

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

DISCO FEVER



Last night saw the return of the KS1 and KS2 discos and we would like to thank the Friends Team headed up by Mrs Bromham for organising this fun event. Disco goers turned out in force and the hall buzzed with excitement as DJ Laingers (Mrs Laing), DJ Batchelor and DJ Frantic (Mrs Edwardes) were in charge of the music for the evening. Thank you for coming out to support this event and for raising funds for the school - the final total raised will be reported next week.



WRAY COMMON SPELLING BEE

Under the watchful eyes of their House Bears, Rubies, Emeralds, Diamonds and Sapphires, fought a valiant battle yesterday to see which House had the best spellers. The children worked collaboratively to see how many words they could spell in five minutes and these are the results:

Emeralds	152 words correct	Diamonds	134 words correct
Sapphires	127 words correct	Rubies	126 words correct



This just goes to prove that the children at Wray Common are excellent spellers and together spelled 539 words correctly. Well done, everyone and thank you to Ms Anthony for coordinating this event.

YEAR 5 GO ON AN EASTER JOURNEY

On Thursday, the children in Year 5 visited Reigate Park Church where they were treated to a dramatic presentation of Holy Week and The Easter Story by members of the Sparkfish team. Sparkfish is a local, collaborative, Christian organisation who work with schools and young people in the Reigate, Redhill and Merstham area.





AROUND THE WORLD WITH MISS RINGWOOD



As Miss Ringwood would say, "Hello Everybody". You may know that we have been following Miss Ringwood's journey as she explores the world looking for Wray Common Values in all her experiences. Back at school, we have been reflecting on our Values by using her postcards during our celebration assemblies. Miss Ringwood has also been teaching in different countries - very interesting indeed! We thought that it would be nice to share with you her travels so far.

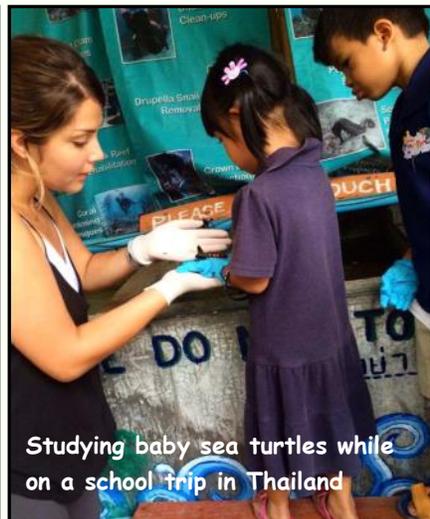


Starting in Sri Lanka, Miss Ringwood taught at a local school, travelling by tuk- tuk each morning. She realised how few resources the children had but they still tried so hard and strived to be successful. Moving on, she travelled to Thailand where she volunteered at a little school on a beach.

After that idyllic setting, she moved onto Vietnam where it was crowded, congested and rather polluted. She volunteered at an adult education centre as well as teaching children. Miss Ringwood then needed a well-earned rest and set off for New Zealand in the search of some exciting, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. We have recently enjoyed seeing Miss Ringwood skydive, walk through glaciers and trying not to go too near a bubbling mud bath that let off laughing gas! She also met some Maoris who entertained her with bold war dances. The children and staff have been educated and amazed by Miss Ringwood's journey so far and it definitely shows we should grab every opportunity that comes our way and make the most of life!



Miss Ringwood's first experience of teaching in a different country



Studying baby sea turtles while on a school trip in Thailand



Meeting Maori's in New Zealand



Meeting villagers in Vietnam

RANGERS REPORT



The Rangers would like to wish all the hard working mothers out there a wonderful Mother's Day this Sunday. We have been preparing for the big day by making some high quality cards! We hope you enjoy them. Next week the Rangers will participate in a range of Easter activities including an Easter Hunt on next Friday!

DINNER MONEY

There is still some dinner money owing for this half term. Please pay any outstanding amounts by the end of next week. You can check your accounts via Tucasi or come in and ask one of the office team. Dinner money for next half term comes to £66.00 (30 days) payable in advance, either on Tucasi or at the office.

School Dinners

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The first three INSET days for next academic year have been decided and we wanted to share them with you.

