

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## HOUSE FACTOR 2018



Our eagerly awaited House Factor competition got underway on Wednesday afternoon, following 3 weeks of auditions, selection and rehearsals! After an exciting and adrenaline fuelled afternoon, it all came down to the wire as the judges (Miss Venables and Mr Fensom) deliberated and then delivered their verdict—Sapphires were the overall winners but it was a very close run thing! The Captains and Vice House Captains should feel proud of their acts as the variety and quality of the talent was outstanding, with the performers demonstrating both courage and determination. The Captains and Vice-House Captains should also feel very proud of themselves, as they were given the difficult task of organising the whole event. This included holding auditions, making a choice of who should represent their Houses and then leading their teams on the day. Not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly. Congratulations to everyone involved and a very big thank you to our judges and Euan and Alex our technical team. Here are just a few of the acts that entertained a packed hall.



### TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

Year 5's topic, Mission to Mars, came to a climax yesterday as the children came to school dressed in a variety of Space costumes and participated in some Space related activities. These included making posters, eating astronaut food and taking the Year 3 children on a learning journey through their topic and what they have learnt this half term.



## E-SAFETY ADVICE

### PARENTAL CONTROLS-ADVICE FROM CEOP (CHILD EXPLOITATION AND ONLINE PROTECTION)

#### What do parental controls do?

These controls are designed to help parents and carers manage their child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof and they don't replace the need for adults to support and advise their children using the internet.

#### What can controls be used for?

Controls can either be for a device like a games console, or for a network such as your home broadband. The way to access device controls can vary according to the manufacturer. They can offer varying types of protection, from filtering out adult content from search results to preventing your child from buying things when playing games. You can generally find instructions on how to set these controls up on the manufacturer's website or use the Internet Matters app for help. These settings will apply whether the device is being used in your home or outside - but it's easy for them to be switched off, so talk to your child about trust and responsibility, making sure they understand the importance of why you have put the settings in place.

Most games consoles come with settings, which can be put in place for either the device itself or the games platform. It's easy to forget that games consoles allow players to connect to the internet and talk to people all over the world, so setting controls on devices and the platform itself (such as X Box) is important.

#### Online controls

Search engines such as Google, Yahoo and Bing allow users to filter out certain types of search results. This means you can reduce the risk of your child seeing adult content or set limits on the time they spend online. Look for the cogwheel "settings" symbol where you will find the options for each provider. You can also encourage your child to use safer search facilities, such as SafeSearch Kids from Google.

#### Social media and other websites

As with search engines, social media and sites like YouTube have privacy and security settings. These can prevent your child from being contacted by strangers or from seeing inappropriate material. It is important to remember that content filters cannot prevent other people from sending offensive or inappropriate messages or comments to your child's account, so controlling who can contact your child is a key step.

#### What next?

Controls are not a single solution to staying safe online; talking to your children and encouraging responsible behavior is critical. However, controls are a vital first step to helping protect your child online. Here are seven simple things you can do to use them effectively:

- 1. Check your home broadband.** Set up home broadband parental controls.
- 2. Set controls on your search engine.** Encourage your child to always use child-friendly search engines, and activate and lock the safe search settings on the browsers and platforms they use.
- 3. Make sure every device is protected.** Controls should be installed on every device your child uses, such as their mobile phone, tablet and games consoles (both home and handheld).
- 4. Use privacy settings.** Activate the safety measures offered by different sites. Some have privacy settings that will help prevent your child seeing unsuitable advertising or sharing too much with other people.
- 5. Block pop-ups.** If you're worried about your children accessing inappropriate content through accidentally clicking on adverts in pop-ups, follow the advice from BBC Webwise on how to stop these.
- 6. Find good sites and agree on them as a family.** By talking to your child about their interests, you can help them find suitable sites to visit and apps to use. Review these sites as they get older.
- 7. Manage their use and access.** Children may be very worried that your response to a problem will be to take away their internet access. Whilst this may be an appropriate response in some cases, the threat may be a barrier for a child who needs help. Be aware of this when talking to them about their internet use and reassure them that they can talk to you or a trusted adult whenever they need to.



## AHOY ME HEARTIES, IT'S PIRATE DAY

Firstly, let me share the good news; Squawk has been found! You may remember, a few weeks ago, Blackpatch the Pirate came into school to ask the Year 1 children to help him find Squawk, the missing parrot of the Jolley Roger's crew. Well, last Friday, a kindly neighbour dropped by because she had found Squawk in her garden. He appeared to be in high spirits after his adventure and was returned safe and sound to the Jolley Rogers. Today the school was awash with swashbuckling pirates as the Year 1 children came to school to celebrate the end of their Pirates topic. Boat building, climbing the rigging and pirate stories were just a few of the activities on offer today.



