjected to frequent pulling of the legs by sharks! Thankfully, this all took place in the safety of the large hall underneath the parachute!



A couple of our Rangers have also been developing their construction skills. This castle looks fit for a king and queen!

## CATCH-UP SWIMMING

Next week is the last week of swimming this term with the exception of 1W and 1B who will have an additional swim on Monday 5th December (catch-up due to INSET day) and 1S and 4A who will have an additional swim on Tuesday 6th December (catch-up from missed session on Fri 25th Nov). For both of these catch-ups, regular swimming times will apply. If you are able to help with these sessions, please let the class teachers know.



## BRIGHT SPARKS

Continuing their exciting Bright Sparks topic, the children in Year 4 will be designing and making their own torches. We will provide them with the electrical components that they need, such as bulbs, batteries, wire and switches, but we ask if you could send in some 'recycling' items to assist us. In the past, items such as kitchen roll cardboard tubes, wrapping paper cardboard tubes, cardboard toothpaste boxes (or similar) or cardboard thin enough for your child to cut and manipulate (such as cereal boxes) have been ideal to construct the body of the torch. Foil cake cases or yoghurt pots covered in foil have also proved very useful for the reflective parts of a home-made torch! The children will be making their torches during the w/c 5th Dec and so will need their 'recycling items' in school ready for this. They shall be designing their torches the week prior to this, so please discuss with your child their individual design; not only to enhance their learning, but also to ensure that they have all the 'recycling' items they need! Thank you for your assistance in helping us to provide the children with rich learning experiences in Science.



## Reigate & Banstead Writes

### CALLING ALL BUDDING AUTHORS! YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU!

Are you the next J.K Rowling? Or Jacqueline Wilson?

R&B Writes is a new local, short story competition for students in Years 5-9, established by The Warwick School. The idea is simple - set your story in our local area.

Full details and entry forms are available from Mrs Brooks and Mrs Robinson. There are great prizes to be won as well as random 'spot' prizes and a chance to see your story published.

What are you waiting for? Get writing!

Closing Date: Tuesday 28th February 2017. Make sure you have handed your stories in by then.

### AN INVITATION

Ever wondered what your child's school dinner is like?

We are inviting parents/carers to sample some of the lunches provided by our caterers and to give us feedback on what they think. Please come and join us before you pick your children up on Wednesday 7th December from 2:45pm to 3:15pm in the Large Hall for a tasting session. If you could let the office know by filling in the slip below and returning it to us by Thursday 1st December, this will allow us to cater for all of you on the day. Your feedback could have a direct impact on the daily menu offered to your children, so your views would be very gratefully received.



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

on behalf of Surrey County Council

You may be interested to know that there are over 880 children in care in Surrey. Around 40% of them are placed outside of Surrey because we haven't got enough foster carers. We are looking for foster carers for children aged 0-18, for supported lodgings providers for young people aged 16-21, and short breaks carers for disabled children. If this is something that you might be interested in doing here's what you can do.

#### MEET OUR FOSTER CARERS AT CAFES AROUND SURREY

You might enjoy having an informal chat with foster carers about what it's like to foster with us.

We are very grateful to the cafes that have agreed to let our foster carers have a table on a monthly basis at the following: All Things Nice in Ewell, Leatherhead Youth Project in Leatherhead, Hothouse Cafe in Cobham, Bread and Roses in Addlestone, Bill's in Woking, Patisserie Valerie in Camberley, and West Central in Redhill, with more venues to come. To find out the dates and times, please visit <http://bit.ly/2d9zjpc>. You can simply drop in to the cafes at any point during the advertised times to chat with the foster carers.

#### BOOK A HOME VISIT TO CHAT TO US ABOUT FOSTERING

Why not give our friendly Fran a call on 0800 0969 626 or email: [fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk) to book a home visit? We can book a time that suits you on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 9pm. There's no obligation to take your enquiry further if you decide after talking to us that fostering isn't for you at this time.

#### MEET US AT THE RIPLEY VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAIR 4 DECEMBER 12-4PM

We will be at the Ripley Christmas Fair in the High Street, Ripley Village GU23 6AY. There will be lots of stalls and Santas on motorbikes riding through, so something to entertain everyone. Look out for the white gazebo with purple cartoon animals and lots of balloons. Come and make a Christmas tree decoration and a Christmas hat while you chat to us about fostering.

#### MEET US AT DENBIE'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 5-8PM

We have a stall at the fair, why not come along and soak up the Christmassy atmosphere, do a spot of shopping and chat with us about fostering?

#### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We regularly update our Facebook and Twitter accounts, so this is a good way to keep up to date with us. 'Like' us on Facebook at [facebook.com/surreyfostering](https://www.facebook.com/surreyfostering) and follow us on Twitter @surreyfostering. We appreciate Facebook shares and retweets, as it helps to spread the fostering message.