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Monday 25th September 2017
- Wednesday 3rd January 2018

SWIMMING CATCH-UP



Due to their school trip to RHS Wisley next Tuesday, a catch-up swimming session has been organised for Year 3 on Tuesday 18th April (the first day of the Summer Term - normal swimming times apply). Please put this date in your diary and help your children to remember their swimming kit on the first day back after the Easter Holidays. A catch-up swim has also been organised for 5B due to our early finish next Friday. The children will swim on Friday 21st April instead at their usual time. School swimming resumes for Reception, 5M and 5S in the week commencing 24th April. If you are able to help at any of your child's swimming sessions, please let your class teacher know. Your help is always gratefully received.

NEWSPAPERS AND MILK BOTTLES PLEASE



So we can prepare for our Summer 2 Whole School Topic (to be revealed shortly), we are putting out a request for newspapers and plastic milk bottles. Please start bringing these in after the Easter Holidays - the lovely ladies in the office will find a place to store them! Thank you.



CHOIR NEWS - DORKING HALLS 15th MAY 2017

Thank you to everybody in KS2 who has returned their permission slip to take part in the Dorking Halls Concert in May. The good news is - you all have a place! For those of you who have not yet returned your forms, please be aware that places in the concert are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Parent and carers of children in Year 2 who are members of the choir can expect an invitation in their child's book bag on Monday. Again places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

WELCARE have now circulated their 2017 summer programme. They are offering some really useful and popular workshops. Here are just a few:

- Making it Better For Boys - a 5 week course starting on 13th June 12:45 - 2:45 - only £2.
- Managing Challenging Behaviour, including ADHD / ADD (details to be confirmed).
- Toy library - Merstham and Redhill
- Feeling Good, Having Fun - improving confidence.
- Money and Children - Budgeting and changes with benefits.

Please see the programme flyers in the school office, contact Welcare directly or see me, Rachel Forward the HSLW contactable via the school office.

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FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING



Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day sales this week. They were extremely well attended and the total amount raised will be reported in next week's Newsletter. The Friends would like to thank the parents who came in to help run the sales over the three afternoons. Don't forget to come along to support the Easter Egg Hunt next Wednesday after school. The hunt takes place around the Large Playground after school, so come along and hunt for a special chocolate treat. There will also be a second hand uniform sale during the event.



COMIC RELIEF 2017

Well, we can't reveal our total amount raised until after our Bake Sale this afternoon, but so far Wray Common has managed to raise an astounding **£1060** for Comic Relief (smashing our total raised for Sport Relief this time last year) through the sale of red noses, a collection at our Family Day Assemblies and other generous donations. What can we say other than you are all **A-MAZ-ING!** Thank you for your generosity and watch this space for the final total next week.

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FAMILY DAY ASSEMBLIES

Thank you for joining us at our Family Day Assemblies on Wednesday this week. The school was fit to bursting with proud and happy parents/carers and other family members who were treated to some wonderful singing and poetry reading by the different year groups. What a wonderful family celebration and thank you to Team Wray Common for working together so well.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 27th	4RW Class Assembly KS1 Multi-Skills Festival (invited children only)	2:40 p.m. (during school time a.m.)
Tues 28th	Year 3 Trip to RHS Wisley Inter-Schools Quiz Competition Netball Tournament Priory School	(during school time) (during school time p.m.) 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed 29th	4A Class Assembly 4Sq Class Assembly Hockey Tournament Friends Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 a.m. 2:40 p.m. Hockey Squad Oxted School leaving school 2:45 p.m. after school in the Large Playground
Thurs 30th	Ugly Bug Ball Year 1	
Fri 31st	Last Day of Term Celebration Medals Assembly School finishes	12:35 p.m. invited parents only 1:35 p.m. KS1 1:40 p.m. KS2



TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr. Squires who will be leaving us at the end of next week. He is moving on to pastures new in Cambridgeshire with his family. He has been a passionate, committed, and kind teacher who has worked tirelessly to raise standards in computing throughout the school and engaged brilliantly with the School Council. We will miss you, but wish you well, Mr Squires!



LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box will be out again from Tuesday next week, so please have a look through and claim any of your lost items. Uncollected things will be put for recycling during the Easter Holidays.



SAVE THE DATE

The Friends of Wray Common will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 28th April. If you have been interested in the work of the Friends Committee, but have not been able to make it to one of their meetings, please come along for a coffee and a chat on that Friday. It will take place straight after school drop-off in the Large Hall. Hope to see you there!

