

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK ...

THE PIRATES NEXT DOOR

'Missing' posters have been appearing around school this week in the hope of finding Jim Lad, the pirate boy from 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. Year 1 used their excellent writing skills to describe Jim Lad and, lo and behold, as a result of their brilliant descriptions, Jim Lad was found! The Jolley Rogers (the pirate crew from the book) were so pleased to have Jim Lad returned to them, that they sent Blackpatch the Pirate in to school on Thursday with another problem for the children to solve. Squawk the parrot has gone missing and Blackpatch wondered whether the children might be able to make some more missing posters to help find the noisy, but loveable parrot. The children set to work immediately and some great posters have been created. Look out for them around school and hopefully, Squawk will be found safe and sound and Blackpatch and the Jolley Rogers can get back to their swashbuckling, pirate adventures.

Can you help us to find this pirate? He has a red spotty hat and a brown wooden sword. He has a missing tooth. He has a blue and white striped T-shirt. Keep a look out for this pirate.

MISSING!



Jim Lad by Amabel 1W

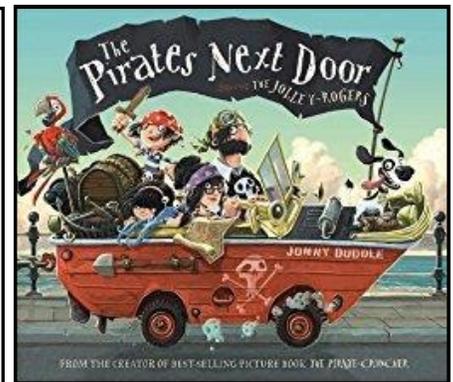


Blackpatch - Aarrghhh!



Squawk by Henry 1VG

Have you seen Squawk? He has a blue body and a bright red tail. As well he has a beak as sharp as a pirate hook. It has a blue bird on the top of its beak. Surprisingly it can do the hompbe pirate dance and it likes singing.



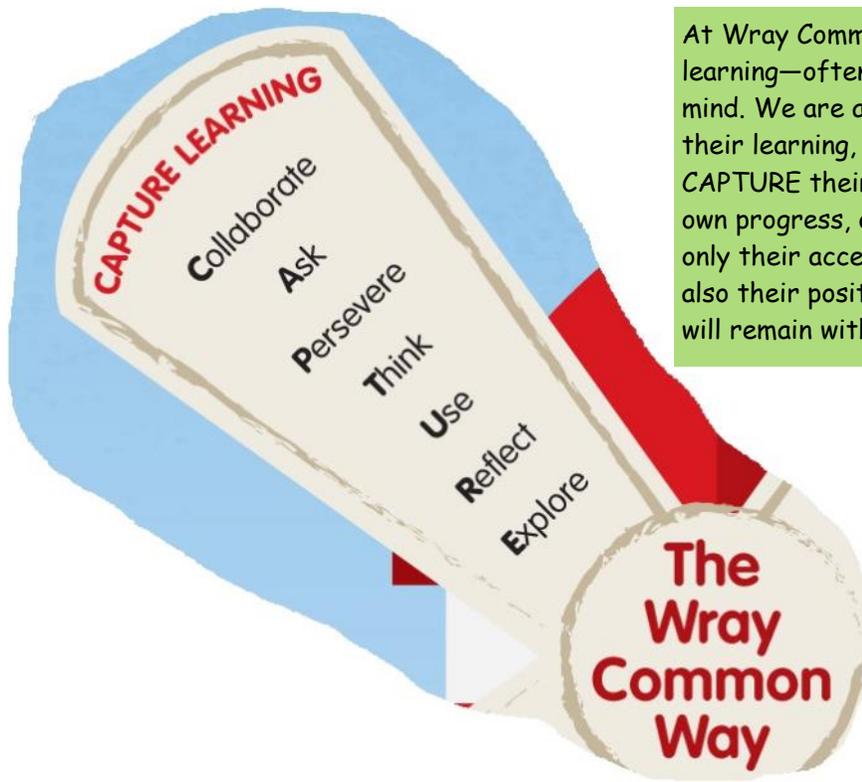
FROM THE CREATOR OF BEST-SELLING PICTURE BOOK THE PIRATE COMPANION

'DEM BONES, DEM BONES, DEM DINOSAUR BONES'

On Thursday, our Reception children transformed into professional palaeontologists. Learning about 'Life Long Ago,' they uncovered dinosaur fossils of all shapes and sizes. The most fascinating artefacts included: a Triceratops nose horn, the egg of a T-rex, a pregnant spade fish and an Allosaurus' skull. There was one particular fossil they found difficult to categorise. Was it a claw, a tail bone or a tooth? No, no, no, it was dinosaur poo, also known as coprolite. What a fact filled morning! They can't wait to use their knowledge and continue to ask questions about prehistoric life.



Please see page 3 for more photos



At Wray Common, children are active in their own learning—often physically, yes, but always active in their mind. We are about developing children who are active in their learning, not passive; Wray Common children CAPTURE their learning; they take ownership of their own progress, of their own standards, which supports, not only their accelerated progress and high attainment, but also their positive attitudes and habits of learning which will remain with them beyond their time at Wray Common.

