



## TOPIC WORK GETS UNDERWAY



### INVADERS AND SETTLERS

Year 3 worked as historians this week, observing artefacts from pre-historic times and participating in discussions about what they thought the artefacts were and what they were used for.

**WRITE LIKE AN EGYPTIAN**  
Year 4 got stuck into their Temples, Tombs and Treasures topic by having a go at writing in hieroglyphics on the papyrus paper they had made.

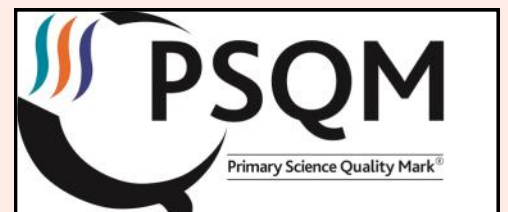


### AD 900

This term, Year 6 are travelling back in time to AD 900 and looking at how the Mayans used to live. Did you know that the Mayans were the first people to use cocoa beans to make chocolate? It was very different, however, to the chocolate we know and love today. The Mayans crushed the cocoa beans and mixed the powder together with water and chili peppers; there was not a granule of sugar in sight. Year 6 had a go at making this type of chocolate, but I think it's safe to say, not many of them are fans of Mayan chocolate.

## IT'S OFFICIAL, WRAY COMMON IS GREAT AT SCIENCE!

It will come as no surprise to avid readers of the school newsletter, having seen all the engaging science activities we offer throughout the year, that Wray Common Primary School has been awarded the **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) Award**. This formally recognises and celebrates a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *"Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure science understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."* When reviewing Wray Common's science provision specifically, assessors felt that *'passion, energy and commitment to science, oozed throughout the school'*. We couldn't be more proud and shall continue to develop young scientists of the future.





## THE LADY WITH THE LAMP

The children in Year 2 were fortunate enough to be visited by Florence Nightingale on Monday this week. She came to school to talk to the children about her life as a nurse and how she became known as the founder of modern nursing. The children listened with interest as Florence spoke about her time in Scutari Hospital and how she helped many soldiers to get better during the Crimean War. They also had a go at bandaging each other!



## HARVEST TIME

Gardening Club saw the fruits of their labour this week when they harvested the crops they had planted in the allotment. They pulled up over 20kgs of potatoes, some enormous turnips and a wonderful bunch of carrots. They took the crops home to enjoy with their families.



## 'WRAY COMMON SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!'

At Wray Common we recognise that the best educational outcomes are achieved in partnership with parents and carers. Volunteering at school is a great way to show your children that you take an interest in their education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause. Having a parent/carer who volunteers can really improve a child's experience of school. We continue to build on the number of volunteers who make a huge contribution to the school and have an enormous impact on the children's learning. We are looking to recruit some new faces, so whether you would be willing to spend some time listening to readers, helping with cooking, swimming, going on trips, using your artistic flair to create engaging displays, or helping out in any other way, we would like to hear from you! You are invited to an induction meeting with Mrs Goodwin on **Wednesday 4th October at 9:00 a.m.** where you will find out in more detail how you can contribute. We look forward to seeing you there.

## PARKING

We are disappointed to have to report that, since the beginning of term, we have received a number of complaints from local residents and parents about the level of inconsiderate and dangerous parking immediately outside of school and in the surrounding roads. Despite our repeated request for parents/carers to avoid parking across driveways, on yellow lines and on pavements, it is clearly still happening! We would urge anyone who spots bad parking to ring 101; the more calls that are logged with 101, the more visits we will receive from parking enforcement officers. For those of you who are new to the school and as a reminder to everyone else:

- ◆ Parking on the school premises is not allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.
- ◆ The three drop-off spaces in the 'D' are not for parking in and must remain clear to keep cars 'flowing' during morning drop-off.
- ◆ Permit holders only are allowed to park during the times stated. (Permits will be issued only in exceptional circumstances).

