

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

A BUSY START TO THE NEW HALF TERM



YEAR 2 EXPLORE LEEDS CASTLE

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Leeds Castle yesterday where they learnt all about the features of a castle. They found out all about the families who have lived in Leeds Castle over the years and discovered how the castle itself has changed throughout the centuries. Aaliyah in 2E commented, "I especially like seeing all of the bedrooms and dressing up as a knight." The Year 2 teachers would like to commend the children for their exceptional behaviour throughout the day. What great Wray Common Citizens they were!



WW2 DAY IN YEAR 6

On Tuesday, Year 6 were introduced to their new topic, WW2, by taking part in all-day workshops, delivered by 'Portals to the Past'. During the day the children tried on gas masks, learnt the process of an air raid drill and a rifle drill and also learnt how to do the Lambeth Walk!



CROCODILE ROCK

Yesterday, Year 1 took part in the first of their crocodile inspired workshops. Daisy, from West End in Schools, delivered a wonderful dance workshop to the children, bringing Roald Dahl's story of The Enormous Crocodile to life. They are now looking forward to their next workshop, Crocodile Encounters, where they will actually meet a real-life crocodile!



YEAR 3 IMPACT DAY

On Tuesday, Year 3 undertook many volcano related activities to help immerse them in their new topic, 'Active Planet'. The children are now thinking of ways to improve their models to make the eruptions more impressive!



YEAR 4 BRIGHT SPARKS!



The Year 4 children were lucky enough to enjoy an Electricity talk this week from a special guest speaker, Mr Ken Buckett, Grandad of Aidan in Reception. Mr Buckett's career was based around electrical engineering and safety, as well as lecturing in the subject. He introduced us to the fundamental ideas behind Electricity and really developed the children's knowledge in the subject. He even brought with him a deconstructed torch and showed the children how the fire alarm works! We'd like to extend our thanks to him for answering our newsletter plea and giving up his time to come in and help the children with their electrical learning journey.

We are always on the look out for Science experts within our Wray Common community to help us bring our learning to life, so please get in contact with Mrs Shevel (Science Leader) or your child's class teacher if you could offer your expertise.

The upcoming Science topics which lend themselves to guest speakers include; 'Nutrition, the Skeleton and Muscles' for any health or sports professionals as well as 'Space' for anyone with an expertise in the field of astronomy. We look forward to hearing from you.

CHOIR NEWS

The Choir have been asked to perform some Christmas songs at the Christmas Market being held at St. Mary's Church, Chart Lane, Reigate on Saturday 19th November. If your child would like to participate in this festive event, please collect a letter from the school office. Just the thing for getting you in the festive mood!



WELLIE BOOT REMINDER

Please remember that wellies are required in school so that your child can use the field and dens at playtime. Outdoor learning is part of our curriculum, so wellies are essential!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The charity we will be supporting this term is 'Samaritan's Purse' and we will be taking part in their 'Operation Christmas Child' campaign. It's a campaign that thousands of schools, churches and other organisations from across the UK get involved with between September and November each year. To get things started, we need donations of shoe boxes, so if you have any spare, standard size shoe boxes, please bring them into school next week. To celebrate our value of 'Friendship', we will be holding Operation Christmas Child Day on Friday 11th November. On this day, children will be able to come to school in shoes of their choice (suitable for wearing in school) in return for bringing in a small gift to put into the shoeboxes. The children will then be involved in packing the boxes as well as writing 'friendship messages' which will add a personal touch for the children opening the gifts.

Gift Suggestions

Toys - e.g. cuddly toy, doll, toy truck (CE label) skipping rope, small puzzle etc.

School Supplies - e.g. pens, colouring pencils, small notepads, colouring books etc.

Hygiene Items - e.g. toothbrush and toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap, flannel, comb, hairbrush etc.

Other Items - e.g. hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, sweets (must have a best before date of at least March 2017)

Please Do Not Include

Used/damaged items; war related items i.e. toy guns or knives or military figures; clothing other than listed above, playing cards of the 4-suit variety; liquids/lotions including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; sharp or fragile items; chocolate or food; anything of a political, religious or racial nature; books with mainly words.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

14th - 16th November

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.



Mrs Robinson is still looking for volunteers to help out at the Scholastic Book Fair. If you are able to help at the Fair on all or any of the 3 days, please leave your name with the School Office. Thank you.

BOOK WEEK

Wray Common will be celebrating Book Week during the week commencing 14th November. There will be lots of exciting events to celebrate the 100 years since Roald Dahl's birth, hence the theme for the week - 'Roald Dahl'. The Book Fair (see above) will run from Monday to Wednesday and there will be a Family Read With Your Child session during the afternoon on Thursday 17th. Parents/carers and other family members are invited in to school from 2:30 until 3:00 to share stories with their children. A bell will ring to indicate the end of the session when the children must return to their classrooms for normal end of day pick-up. On Friday 18th we will be holding a dressing-up day where children are being asked to come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl character. Don't forget the writing competition that is being run by the School Council; the deadline for entries is Monday 14th November.



FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON FIREWORKS

Gates open 5:30 p.m. Fireworks at 6:30 p.m.

Our Fireworks Event is tonight, so if you still haven't bought a ticket, they will be available on the gate from 5:30 p.m. We ask for your co-operation please, by not parking in Kendal Close or the top end of Windermere Way, as we must have access to and from the school for emergency vehicles. We thank you for your co-operation with this and hope that you will enjoy this wonderful family event. We look forward to seeing you there.

N.B. The Fireworks will go ahead regardless of the weather, so come prepared for wet weather and enjoy this great event.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Please don't forget to go online to book your Parents' Evening appointments. Go to the Parents' Evening tab on your Tucasi account to book your slots. If you require any assistance with booking your appointments, please contact the school office. Online link codes are also available if you have not already signed up to a Tucasi account.

Don't forget parents evening!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

A warm welcome back!

MAKING YOUR MONEY WORK - a really useful workshop (two 1.5 hour sessions, in school hours and only £2) looking at how to prioritise, how to manage money and looking at ways of dealing with debt.

The course was due to start this week, but Welcare has had to postpone it for two weeks. Please see the flyer in the school office or contact Welcare direct.

A CRECHE IS AVAILABLE.



FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING PUDDINGS

Don't forget to order your puddings! Order forms are available from the school office. Get your orders in so you are not disappointed as these puddings are truly delicious! From Christmas Puddings to Chocolate Puddings, there is something to suit everyone's taste.

WHO ATE ALL THE PIES?

Wow! What a Whopper! Home grown and delicious, this amazing pumpkin was grown from seed and harvested from our allotment. Mrs Jones, in the kitchen, and Mrs Robinson used the pumpkin to make delicious pumpkin pie! Did you try some?

DATES FOR w/c 7th NOVEMBER

Thurs 10th Nov	Netball Match v Earlswood (away)	3:45 p.m.
	Football Match v St. Matthew's (home)	3:45 p.m.
Fri 11th Nov	Operation Christmas Child Day	
	Remembrance Day	
	(invited School Council Members to Memorial Park)	

