

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?



It is all about volcanoes this half term for the children in Year 3 and their learning got off to an explosive start last week when the children collaborated with each other to make their own volcanoes and then watched the science happen as the volcanoes actually erupted! The looks on the children's faces says it all! Earlier this week, the children were able to handle, feel and smell real lava as they examined some pieces of lava from the Kilauea Volcano in Hawaii that Mrs Brooks had once visited. Kilauea's eruptive history has been a long and active one; its name means "spewing" or "much spreading" in the Hawaiian language, referring to its frequent outpouring of lava.



YEAR 4 LEARNING HOW TO BE 'BRIGHT SPARKS'

This week the Year 4 children were visited by our own resident electrical expert, Mr Fensom, who talked to them about various aspects of electricity, electrical safety and his electrical career. The children very much enjoyed learning from Mr Fensom and we would like to say a big thank you to him for making the time to prepare such a wonderful presentation, complete with a range of electrical props!

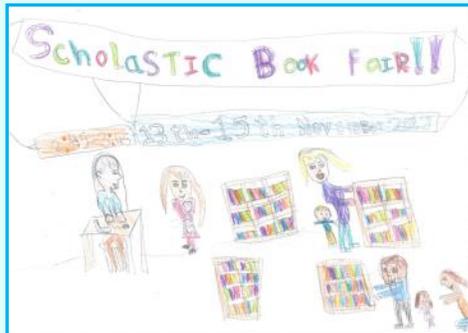


The children began their learning about electricity by studying the 'electrical journey', learning how the electricity we use in our homes comes from power stations. They designed and built their own models to show this journey.



AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

Well done to everyone who designed a poster promoting next week's Book Fair. The four winners will receive a book voucher each to the value of £7 to spend at the fair and everyone that took part has earned themselves a book mark. The winners are: Lily from 2ML, Dua from 4RW, Ella from 5M and Abbi from 6C. Many congratulations! Here are the winning designs.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
MON 13th - Wed 15th Nov
2:45—3:45 p.m.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

Many of you will be familiar with the well-known workshop, The Parenting Puzzle. This is a 10 week course targeted at all parents and carers and focuses on four building blocks -

- self awareness
- appropriate expectations
- empathy
- positive discipline.

DOVERS GREEN children's centre has spaces available on their evening workshop starting on Monday 8th January 2018 from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

Please call Dovers Green direct 01737 2236211

www.doversgreenchildrenscentre.co.uk or contact me through the office for more details.

RANGERS REPORT

This week at Rangers they have had a very creative week decorating their new Bonzo Block ready for February half term! The children have also enjoyed using different pastels and crayons to design and make their own firework pictures.



BOOK WEEK TIMETABLE

Monday	Book Week Launch Children will have time during the day to visit the book fair to see what is there. Book Fair 2:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Author visit - Paul Geraghty will be here during the day, delivering workshops and signing books. Book Fair 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Book Fair 2:45 p.m.
Thursday	Family Reading Around the School Parents/carers invited in to school from 2:30 (normal end of school times apply)
Friday	Mufti Day - children to come to school dressed as a book character. Donations of £1 to Children in Need



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 13 th	Book Week Launch Book Fair from 2:45 p.m.
Tues 14 th	Book Fair from 2:45 p.m. Netball Match away to Meath Green
Wed 15 th	Book Fair from 2:45 p.m.
Thurs 16 th	Year 2 Multi-skills (invited children only) Read With Your Child Session (parents/carers invited from 2:30 p.m.) Aylmerton Meeting 3:30 p.m.
Fri 17 th	Book Character Dress-up Day for Children in Need
Sat 18 th	Choir singing at St. Matthew's Church Christmas Fair



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Just a reminder that the Book Fair is next week! The children have been given Book Fair leaflets today, from which orders can be placed if you are unable to attend the Fair itself. The leaflets also give a flavour of the wide range of items available.

AYLMERTON MEETING

A reminder to parents/carers that there is a meeting next Thursday at 3:30 p.m. to discuss all things Aylmerton. Please come to main reception and you will be directed to 5B's classroom. Don't forget to return your consent and medication forms. Thank you.

APOLOGIES

At the beginning of term, dates were published indicating two Nativity performances for Year 1 and 2. Please note that these performances are for **Year 1 only**. Reception's Nativity performances will go ahead as advertised. Apologies for any confusion and inconvenience caused.

FRIENDS OF WRAY
COMMON FIREWORKS

Wray Common Fireworks went off with a BANG last Friday evening and was extremely well attended thanks, in part, to the cool, crisp, clear weather. We would like to say a BIG, BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event run so smoothly - without them it really would not have been possible. We would like to make a special mention to Nick Fensom (our lovely site manager) who worked tirelessly setting up, clearing down and clearing up. We would also like to say a special thank you to Michelle Young and her team in the kitchen for their behind the scenes help pre-cooking the meat and also to Brandon Hire for lending us the generators and barriers for the event. Lastly, but by no means least, we would like to thank the Fireworks Team for their hard work: Jane Pillinger, Louisa Benedetto and Sarah Davidson. The total amount raised will be announced next week, so watch this space!

Friends of Wray Common
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Prices from £20

BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE

& RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL

PRE-ORDER YOUR QUALITY CHRISTMAS TREE & HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL
 We are offering Premium Grade Nordmann Fir non-drop christmas trees cheaper than you can buy locally and even better. All profits go to the school!

Once ordered and paid for, your tree can be collected from school on *Saturday 2nd December between 10:00 – 10:30am. Simply fill out this order form and hand it to the school office, with payment. Unfortunately, we cannot offer delivery this year.

* We appreciate this date may be too early for some, but trees can be kept outside until you need them.
 * You will be emailed if it is possible for you to pick your tree up at pickup time on Fri 1st but this can not be guaranteed.

Size	3 - 4ft 100/125cm	5 - 6ft 150/175cm	5'6" - 7ft 165/210cm	6'6" - 8ft 200/250cm	Other (please specify)
Price	£21.00	£30.00	£39.00	£50.00	Larger trees can be sourced. Prices can be provided.
Please tick to order					

Please pay by cash or cheque with your order (payable to 'Friends of Wray Common School')

Name _____

Eldest Child's Class _____

Address _____

Phone No _____ Email _____

Please hand completed form to the school office before Friday 24th November. If you require any further info please call Jane Pillinger on 07961 318965

All funds raised go to the School !

A Note from the Friends - order forms for Christmas trees and Christmas puddings are available from the school office, so please get your orders in early to avoid disappointment. Happy School Bags have also been sent home, so please support our collection on Thursday 23rd November.