

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

THIS WEEK AT WRAY COMMON ...



YEAR 6 GET 'HANDS ON' IN SCIENCE

Last Friday, Year 6 were visited by Dr Williams, an anaesthetist and also Miss Williams' dad, who came in to talk to the children about the heart and it's functions. What better way to explain and identify the different parts of the heart than to bring in a real cow's heart for the children to examine. The children were quite surprised by how big the heart was, but were fascinated to see the different parts at first hand. They asked intelligent questions and learnt a lot from Dr Williams. This week, the children further developed their understanding of the heart by performing a lamb's heart dissection for themselves with Mrs Shevel during their Science lesson. They were able to identify many of the parts of the heart and saw how each part is designed for its function. Mrs Shevel was incredibly proud of the children for their mature and inquisitive approach to their learning. Well done Year 6.



THINK SPACE - REFLECTING ON FRIENDSHIP

Our Year 5 and 6 children took some time out of their busy work schedules this week to visit 'Think Space' for some quiet time and reflection. Some visitors from SparkFish came in and transformed the KS1 Learning Support Base into a haven of peace and tranquillity where the children were given the opportunity to reflect on friendship. They really enjoyed the peace and quiet and this is what some children wrote about their experience:

"I really enjoyed it, as I felt calm and it gave me a chance to reflect. I also liked the atmosphere."

"I think that it is a good place to gather your thoughts."

"I think it helps people to think about who they are and what they are like. I loved it!"



RANGERS REPORT



The Rangers have been enjoying the nice weather this week. With the British Summer right around the Corner, why not book into Rangers for next half term. Booking becomes available on Friday 17th March at approximately 3pm. Parents are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

Mother's Day Gift Sale

Dates for your diary

We will be holding our Mother's Day Gift Sales again this year on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March. All gifts cost just £3 and there will be plenty of choice. All the children will have the opportunity to visit the sale within school time, so start saving your pennies, children, and come along to buy your mum a lovely surprise! We are looking for volunteers to help with the running of these sales, so if you are able to lend a hand, please let the school office know. Thank you.

KS1 and KS2 Discos

(please see attached poster)



ARTS SOIREE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Arts Soiree yesterday evening and what a celebration of the arts it was! Singers, dancers, musical theatre performers, poetry readers and instrumentalists took to the stage to showcase their talents, all skilfully led by Mr Bruce and Miss Chapman.



OFFICE MATTERS

- Just a reminder that to save you queuing unnecessarily, there is a handy post box in the main entrance lobby. Please use this to place your reply slips, payments (in a named envelope please) and anything else that you are just handing in.
- Uniform days are Wednesdays and Fridays - we would encourage you to order and pay for uniform via Tucasi, but if this is not possible, please help us by requesting uniform in person, with the correct money, on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- As always, your children's safety is paramount. Please can you make sure that if you are late collecting your child at the end of the day and are therefore picking up from the main entrance, you let the office know that you are taking your child. We have had a few instances lately when a child has been picked up late and a member of staff has checked to see where the child is, only to find they have gone home.
- With the increase in the number of children coming to Wray Common over the last few years, the interruptions during the day due to bags, packed lunches etc being dropped off and telephone calls, for various reasons, have increased considerably. Please can you help us to continue to provide an efficient service by encouraging your children to remember their PE and swimming kits when needed as well as their packed lunches if appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support!



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Don't forget to book your parent consultation meetings taking place next Tuesday and Thursday evening. Please go online via Tucasi and book your 10 minute slot. Online booking will close at 12:00 p.m. on Monday. After that, appointments can be booked at the school office.

A Message for RW (Ladybirds)

It has been necessary to cancel next Tuesday's appointments for Mrs Williams. She will be available on Wed 15th March instead (Tues time slots apply). Please book your time slots for Wednesday at the school office as booking will not be available online. Thursday's appointments will go ahead as scheduled. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

GYM-TASTIC GYMNASTICS! *Report by Charlotte M and Izzy K*

On Wednesday 8th March, the Wray Common Gymnastics Team went down to Donyngs to compete in a Gymnastics competition. We left school at 11:30 a.m. feeling really, really nervous. We took part in three events; vault, floor and body management. Our first event was the floor exercise. It was really tense because we were competing against each other. We then competed in the vault, concentrating hard on what the judges were looking for. Finally, we competed in body management and we all tried our very best. Once all the schools had finished, we all came together for the 'vote of thanks and the results. Everyone did really well and we would like to make a special mention to Millie in Year 4 for winning two gold medals and one bronze and also to Katie in Year 6 for winning one gold. Thank you Mr Martin and Mrs Humphrey for accompanying us.



FAMILY DAY ASSEMBLIES WED 22nd MARCH

Don't forget to put this date in your diary. You are invited to come along on the morning of Wed 22nd March to celebrate our Family Day Assemblies. Please see last week's Newsletter (No. 22) for the timetable of the morning.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 13th	Football Match v Salfords (away)	3:45
Tues 14th	Parents' Evening (not Ladybirds Class)	3:40 - 6:10 p.m.
Wed 15th	Parents' Evening Ladybirds Class only	
	Football Match v Merstham (home)	3:45
Thurs 16th	Parents' Evening (all classes)	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

MATHS PASSPORTS



We just wanted to remind everyone that our Maths Passports can now be found on our website. They are easy to find; simply visit the website, click on the CURRENT PARENTS tab and under LEARNING, open the Maths Passport page. Each passport can be accessed, with the targets clearly explained and weblinks to take you to a variety of activities and games. It is expected, as per our Home Learning Policy, that routinely, children engage with these activities to support the achievement of their Maths Passport targets. This resource is perfect for just that! Maths Passports make learning fun!



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CHILDREN'S DISCO Thursday 23rd March

£2 entry fee- pay on the door
years R, 1 & 2 = 5:45-6:45pm
years 3, 4, 5, 6 = 7-8pm



£2 entry to include a drink and a packet of crisps.

The children must be brought to the school's entrance, then collected from the hall, exiting via yr 4 side door.

Please do not ask your children to wait outside for collection. Thank you!