

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

WELCOME TO SPRING 2



WHO DUNNIT?

First thing on Monday morning, Year 3 returned to school after the half term holiday, only to find themselves in the middle of a crime scene! Lots and lots of daffodils were strewn across the wooden steps at the back of the Year 3 block, but parts of the flowers were missing. Could the Year 3 children discover what parts of the plants were missing? After some close investigation, they discovered that the plants' roots had been taken as well as the leaves. They went back to class to piece the plants together by creating diagrams to show the whole plant with all of its parts. Welcome to Year 3's new topic- Plant It!



HANDS ON SCIENCE

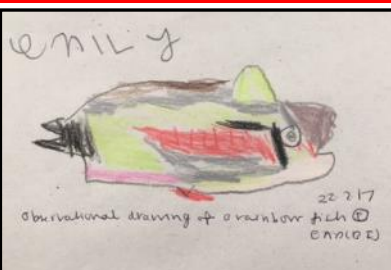


This term Year 1 are learning about plants and animals in Science. This week they have been learning about the structure of plants. Firstly, they looked at real plants to identify their different parts. Then they created their own 'art attack' style plant. They used everyday objects to show the different functions of each part of the plant.



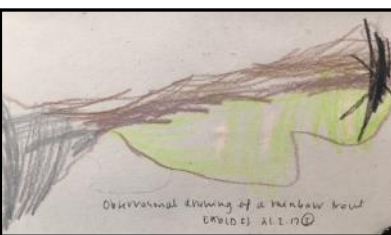
They used sponges for roots because they suck up water, and a piece of plastic guttering for the stem to transport water. Some green paper and a lunchbox were used to represent the leaves and their function of making food for the plant.

Finally, the children used some pink paper for the petals together with perfume which plants use to help attract insects. 'A Bugs Life' topic is truly underway for Year 1.



MULTI-TALENTED RECEPTION

From beautiful observational drawings of rainbow trout, to honing their ball skills, the children in Reception have been extremely busy this week. The topic for this half term is 'Under the Sea' and the children used their observational skills to produce some excellent drawings of fish. The children in Ladybirds class demonstrated great co-operation in P.E. this morning, working together in pairs to develop their ball skills. They also had the opportunity to work alone and, as these photos show, used great concentration skills. Well done everyone!



SCHOOL GOVERNORS WANTED

As Wray Common enters an exciting era of collaboration and excellence with other local schools, we need additional Governors to support the essential work of monitoring and supporting the school. The key requirement is for committed individuals with a passion for improving children's education, although additional skills such as finance knowledge, HR or safeguarding would be greatly welcomed. For more information, please contact Catriona Sanderson: Clerk to the Governors at csanderson@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk or speak informally to Julie Palmer in the office who is one of our Staff Governors or other Governors you may know who are parents at Wray Common, Jen Denby, Tori Perrot, Julie Taylor or Jon Vetori. After that, please contact Catriona Sanderson for application details. We look forward to hearing from you.

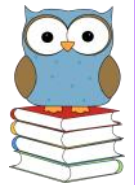


ARTS SOIREE

Mr Bruce would like to remind all musicians that if they would like to perform in the Arts Soiree on Thursday 9th March, there is a final opportunity to play for him on Monday lunchtime. Please remind your children to bring in their instrument and music if they would like to play. Letters regarding the evening will be coming home next week.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Wray Common will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday, 2nd March. There will be reading activities happening throughout the day, including 'Drop Everything and Read' and every child will be bringing home a book token too. Please note that this will not be a dressing up day.



DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?

If the answer is yes, why not spend it here at Wray Common developing our children's social, emotional, physical and creative skills during their lunch time - and get paid for it! We need someone who is reliable and available every day, from 12:00 until 1:15 p.m., to join our friendly lunchtime team. Full training will be given. If you are interested in applying, please ask the office for a job description and application form. Applications must be in by 9:00 a.m. on Monday 6th March. If you would like to find out more, I'm sure our Senior Midday Supervisor, Elaine Butcher, would be happy to discuss with you.

RANGERS REPORT

We hope you had a great half term. We had a fabulous time at Rangers on our very own bouncy castle and at Camp Glide with activities like gymnastics, dance, football, swimming and survival den building. Some of the dens we built were even strong enough to survive storm Doris.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

From 3:30 p.m. this afternoon you can go online to book your Parents' Evening appointments. Parent consultations are taking place this half term on Tuesday 14th March and Thursday 16th March. Please 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. The cut-off for booking online is Monday 13th March at 12:00 p.m..

DEN BUILDING MATERIALS

Mr Huelin is putting a call out for some den building materials. As I'm sure your children have mentioned, den building is an activity that takes place during KS2 lunchtimes at school. If you have been pruning in your garden recently or have any spare materials that we might be able to utilise in our dens, please contact the school office. We look forward to hearing from you.



CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

By Hannah and Lexi

On the 21st February, a selected team from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 was asked to compete in a district cross country competition. We all met up at Reigate Priory Park, covered in goose bumps, and prepared to race. After the first race, we had some great results with Millie H in Year 4 winning a bronze medal closely followed by Carson M in 5th place. We also achieved some brilliant results in the boys' race which put a smile on Mr. Martin's face. The Year 5 and 6 girls raced next, followed by the Year 5 and 6 boys. Final results overall saw the girls in second place. It was a great experience for all runners and hopefully we can continue to improve and do just as well next year, if not better!



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK ...

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| Mon 27th Feb | 1B Trip to Bay Pond Year 5 Space Day at The Warwick School | (normal school times apply) (normal school times apply) |
| Tues 28th Feb | 1S and 1W Trip to Bay Pond 5M Class Assembly (parents/carers invited) | (normal school times apply) 2:40 p.m. |
| Wed 1st Mar | 5B Class Assembly (parents/carers invited) 5S Class Assembly (parents/carers invited) | 9:00 a.m. 2:40 p.m. |
| Thurs 2nd Mar | World Book Day (no dressing up, but activities happening throughout the day) In-house Football Match A and B Team Netball Match v Furzeffield (away) A and B Teams | during school time 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. 3:45 p.m. |

A reminder that there is an INSET Day on Monday 6th March - no school for children.

