

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## LITERACY CORNER



Tesco... don't mess with us!!!

### YEAR 5 SAY 'NO!' TO TESCO DEVELOPMENT

Year 5 have been practising their persuasive writing this week as they prepare to write a formal letter of complaint to the council about their proposal to build a supermarket on our school field. Pupils have been angry about the impact it would have on our school, on traffic and on the environment.

"What about Sports Day?"

"Our dens will be destroyed!"

"There is a lot of wildlife on the common and that will all be destroyed if this goes ahead."

Let's hope their letters will make a difference!



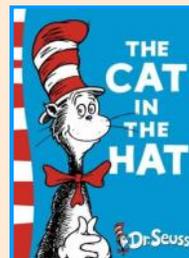
### CLASS BOOKS

At the moment, 5B are enjoying Billionaire Boy by David Walliams and 5S are engrossed in Warjak Paw by S.F. Said. What is your child's class reading?



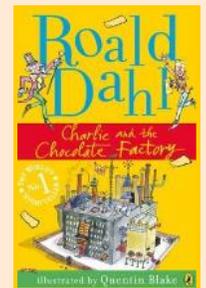
### ROBINSON'S RECOMMENDED READS

I know the children all love reading and have their own favourite books. Here are a few more they might like to try; they can find them in the library.



The Cat in the Hat is back, along with his friends, Fox in Socks, Yertle the Turtle and lots more! Find out who had a Wocket in their Pocket...

Discover what happens to Augustus Gloop and friends and find out why Oompa-Loompas sing. This is definitely my favourite!



What is Herod Sayle planning? Can action adventurer and undercover spy, Alex Rider, save the day? Thrilling and fast paced!

The Cat in the Hat and Stormbreaker are part of much larger sets with different titles in the same series.

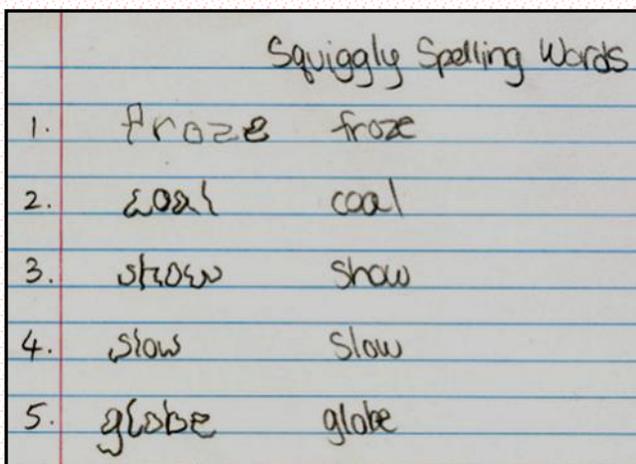
Mrs Robinson—School Librarian

### A QUICK TIP FROM MRS BROOKS LITERACY LEADER

Here is a tip for making spelling practice more fun.

#### SQUIGGLY SPELLING WORDS

Write your words in squiggly writing, then write them neatly.



## YEAR 6 ARE FANTASTIC WRITERS!



Year 6 have been using Aiden Gibbons' animation called 'The Piano' to help inspire their writing this term. Wow, what incredible stories the children are writing! Here are some extracts of just a few so far ...



*I walk into the drawing room; my old, black piano taking pride of place, beckons me. Setting myself down on the studded red-velvet stool, a warm summer breeze puts me at ease. I look up to the portrait of my wife, then through the window to the elder tree we planted next to the stream running through the garden. Shoulders rolling, I stretch out my old, weary fingers before letting them dance around the keys creating the vibrant ballad I know so well.*

by Charlie T



### The Piano

*There she was, in that navy and gold dress. In the corner of the balcony she had danced; a graceful swan in the moonlight. I witnessed her dress twirl around her pale ankles in time with the uplifting melody. She shot a look at me. Time stood still. I raced through the labyrinth of people until I mustered the courage to ask her name.*

by Alex M

*As my fingers dance across the keys, they echo in the dark room and I start to think of the time I met my beautiful wife.*

by Ellen

*It was the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1936; a thin layer of snow covered the pathway which led to the weathered town-hall.*

by Leo C

*A tear rolls down my face and falls onto the smooth ivory keys; it changes the tune and interrupts my memory, bringing me back to reality.*

by Emily M

*The music changes key, speeding up my short staccato notes, sounding like bullets in my mind. The day my comrade lay down his life for his country becomes vivid in my mind.*

