

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

COLLABORATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME



On Tuesday this week, our Year 3 classes came together with the Year 3 children from Reigate Parish School in a joint Design and Technology Day, held here at Wray Common. The two schools took it in turns to lead a session. Wray Common led the way with making 'Rainforest Dioramas' and the children worked with their new 'buddies' to create some wonderful rainforest scenes. After a well deserved break, it was Reigate Parish's turn to share their learning and led a session on mosaic tile making. The end results were absolutely amazing. A picnic lunch followed the workshops and then it was time to let off some steam exploring our grounds and playing some team games. At the end of the afternoon, Wray Common waved goodbye to their new friends from Reigate Parish and reflected on what had been an amazing day.

"My partner was really kind, it was great fun working with them."

"Can we do it again next week?"

A big thank you to the staff from Wray Common and Reigate Parish for making this day happen.



OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

Parents and onlookers were treated to a musical spectacle on Monday evening at the Dorking Halls as 63 children from Wray Common took part in the South East Surrey Music Festival. The main work being performed was "Jake and the Right Genie", an inspiring cantata about children's rights. This piece featured songs in a range of genres including jazz, reggae and punk rock. The children sang with gusto and delivered a truly memorable performance. Mr Bruce, asked to comment, said, "I'll give it a ten!"



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs Robinson and Miss Williams took a team of six pupils to compete in the 'I'm a Geographer get me out of here' quiz at Reigate Grammar School. At the halfway point Wray Common were in second place, just behind Micklefield School, but the team valiantly persevered and ended up winning! Congratulations go to Hannah, Rhys, Jasmine, Morgan, Owen and Joel for representing the school so well.



MORE FROM OUR YEAR 6 WRITERS!

You may remember that in our Newsletter No. 29 dated 4th May, Year 6 treated us to some wonderful excerpts from their writing inspired by the short animation film 'The Piano'. Well, two weeks on and we have some more wonderful writing to share with you.

As I strolled nonchalantly into the dimly lit hall, I spotted the woman of my dreams - although I didn't realise it at the time - standing surrounded by a group of her friends. Her chestnut curls cascading down her back. Her silky red dress clung to her slim figure.

by **Tommy C**

As my hands dance across the gold, glistening keys, the dark clouds suddenly cover the gleaming sun; I remember a horrible thought that takes over my head. It was 1928 - the coldest year of all - on a beautiful Christmas night.

by **David J**

The year was 1949, and the sky outside was a rich indigo - the translucent clouds parting, revealing the luminescent full moon above. We were at a New Year's Eve party. That's when I first met eyes with Cordelia. We lost connection with the world for those few precious seconds. Blushing, we looked away.

by **Kimaya K**

As I enter the dark, cold room I look at my old friend (the piano). It has been a welcome companion to me over the years. The familiarity of the cold, ivory keys as I sit down on a creaky wooden chair ready to play.

by **Sammy L**

Her mature acorn-brown hair sweeps through the air like a majestic eagle. Suddenly she turns towards me, her coffee-brown eyes indulge me in love and beauty. As she calls my name, my lips tremble; I pinch myself to see if I'm dreaming.

By **Phoenix P**

He has my wife's hazelnut hair, that colour I will never forget. He jumps onto the piano beside me and begins to play. I smile, as I look at our hands - both old and new - while we play the final note. Although my memories won't last forever, I know my grandson will make many more.

by **Katie H**

My wife's dress was made from the finest silk; it was baby-blue to match her sapphire-blue eyes. Her name was Belle; she had beautiful long, silky hair.

by **Emily G**

Suddenly - at midnight - an explosion erupted out of the chandelier; glass showered everywhere, infecting my wife with shards.

"Don't die on me!" I cried, but she lay limp in my arms.

by **Jack L**

RANGERS REPORT

Rangers made the most of the rainy weather this week by having lots of fun indoors. Some of the children enjoyed learning how to play Scrabble. One of our Rangers was heard to say, "This is my favourite game ever!"

S C R A B B L E

Booking is now live for next half term and Summer Holidays 2017! It's also not too late to book for May half term holidays. All bookings are made via our website at www.campglide.co.uk We advise that you book early to avoid disappointment.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

Are any of you interested in refreshing your first aid knowledge or learning it for the first time? WELCARE have two workshops for parents and carers of children and babies.

Monday 26th June 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday 18th July 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at WELCARE and cost only £5.

