

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



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## LOOK OUT, EVERYONE YEAR 1 IS AT THE LOOK OUT

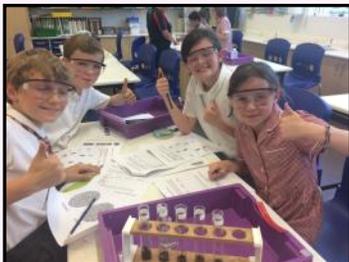


Continuing with our museum visits, Year 1 took to the road on Thursday to make a journey to The Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. With the purpose of discovering what makes a good museum, the children experienced at first hand a variety of exciting interactive exhibits. They had an amazing time exploring the centre's various learning zones and the children thought hard, asked questions and put their problem solving skills into practice in a range of activities. Collaborating with others, they constructed 'igloos' in the construction area, made hot air balloons fly and chased flashing disco lights around the floor. They will use their reflections from this trip to help them create their very own museum which you are all invited to explore on Wednesday 19th July.



### STOP THIEF! DIAMOND STOLEN FROM REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL!

This week there was a robbery at Reigate Grammar School and Year 5 children from Wray Common were selected to help solve the crime. The school's precious pink diamond had been stolen and there were four suspects; Ali Catt, Tiny Tim, Light-finger Lil and Nifty Neil. Alongside teams from other local schools, two teams of Wray Common children worked hard to solve the crime using forensic science techniques such as analysing finger prints, soil samples and footprints. The children were very excited to conduct these tests in a proper science laboratory and were even able to use Bunsen burners for one test. Mrs Shevel was very impressed with the children's quick thinking and logical analysis, as well as their confidence when questioning the suspects; there are definitely some chief inspectors in our midst! Thankfully, the children all correctly identified 'Light-fingered Lil' as the thief and she was made to return the diamond before being escorted from the building by Policeman Plod! Well done to all those who took part - what an exciting way to put Science into a real-life situation!



## YEAR 4 GET THE MEASURE OF EACH OTHER

Year 4 brought their maths learning outside this week and took it in turns to measure each other using a metre rule. Once they were back in the classroom, they were tasked with converting their measurements into centimetres.



## RANGERS REPORT

The Park Wars have begun! This week's challenge was our Parks Quiz. We tested our parks knowledge on a variety of topics. Himalaya came out on top. They now have the advantage in our final challenge in the last week of term. A reminder that booking for September goes live on 13th July and there is still time to book for Camp Glide for the Summer Holidays.



## A TIME TO THINK

In light of recent terrorist attacks and heavy media, including social media, coverage, the children in Year 5 and 6 took part in an assembly this week, led by myself, Mr Murphy, which looked at: the meaning of terrorism; the potential negative stereotyping of Muslims, and the importance of us demonstrating our Wray Common Values as part of living the Wray Common Way. Children have since followed up on this assembly in their own classes focusing on what they control - how they interact with each other - and the importance of standing up for what is right. It also gave the teachers an opportunity to address any misconceptions that may arise. This assembly was not about discussing children's possible anxieties or fears. Some children, however, may be concerned and, of course, have the opportunity to raise these with any adult in the school - and can use the Worry Box in each class.

Below is some guidance for parents from the NSPCC in respect of supporting children worried about terrorism.

There are also some videos that you may find useful- (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>). There is further guidance from the University of Virginia - <http://curry.virginia.edu/research/projects/threat-assessment/talking-to-children-about-terrorism>.

For your information, our standard embedded curriculum for PSHE/SMSC/RE (PSHE - personal, social and health education; SMSC - social, moral, spiritual and cultural; RE - religious education) is available on the school website - <http://wray-common.surrey.sch.uk/current-parents/learning/curriculum/>. In addition, our assemblies, both whole school and targeted, allow us to focus on the development of our values and a range of educational issues.

From NSPCC

### Talking About Terrorism: Tips for Parents

Children are exposed to news in many ways, and what they see can worry them. Our advice can help you have a conversation with your child:

- listen carefully to a child's fears and worries
- offer reassurance and comfort
- avoid complicated and worrying explanations that could be frightening and confusing
- help them find advice and support to understand distressing events and feelings
- children can always contact Childline free and confidentially on the phone and online.

It's also important to address bullying and abuse following the terrorist attacks.

**Some children may feel targeted because of their faith or appearance** Look for signs of bullying, and make sure that they know they can talk with you about it. Often children might feel scared or embarrassed, so reassure them it's not their fault that this is happening, and that they can always talk to you or another adult they trust. Alert your child's school so that they can be aware of the issue.

**Dealing with offensive or unkind comments about a child's faith or background** If you think this is happening, it's important to intervene. Calmly explain that comments like this are not acceptable. Your child should also understand that someone's beliefs do not make them a terrorist. Explain that most people are as scared and hurt by the attacks as your child is. You could ask them how they think the other child felt, or ask them how they felt when someone said something unkind to them. Explain what you will do next, such as telling your child's school, and what you expect them to do.

## SWIMMING SWAP

Due to 5S's visit to The National Maritime Museum on Wednesday next week, we have had to switch 5S and 5B's swimming sessions. 5B will now swim on Wednesday 28th June from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 5S will swim on Friday 30th June from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Please help your child to remember their swimming kit on the correct day and if you are able to help with these new session times, please let the class teachers know.

## MEDICAL MATTERS

In the light of advice from our nursing team and Public Health England, we now ask that children who are off school with sickness and diarrhoea, do not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout. For more information, please refer to the Medicine Administration Policy on our website.