by Emma P



*Before we knew it, we were crouching behind a weathered wall. Bombs were cascading to the ground, demolishing everything in sight. Many dead bodies had been surrounding us- many destroyed families.*

by Lexie P



*"Jerry, wait there; I should have your back," I called. I'd have done anything to keep my friend safe. For some reason, Jerry ignored me - or maybe he didn't hear. Jerry lunged forwards from behind the dilapidated buildings and screamed as he fell to the floor.*

by Zaima C

*The slam of a car door brings me back to reality. I play a brighter melody and think back to that perfect Christmas.*

by Will Parker

TO BE CONTINUED...

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

Many of you will have children making the exciting transition to secondary school at the end of the Summer Term and with that, comes the purchasing of a new school uniform. SWOTS - the one stop school shop - provides uniforms for our secondary schools and is offering a 10% discount on all their stock for one week from 24th June. They have a wide selection of sizes and offer an online service. You can also order uniform to be delivered to the shop for collection - really friendly and helpful staff too.

[www.schooluniformsonline.co.uk](http://www.schooluniformsonline.co.uk)



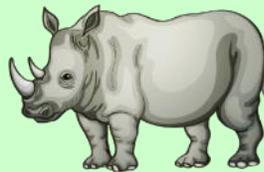
## RANGERS REPORT

Continuing our exploration into the unknown, the Rangers participated in a density experiment. We layered up different substances, ranging from honey to washing up liquid to oil, and dropped different items through the liquids to find out which items floated on which substances. Did you guess right? In line with the school's policy, parents/carers are reminded to refrain from using their mobiles when in Rangers. Please take any important calls outside and enjoy the vibe inside. Thank you for your cooperation. Bookings for the rest of the Summer Term and the Summer Holidays will open on Tuesday 16th May. Please book early as spaces are limited. Don't forget you can join us for May Half Term too!



## PERSONAL HEALTH SOCIAL EDUCATION

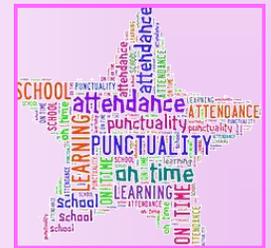
As part of their PSHE unit about financial capability, Year 2 have been finding out about the work that charities do. They found out about different charities and discussed the different causes they supported and how. The children had to imagine that they had the opportunity to start their own charity and had to decide what charity they would support. Chloe and Nathaniel decided they would support rhinos and Chloe named her charity 'Rhinosity', a mix between rhino and generosity—clever!



James M said that he would like to start a charity that gave books to poorly children. What a thoughtful idea, James!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At Wray Common we value education, excellent attendance and punctuality passionately so that the children benefit from everything our school has to offer. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which came into effect on 1st September 2013, states that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The guidance from Surrey County Council states that if a parent/carer takes their child out of school e.g. on holiday or other unauthorised leave of absence, for 5 days (10 sessions) or more, without the authority of the Head Teacher, each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. Wray Common had recently suspended using penalty notices, in line with Surrey County Council guidance, whilst awaiting the outcome of the IOW -v- Platt case. Following the judgment that was delivered on 6th April, Wray Common will now resume issuing penalty notices for 5 or more days unauthorised leave of absence. The amount payable on issue of a penalty notice is £60 (issued to each parent/carer, for each child) if paid within 21 days. Penalty Notices will increase to £120 after 21 days but within 28 days. After 28 days, the LA may prosecute under Section 444 Education Act 1996.



## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK?

Mon-Thurs	KS2 SATs Week Breakfast available every morning from 8:15 a.m. (Year 6 only) Reading Dogs Visit - invited children
Tues 9th May	Year 4 Trip to Bignor Roman Villa - during school time
Thurs 11th May	Friends Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Small Hall



## KEEPING SAFE

We would like to remind all children, parents, carers and siblings too that all play equipment in the school grounds is strictly out of bounds before and after school. This now includes the new climbing equipment in the KS1 playground. We thank you for your co-operation in helping us to keep your children safe.



## DORKING HALLS REMINDER-MONDAY 15TH MAY

Mr Bruce is still waiting for some permission slips to be returned re: Dorking Halls Concert and coach travel. If you have not yet returned your slip and payment of £3.50, please do so ASAP. If you are uncertain as to whether your child has a place or not, please contact the school office. Letters about coach travel were only given to those children who had been allocated a place.

