

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES



What is that on your tongue, Theo?

In Year 4, the children's Brain Build Project for this half term was to research a culture from another country and then share their findings with the rest of the year group in a Cultural Appreciation Day. What a celebration it was!! Jamaica, Pakistan, Canada, India and New Zealand were just a few countries that were represented, not only in the form of the traditional costumes that the children wore, but also the wonderful array of food that was brought in for sampling. There were certainly many mouth-watering aromas coming from the hall!



[Click here](#) to listen to Li-tourné (Mauritian Sega song)

Year 4 would like to thank Mrs Bromham for coming in on Wednesday to share some wonderful Mauritian Sega music with them. Li-tourné is sung in Mauritian Creole.



HANDS ON SCIENCE

There has been an abundance of Science going on in school this week. Here is Year 5 carrying out a day and night simulation with balls, globes, torches and blu tac. They learnt, using props, how day and night occur. Please ask your child to explain this to you.

Here is Year 4 investigating the melting points of chocolate, cheese and butter. They were able to use a thermometer and record their findings in a table. To further develop understanding of melting and solidifying, why not try making chocolate crispy cakes at home? I'm sure the teachers will be happy to test out your results - yum!



As part of Year 3's learning about the body, they were lucky to have been given real x-rays to examine from Henry's dad and grandpa! Here is a picture of Henry's Brain Build which was all about the small intestine. Interestingly, Henry chose to present his Brain Build on a piece of paper as long as the small intestine - very clever, Henry!



Two weeks ago we shared our philosophy behind CAPTURE and how we are introducing characters as a hook to promote awareness and use of expert learning skills. Below, you will find the key elements of each skill which we hope will support you with your learning discussions with your child/children.

C A P T U R E

Clara the Crocodile
"I collaborate!"

Asteroid the Alien
"I came from space so need to ask questions to help me learn!"

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

Thelma the Owl
"I'm wise because I think and make links."

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

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

Eric the Toucan
"I explore new horizons and discover new skills."

It is our learning. We have to be active and capture it. The goal motivates us but the journey enthral us.

COLLABORATE

- listen and respond
- discuss
- negotiate
- compromise
- give feedback
- build on what is said
- justify
- contribute to pairs, groups and class

ASK

- are curious
- ask relevant, appropriate and substantial questions
- challenge ourselves and others

PERSEVERE

- know where we're going and why
- know what success looks like
- are confident of success
- committed to success
- sustain concentration
- view mistakes as learning opportunities
- stuck strategies
- bounce-backability
- manage distractions
- deliberate practice.

THINK

- make connections
- generate, seek and consider views and options
- pattern-spotter; pattern-maker
- summarise
- make generalisations
- analyse
- compare and contrast
- evaluate
- imagine
- create

USE

- use what we already know
- apply our learning in different contexts over time
- apply our learning independently
- use the right resource at the right time

REFLECT

- seek and set goals
- notice
- focus on what we learn and how we learn
- adapt and respond
- plan for improvement
- identify ourselves as successful learners

EXPLORE

- discover
- investigate
- take risks
- seek solutions
- thrive on "desirable difficulties"



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

DON'T FORGET ... MATHS PASSPORTS

You are invited into school to work with your child on their current Maths Passport. This event will include a look at our online website services and how Maths Passports are used within the classroom.



WHEN?

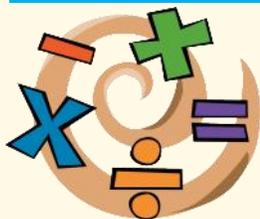
Tuesday 30th January

Years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 1st February

Years 2 and 3

Friday 2nd February - Reception and Year 1



RANGERS' REPORT

This week at Rangers we have been focusing on our inspirational character J.K Rowling. We have been busy participating in a variety of games including a 'Hoop Game' where we created Harry Potter house teams. We have a short story writing competition on the go and our own version of Quidditch! Don't forget, February half term dates are now live at Camp Glide and we hope to see you there! [Click here](#) to book.



ARTS SOIREE

COMING SOON—8th March 2018

6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

A wonderful evening in celebration of the Arts is planned for Thursday 8th March. Please make a note of this date in your diary as it promises to be a wonderful evening. Miss Venables will be sending home more information with the children who will be performing in this event.

SWIMMING

Please see below the new swimming timetable for our Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 children. The 16 week block will start after half term, on **Tuesday 20th February**. Swimming can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers for each class, so if you are able to help, even if it is just for one session, please let your class teacher know. We would also urge any new volunteers who are hoping to help on a regular basis, to please complete a DBS check. Details on how to do this are available from the school office.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1:00-2:00 3W	12:50-1:50 RK	1:00-2:00 RT	1:00-2:00 5W
	2:00-3:00 3R	1:50-2:50 RS	2:00-3:00 5B	2:00-3:00 5M

For Reception parents/carers and parents/carers of children new to the school, please ensure that you have filled in a swimming ability slip (coming home today) and return it to the school office by Monday 5th February, so that the swimming teachers can sort their groups out accordingly. Please keep your swimming contributions coming in and thank you to those of you who have already contributed.

CATCH-UP SESSIONS

Please note that catch-up sessions have been arranged for the classes who missed lessons due to the pool closure at the end of last term. Days and times are as follows:

Mon 19 Jan	6C 1:00-2:00	6B 2:00-3:00	Mon 26 Mar	1W 12:50-1:50	1VG 1:50-2:50
Mon 26 Feb	2E 1:00-2:00	6R 2:00-3:00	Tues 27 Mar	2M 12:50-1:50	2ML 1:50-2:50
Mon 12 Mar	1W 12:50-1:50	1VG 1:50-2:50	Wed 28 Mar	4RW 1:00-2:00	4E 2:00-3:00
Mon 19 Mar	2M 12:50-1:50	2ML 1:50-2:50	Mon 16 Apr	2E 1:00-2:00	6R 2:00-3:00

Again, if you are able to help with any of these additional sessions, please let your class teacher know. Thank you.

FRIENDS' OF WRAY COMMON FUNDRAISING



Don't forget to book your table for the Quiz Night on the 24th February (booking forms available from the school office). Toughest Question forms are also available.



Please keep an eye out for the exciting new Friends' Newsletter that is coming your way next Wednesday. This will be a half termly publication, so please read it to find out about the Friends and their fundraising.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

We will be sharing the dates for next academic year with you in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, we can confirm that the first day back at school for children, following the summer holidays, will be Tuesday 4th September 2018.

SEPTEMBER

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MARS MADE OF MODROC

These pictures show the children in Year 5 using mod roc to see how they can make a Mars-like surface. The children have made 3D volcanoes, craters and mountains. This model will then be used to practise paint effects before the children make a final model.



RECEPTION HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS

With the heights and weights check coming up after half term, please can you make sure that you return the consent form that was sent out last week. The nursing team do require your consent for the check, so please return the forms as soon as possible to the school office. There is also an opt-out slip to return if you do not wish your child to be measured.

PGL RESIDENTIAL

A reminder that the deadline for deposits for PGL 2018 is Wed 31st Jan. Please return your slips and deposits to secure your child a place.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Tues 30 th Jan	Maths Passport Event Years 4, 5 and 6 8:50 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Wed 31 st Jan	Gymnastics Competition at Donyngs (invited children only) during school time. 2E Class Assembly 9:00 a.m. 2M Class Assembly 2:30 p.m.
Thurs 1 st Feb	Maths Passport Event Years 2 and 3 8:50 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 2ML Class Assembly 2:30 p.m.
Fri 2 nd Feb	Maths Passport Event Reception and Year 1 8:50 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