## DATES FOR W/C 26TH JUNE

- Mon 26th Year 4 visit to the Horniman Museum (during school time but late pick-up of 4:00 p.m.)
- Wed 28th Year 3 visit to The Look Out Discovery Centre (normal school times apply)  
5S visit to the National Maritime Museum (children in school from 7:45 am and pick up at 3:30 pm)  
Year 2 Music Festival (during school time)
- Thurs 29th Year 5 Bikeability Group 1 (booked children only)
- Fri 30th Fete Mufti Day (bottle donations please)  
Year 5 Bikeability Group 2 (booked children only)  
Year 4 Sleepover (drop off Friday 6:00 p.m. and collect from school 8:30 am Saturday morning).

# WHAT'S ON



## DISTRICT SPORTS

Report by Hannah, Lexi and Charlotte

On Monday this week a team from Wray

Common journeyed to Hartswood Playing Fields to take part in the District Sports track and field events. The field events took place in the morning with the track events following in the afternoon. Everybody ran, jumped and threw the rounders' ball brilliantly and once everyone had raced, we gathered together for the results. We listened with great anticipation as the results came through and with massive smiles on our faces, we heard that the boys came third overall and the girls came 2nd overall. It was an amazing result for Wray Common and a fantastic result for us Year 6 children for whom this was the last District Sports. A big thank you to Mr Martin for helping us to get where we are and to the other teachers for helping out on the day.



## JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH AQUATOTS

For a few hours per week, to fit around other commitments, Aquatots is looking for friendly outgoing individuals to join their team as a Pool Assistant at Wray common School on Monday and Tuesday mornings. If you have a few hours to spare and like dealing with members of the public then this could be a good job for you. Main duties include assisting excited parents and babies from the main gate to the pool, being in control of keeping the gate locked, helping the teacher with setting up the pool area and change rooms, putting up and taking down signage and ensuring the pool is left nice clean and tidy when the session is over.

Hourly Rate £7.50 approx.

Hours (tbc) Monday 9.00am - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9.00am - 12:30 p.m.

This is an ideal job for a stay at home parent, a college student or a retiree looking to keep themselves busy.

Interested? Please email [maria.williams@aquatots.com](mailto:maria.williams@aquatots.com)



## IN LOVING MEMORY

We are very sad to share with you the news that Mrs Dark, a dedicated and caring teaching assistant here for many years until March 2016, passed away this week following a long illness. Our thoughts and sympathies are with her family at this very difficult time.



## FRIENDS COMMITTEE MEETING

An invitation to all parents and carers - the next Friends' meeting is next Wednesday 28th June at 7:00 p.m. in the Small Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!





## WRAY COMMON SPORTS DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC LUNCH MONDAY 3RD JULY

Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2)	9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Family Picnic	12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

All parents/carers and family members are invited to come along and enjoy the fun.

Please park considerately in and around the local roads, keeping our neighbours' dropped kerbs clear and also allowing for access for emergency vehicles.

A reminder that children should wear their P.E. shorts together with a T-shirt representing the colour of their

House:- **Rubies - Red**   **Sapphires - Blue**   **Diamonds - White/Yellow**   **Emeralds - Green**

They are also required to wear trainers and **not** plimsolls on this occasion.

**KS1 children and the Year 6 Sports Crew are permitted to come to school dressed in their P.E. kit but with their school uniform in a named bag so that they can change before the Family Picnic.**

Children need to be prepared for all weathers and should have sun hats, water bottles and sun cream (it may be hot), school sweatshirt/cardigan (it may be cool) and a waterproof jacket (it may be wet)!!

Don't forget your picnic lunches and a blanket to sit on.

**The Friends of Wray Common will be selling refreshments throughout the day.**

**Toilet facilities will be available in the Library and Music Room for adults and the Year 6 block for children.**

### SUMMER FETE - 2 WEEKS TO GO!

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Summer Fete is our biggest fundraiser of the year and a great day for all the family.

\*BBQ\*   \*Auction\*   \*Various tombolas   \*Cakes   \*Hair Braiding & Tattoos

\*Lucky Dips   \*Coconut Shy   \*Hook a bag   \*Beat the Goalie

\*Sand Art   \*Scratch Craft   \*Paper Aeroplane Competition (NEW)

In order for the fete to be a success, we **URGENTLY** require volunteers to help on stalls, particularly the BBQ, Hair Braiding and Face Painting.

Please contact Lindsay [lindsay777@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindsay777@hotmail.co.uk) or Katie [katie27th@gmail.com](mailto:katie27th@gmail.com) if you can help in any way, even if it is just for an hour on the day!

#### Mufti Days

In return for wearing their own clothes, we ask if you are able to provide items for the following stalls:

Friday 30th June      Bottles either alcoholic or non-alcoholic

Friday 7th July        Cakes

We would be very grateful for any help you can offer, your support really can make a difference.

**Please keep selling those raffle tickets - additional books are available from the school office.**

#### **ICE POP FRIDAY**

Don't forget... Fridays mean ice pops! Get yours today after school on the main playground.



# EXCLUSIVE...

.....for auction at the Summer Fete.....

**Artwork signed**, in her magical silvery pen, by **Cressida Cowell**, world famous author of the HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON series.

The drawing is from her forthcoming book **THE WIZARDS OF ONCE**, due to be released on 19th December 2017. The book series is sure to be a big hit, for which DREAMWORKS FILMS has already bought the film rights!

The A4 framed black and white character illustration is of a giant called Problem Crusher (Crusher for short). It was signed and donated by Cressida Cowell herself at the Hay Book Festival back in May.

**THIS IS NOT AVAILABLE TO BUY ANYWHERE!**

So, please, bid big at the Fete and this exclusive memorabilia could be yours.

If you would like to view the signed artwork, please pop in to the school office.