In using and verbalising their learning tools, the aim is for children to know how to: tackle a challenge; what questions to ask themselves; how to apply what they know to new situations; how to be flexible in their thinking, not always taking the expected route and being comfortable with that; knowing when to move onto something new; let their brains reflect on a problem whilst working on something else—and realise that PRACTICE does indeed MAKE PROGRESS! They should know themselves as learners and see learning as an enthralling journey. The aim is for every child to be an expert learner - because they CAPTURE their learning!

What do the following have in common?

Answer: They are all experts; they are all expert learners. They use/used their expert learners toolkit—their CAPTURE toolkit of Collaborate, Ask, Persevere, Think, Use, Reflect and Explore.

We are delighted to welcome seven new members to our Wray Common community who will remind us to get into the habit of using our CAPTURE toolkit. The children will be hearing stories about how the characters have used the CAPTURE toolkit and we will continue to celebrate children's use of CAPTURE in class and in celebration assembly. Please encourage your child to tell you how they have used CAPTURE on their learning journey at school. Let me introduce them...



"I collaborate!"



"Building my den is not always easy but I persevere."



"I use my beak, it's what I have to help me."



"I explore new horizons and discover new skills."



"I come from space so need to ask questions to help me learn!"



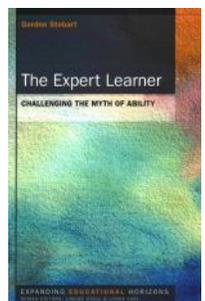
"I'm wise because I think and make links."



"I was roaring too loudly but I reflect and learn from my mistakes!"

What you've got is much less important than what you do with what you've got!

Recommended Read



SEVERE WEATHER PLANNING PROCEDURES

With the weather being unpredictable at this time of year, we felt it would be a good idea to remind/inform you of our severe weather plans, so that you are all aware of the procedures and therefore prepared for the worst. In the event of severe weather, our planned response will consist of three options ...

Option 1:

School open as normal - this assumes the majority of roads are just about passable and most staff are able to make it into school. Normal lessons will take place, although there may be some internal flexibility required if one or two staff members are unable to make it. Rangers will offer a full service.

Option 2:

Partial opening - school will be open and parents/children and staff will be encouraged to come in, but only if they can do so safely. In this situation, we will be able to offer lunch, and a decision will be made about Rangers.

Depending on how many staff are able to make it in, we will endeavour to provide as normal a day as possible for children.

Option 3:

Full closure - this will be activated if either the site cannot be made safe in any way or the conditions are so severe, even walking is ill advised.

For Option 2 (and possibly 1), we will try to provide a 'Walking Bus' across Wray Common from Batts Hill along the new pathway, but this will obviously depend on staffing. Please avoid driving onto the school site as road conditions will be treacherous.

We will aim for a decision to be communicated re. opening/closure by 7:15 a.m. as follows:

- A text message sent to all Priority 1 contacts, so please ensure that we have your current mobile number on our system
- A message on the home page of our website www.wray-common.surrey.sch.uk
- Announcements on local radio stations

The school website will be updated regularly during periods of poor weather conditions.

SCHOOL CLUBS

A reminder that all school led clubs start next week. Please make sure that your slips and payments have been received before the start of the club's first session



Please note that there are still a few spaces available in Gymnastics Club on Tuesday mornings - letters are available from the school office.



Children in our Reception classes proving, you're never too young to take up palaeontology.



RANGERS REPORT

We are starting off the new term with a topic based on Inspirational people. We will be focusing on their achievements and participating in a variety of activities relating to their different personalities. This week's inspirational character is Tim Peake. We have adapted our hoop game to an International Space Station and we have also played Planet Dodgeball. Don't forget - dates for Camp Glide are now live for February half term. We hope to see you there!



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 15th Year 5 Planetarium Workshop
School-led clubs start
Wed 17th 5B Class Assembly 2:45 p.m.
Thurs 18th 5M Class Assembly 9:00 a.m.
5W Class Assembly 2:45 p.m.
Year 5 - please ensure you have returned your planetarium workshop slips and made your contribution via the school office by first thing Monday morning. Thank you.



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Quiz Night - give us your toughest question!!!

Think of your hardest, smartest question from your class topic and it might be included in the school Quiz Night for adults held on Saturday 24th February 2018. All questions go into the draw for a prize.

Here is the main rule - DON'T TELL YOUR PARENTS YOUR QUESTION. Please post your question in the box at the school office by **Friday 9th February 2018.**

My Name:

My Class:

My Question:

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Answer:.....

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Quiz Night Saturday 24th February 2018

When: Saturday 24th February 2018

Where: Large Hall, Wray Common School

Time: 7:30pm sharp - late

Other information: You are very welcome to bring dinner to the quiz. Some people bring fish & chips, some a gourmet picnic - the choice is yours! Don't forget to bring drinks, a glass, and cash for the raffle! Tea, coffee and a sumptuous range of bar snacks will be provided*.

Tickets £5.00 each



Please return this section to the school office with payment by **Friday 9th February 2018** to secure your table. Send cheques, made out to 'Friends of Wray Common,' or cash in a secure envelope marked QUIZ

Your Name	
Contact Number	
Your Team Name	
Eldest Child's name/class	
No. tickets @£5.00 each	
Total enclosed	£

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