## RANGERS REPORT

In honour of our inspirational character, Sir Mo Farah, the Rangers have been taking part in some elite sports this week including our challenging assault course! We are looking forward to seeing everyone next half term; don't forget to take a look at our two new morning clubs: Rangers Active! and Sunrise Swim. For more information and to book, please visit [www.campglide.co.uk](http://www.campglide.co.uk) We look forward to seeing many of you next week for Camp Glide. It's not too late to book!



## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO WRAY COMMON'S FAMILY DAY ASSEMBLIES THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

### Reception and Year 1

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Assembly

9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Walkabout with children and tea and coffee served in the Small Hall

### Years 2, 3 and 4

9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Walkabout with children and tea and coffee served in the Small Hall

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Assembly

### Years 5 and 6

10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Walkabout with children and tea and coffee served in the Small Hall

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Assembly

All parents, carers and other family members are very welcome to attend this celebration. A 'walkabout' of the school is a great way to see what has been going on in class and you will be free to explore the school with your children.

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Family Day, but please could we suggest that you walk or park away from Kendal Close to reduce congestion and to allow access for emergency vehicles.**

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

From 3:30 p.m. this afternoon you can go online to book your Parents' Evening appointments. Parent consultations are taking place next half term on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March (3:40 p.m-6:10 p.m) and Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March (4:30 p.m-7:00 p.m.) . Please go to the Parents' Evening tab on your Tucasi account to book your slots. If you require any assistance with booking your appointments, please contact the school office. Online link codes are also available if you have not already signed up to a Tucasi account. The cut-off for booking online is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00 p.m..



## OFFICE MATTERS

A few reminders from the school office:

- Office hours are between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.
- Uniform days are Wednesdays and Fridays - we would encourage you to order and pay for uniform via Tucasi, but if this is not possible, please help us by requesting uniform in person, with the correct money, on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- As always, your children's safety is paramount. Please can you make sure that if you are late collecting your child at the end of the day and are therefore picking up from the main entrance, you let the office know that you are taking your child. We have had a few instances in the past when a child has been picked up late and a member of staff has checked to see where the child is, only to find they have gone home. Also, if you have arranged for someone else to collect your child from school and phone in at the last minute to inform us, please be clear with the details (including their name) of who will be collecting.
- With the increase in the number of children coming to Wray Common over the last few years, the interruptions during the day due to bags, packed lunches etc being dropped off and telephone calls, for various reasons, have increased considerably. Please can you help us to continue to provide an efficient service by encouraging your children to remember their PE and swimming kits when needed as well as their packed lunches if appropriate.
- For your convenience, please note that any letters sent home from school can be found on our website via the News tab.



## LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Year 3 would like to thank Mr Shevel (Mrs Shevel's husband) for coming in to school on Tuesday to talk to them about his job as a physiotherapist. As part of their 'How Humans Work' topic, the children have been learning all about the human body, so what better way to learn how humans work, than to hear it from a specialist in that field. Mr Shevel talked about what a physiotherapist does and how important exercise is to our general health and well-being. He also brought in some walking aids that patients undergoing physiotherapy might use to aid their recovery.



## FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

There is still time to get your tickets for the Quiz Night on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Pick up a booking form from the school office and join us for what promises to be a fun and fact filled evening. Tickets cost £5 each and there is a prize for the best dressed table.

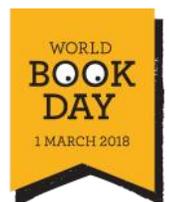


## WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

9:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. On this day, you are invited in to school to read with your child. There will also be a short presentation from Mrs Ellis about how reading is taught in school and how you can support your child with reading at home. We really hope that you will be able to join us, so put this date in your diary.



## DATES FOR W/C 19th FEBRUARY

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Back after Half Term Catch-up swim 6C and 6B
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Heights and Weights check (in school time) Swimming block starts for 3W and 3R Quiz Competition at Wray Common School at 2:00 p.m.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Heights and Weights check (in school time) Swimming block starts for RK and RS
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming block starts for RT and 5B Parent Volunteer Thank You Tea at 2:30 p.m.
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming block starts for 5W and 5M

For the new swimming block, please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help and please ask the office for advice on how to apply for a DBS check if you are planning on helping on a regular basis. Thank you.

Upcoming  
Events:

## DINNER MONEY

Please be advised that dinner money for next half term is **£63.00**. Please make your payment in advance via the Tucasi or by cash/cheque at the school office. Thank you.

**School Dinners**