## RANGERS REPORT

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children next week. We've got lots planned to make the warmest of welcomes, including baking, parachute games and more! A reminder that drop off and collection is via the Rangers entrance through the red gates next to our mosaic. Booking for next half term goes live on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12:00 p.m. Why not join us at Camp Glide (Holiday Club) for October half term holidays, bookable via our website.



**REMEMBER - RING 101 IMMEDIATELY TO REPORT ANY INSTANCES OF INCONSIDERATE OR DANGEROUS PARKING**



## HONOUR BOOK



<b>1VG</b>	Oliver Cowan Lucas Akbar	Such enthusiasm shown in learning and being a great role model. For always wanting to answer questions and explain his thinking.
<b>1W</b>	Finley Whysall	For his determination in Maths, finding as many different ways to make numbers up to 10.
<b>2E</b>	Daniel Zarei	For trying so hard when completing his first piece of writing.
<b>2M</b>	Zackary Papanicola	For being enthusiastic in topic lessons, especially when learning about Queen Victoria.
<b>2ML</b>	Brett Wayland	For being an enthusiastic learner in everything.
<b>3R</b>	George Beckett	For giving his very best in all his learning even when it was a bit tricky.
<b>3W</b>	Aaliyah Kamara Henry Cook	For a fantastic recall of Year 3's book 'Stone Age Boy'. For being able to explain place value using 'dienes'.
<b>4E</b>	Elsa Akbar	For being a shining example and demonstrating the expectations of a Year 4 pupil - always trying her best.
<b>4RW</b>	Chloe Piercy Adam West	For helping others to retell the Egyptian Cinderella story. For a fantastic performance of the Egyptian Cinderella.
<b>5B</b>	Ellis Jurado	For coming back to school with a very mature attitude towards his learning.
<b>5M</b>	Ella Ozkesen Kambe Ojunta	For a superb effort in Maths. Well done! For a superb effort in Maths. Well done!
<b>5W</b>	Toby Burford Alba Martinez-Quinones	Great focus during reading to answer retrieval questions. For her systematic approach to solving a problem in Maths.
<b>6B</b>	Morgan Royer-Kennedy Eni Folaranmi	For super contributions to the rehearsal of the class story map. For super contributions to the rehearsal of the class story map.
<b>6C</b>	Faizan Ahmed  Owen Dewson	Fantastic work at home to type up his group's script for their 'Hero Twins' play. Fantastic work at home to type up his group's script for their 'Hero Twins' play.
<b>6R</b>	Lana Bowyer	For being a super Year 6 role model.

**Well Done!**

### OPEN MORNING

Reigate Grammar School would like to inform you that they are holding an Open Morning for prospective parents on Saturday 30th September. Please [click here](#) for more information.



### DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wray Common School Led Clubs start Netball, Football and Cross Country 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Coffee Morning Year 4 Egyptian Day (children come to school in Egyptian costume)	8:50 a.m. during school time
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Coffee Morning Hockey Club (Yrs 5&6)	8:50 a.m. 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Coffee Morning Hockey Club (Yrs 3&4) Friends Committee Meeting (Small Hall)	8:50 a.m. 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.



### SWIMMING

Just a reminder that school swimming starts next week for Years 1, 2, 4 and 6. Please help your child to remember their swimming kit on the correct day and if you are able to help, please let the class teachers know. For Year 6 parents/carers, there are sign up rotas displayed in your classroom windows. If you cannot make it in to school to sign up, then please telephone the school office and we will sign up for you.

Monday	1W and 1VG
Tuesday	6C and 6B
Wednesday	4RW and 4E
Thursday	2E and 6R
Friday	2M and 2ML



### FRIENDS' COMMITTEE MEETING

The first Committee Meeting of the term is on Thursday next week. Everyone is welcome, so please come along to find out how the Friends of Wray Common work. You will hear all about the fundraising events that are coming up and how you can get involved. If you are new to the school, this is a great opportunity to meet new people. The meeting will take place in the Small Hall at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.