## HONOUR BOOK



<b>1B</b>	Holly Allen Jason Phillips	For using her own similes and adjectives in the 'Giant Shark' story. For some fantastic use of adjectives in his own 'Enormous Crocodile' inspired story.
<b>1S</b>	Lily Plowman	For dedication to her learning during her first few weeks in Year 1 at Wray Common School.
	Bethany Chick	For incredible writing of her own 'Enormous Crocodile' inspired story.
<b>1W</b>	Emma Watson Eloise Kiernander	For her fantastic attitude towards her learning, both at school and at home. For her fantastic independent writing about a 'Sneaky Snake'.
<b>2E</b>	Hayley Bleach Jessica Low	For trying so hard with her writing and showing improvement. For being an amazing learner who always tries her best.
<b>2ML</b>	Alise Steina Jessy Benedetto & Emily Acquah-Harrison	For a fantastic text all about the 'Redhill Ridgeback'. For working together to rename 10s to be able to subtract.
<b>3HW</b>	Henry Davey Justin Chieng Elsa Akbar	For persevering with his handwriting. For adding lots of detail to his writing using prepositional phrases. For adding lots of detail to her writing using prepositional phrases.
<b>3W</b>	Daniel Greenwood Victor Burlacu	For his focus last week and for building a great noun tower. An amazing story innovation of 'Escape from Pompeii' using expanded noun phrases.
<b>4A</b>	Isabella Cowan Austin Hawker Hannah Earwicker Jasmine Gould	For wonderful progress in writing, adding adverbial phrases and punctuation. For wonderful progress in writing, adding adverbial phrases and punctuation. For using reflection to add detail to her 'shock' narrative. For persevering with puzzles in Maths.
<b>4RW</b>	Ellisse Alves & Martim Vaquinhas Camilla Sulskute Eli Mutyambizi	For two fantastic stories based on the short film, The Lighthouse For two fantastic stories based on the short film, The Lighthouse For showing growth mindset and not giving up when finding a maths problem hard. For showing growth mindset and not giving up when finding a maths problem hard.
<b>4Sq</b>	Simao Marques Liam Watson	For brilliant effort during reading workshop - improving reference to text. For persevering with reading.
<b>5B</b>	Anna Benedetto Amy Hart Madison Ford	For working hard to understand multiplication of 2 digits by 2 digits. For working hard to understand multiplication of 2 digits by 2 digits. For persevering with multiplication and spotting mistakes.
<b>5M</b>	Joshua Poulter Tylor Mannell-Williams Dakota Bennett	Great handwriting and reading, Josh! Keep up the good work! Great effort in guided reading and super handwriting. Well done, Tylor! Super speech between two Roald Dahl characters during English.
<b>5S</b>	Sami Khan Maisie Kaye Clare Wickens	For incredible effort to get to mastery in long multiplication. For incredible effort to get to mastery in long multiplication. For working incredibly hard.
<b>6C</b>	Hannah Taylor Katie Hollands Zabi Bharmal Sai Gandapalli	For enthusiastic participation during lessons. For fantastic effort in all lessons. For an excellent WW2 recount and reflections in English. For working hard in English and showing great collaboration when supporting other children.
<b>6R</b>	Muieen Khokhar Diogo Tome Aiyana Bennett Martha McSweeney	For working hard at problem solving in Maths. For working hard at problem solving in Maths. For writing an emotive and moving Evacuee recount. For using powerful adverbial sentence starters to add tension to her WW2 recount.



## DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 28th Nov -	Last week of swimming		Crocodile Encounters Year 1
Tues 29th Nov	Year 2 Sparkfish Christmas Journey (during school time) Happy School Bag collection 9:00 a.m.	Fri 2nd	Mufti Day (chocolate and bottles and books) Year 5 return (See website for ETA)
Wed 30th Nov	Departure Year 5 Residential Trip (children in school for 7:30 a.m.)		

## FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON FUND RAISING CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This annual festive event will take place on Friday 9th  
December from 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Stalls will include teaching staff selling Christmas items  
made by the children in school, along with:

Cake Sale  
Chocolate Tombola  
Bottle Tombola  
Book Stall

Wray Common Christmas Puddings

Santa will also be making an appearance and children can  
visit him in his Grotto, so make sure you're on his nice list  
by helping us make this a  
successful and fun event.

There will also be a performance of Christmas songs by some of  
the children from the School Choir.

The prize draw for the Christmas raffle will take place at  
6:00 p.m. (Children are bringing home raffle ticket books this  
afternoon with plenty of additional books for collection from  
the School Office).

Staff from the school kitchen will be on hand to serve tea time  
treats of hot dogs, mince pies and drinks including mulled wine!

Friday 2nd December and Friday 9th December will be mufti  
days for us to collect items for the chocolate and bottle  
tombolas and also the book stall. We are asking for  
donations of cakes on the morning of the 9th along with any  
other items. We need volunteers to help on these mornings  
from 8:30 a.m. On the day we will need helpers to set up as  
well as people to run the stalls during the event. If you can  
give us at least half an hour of your time, please contact  
Bernie Stevenson on 07958 728642 or leave your name with  
the School Office.

## HAPPY SCHOOL BAGS

Don't forget our Happy School Bag Collection on  
Tuesday next week. We ask that you leave your  
donations under the bike shelters at school first  
thing in the morning, ready for  
the collection soon after 9:00 a.m.  
Items can be packed in any plastic  
bag, so please feel free to donate  
more than one bag.



## DESIGNS TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL THIS CHRISTMAS



Well done to  
everyone who  
submitted their own  
Christmas card  
designs for the Arts  
Project that was  
organised by The  
Friends. You may be  
interested to know  
that the school has  
selected three

designs to use as our  
"corporate"  
Christmas cards this  
year. These were  
shown at last  
Friday's celebration

assembly. Well done to Poppy in RW with her  
Father Christmas design, Harley in 2E with  
his Father Christmas riding over rooftops  
design and Hannah in 6C with her snowflake  
Merry Christmas design!

## INVITATION TO SAMPLE SCHOOL DINNERS

Please complete and return to the school office by Thursday 1st December 2016

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in the School Dinner Tasting Session on Wednesday 7th December 2016.

Please indicate below if you have any dietary requirements or food allergies that we need to be aware of.

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