Unfortunately, there is no crèche available for these workshops but 'babes in arms' are welcome.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

Please search high and low at home for any Active Kids' vouchers that you may still have and bring them in to school. We already have a great number, but would love to increase our total even more.



A MESSAGE FROM MR BRUCE

Although the size of our school choir is impressive, numbers have dipped in recent months. I am actively seeking to recruit new members. Now is a good time to join as the Choir is putting together a new programme. Choir meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Children are expected to attend every rehearsal (barring illness) so if your child would like to join, please collect a letter from the school office.



TUCASI PAYMENTS

With the end of this academic year fast approaching, we are asking for parents/carers of children in Year 6 to make sure that their Tucasi account is settled before 7th July 2017. Any credits on the account will then be refunded to you on the 21st July.



YOUNG SCIENTISTS DAY 2017

Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st May 2017

Edward Muybridge building, Penrhyn Road Campus, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2EE

Mrs Shevel, our Science Leader, thought that you might be interested in this event:

Kingston University are excited to announce their second Young Scientists Days for children aged 4-11, run by the Department of Psychology. Parents are invited to bring their children along to learn about psychology and gain first-hand experience of psychological research. Research topics include how we learn about and perceive emotions, how maths ability develops, and how we solve puzzles.

This is an exciting opportunity for children to take part in age-appropriate psychology games/research, learn about psychology, and discover what psychologists do.

Parents can either stay with their children, or leave them to play games and do research with our team while grabbing a coffee on campus (parents need to stay in the building).

The event takes place during half term - so a great, free opportunity for your budding little scientists during their holiday! Each session is 3 hours long: you and your child(ren) can either come to the morning session (9am-12pm) or the afternoon session (1pm-4pm) on either day. When you book, please ensure you carefully read the Information Sheet before signing your child up. [CLICK HERE](#) or paste this link into your browser for more information.

www.kingston.ac.uk/events/item/2658/30-may-2017-young-scientists-days-2017/

PSHE PARENTS' CONFERENCE

Monday 22nd May 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

CATERHAM SCHOOL

Caterham School are delighted to welcome both staff and parents from Wray Common Primary School to their PSHE Conference on Monday 22 May which is tailored to support parents of teenage or nearing teenage children. The aim of the event is to allow parents some thinking time on adolescent behaviour and provide strategies for managing any 'bumps in the road' that might occur during the teenage years. Please note that this event is for parents and not pupils. For more information on this event and the sessions that are available to attend on the evening, please-

Email: events@caterhamschool.co.uk or

Visit: www.caterhamschool.co.uk/events/pshe-parental-conference and sign-up online to book your preferred sessions and times.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK?

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| Tues 23 | Class and Leavers' Photos
(during school time) |
| Wed 24 | Google Expeditions
(Year 1-6 during school time) |
| Fri 26 | Celebration Medals Assembly
(by invitation only) 2:15 p.m. |



#BOYSLOVEREADING

Jacob and Charlie from Year 2 caught on camera earlier this week enjoying a book together in the sunshine.



ROGUES' GALLERY

These water bottles are lost and want to find their owners. If you recognise one and want to claim it, please come to the school office and collect it. We also have a large collection of unnamed coats. Please come and have a look through them before we bag them up in a Happy School Bag and send them off for recycling.



SWIMMING GALA WEEK 2017

Please find below the timetable for the swimming galas that are due to take place w/c 12th June. Parents and carers are invited to come and cheer on their children. Normal swimming sessions for Reception, Year 3 and 5 will take place as usual. More information regarding the galas and what the children need to bring in to school on the day will be published in our next Newsletter.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 (Rubies and Emeralds) 9:00 - 10:00	Year 5 (Rubies and Emeralds) 9:00 - 10:00	Year 2 (whole year group) 9:00 - 10:00	Year 1 (Rubies and Sapphires) 9:00 - 10:00	Year 6 (whole year group) 9:00 - 10:00
Year 4 Diamonds and Sapphires) 10:30 - 11:30	Year 5 (Sapphires and Diamonds) 10:30 - 11:30	Year 3 (whole year group) 10:30 - 11:30	Year 1 (Diamonds and Emeralds) 10:30 - 11:30	
Reception 1:30 - 2:30	Year 3 normal swimming sessions	5M and 5S normal swimming sessions	Reception normal swimming sessions	5B normal session