

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



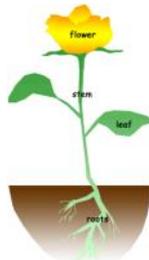
Inspiring Lifelong Learning

SPRING 2 GETS UNDERWAY



CSI: REIGATE

On Monday, Year 3 returned to school after the half term holiday, only to find themselves in the middle of a crime scene! When they walked into Miss Ringwood's classroom they were confronted with a distressing sight; lots of parts of flowers were strewn across the floor! Could the Year 3 children rise to the challenge of becoming crime scene investigators and discover what parts of the flowers were missing? The children were determined to get to the bottom of the 'flower-napping' and they discovered that the flowers' roots had been taken as well as the leaves. They worked hard to piece the plants together by creating diagrams to show the whole flower with all of its parts. Welcome to Year 3's new topic- Plant It!



NOT FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED



The children in Year 6 were visited today by Dr. Williams, an anaesthetist and also Miss Williams' dad, who came in to talk to the children about the heart and it's functions. What better way to explain and identify the different parts of the heart than to bring in a real cow's heart for the children to examine. The children were quite surprised by how big the heart was, but were fascinated to see the different parts at first hand. They asked intelligent questions and learnt a lot from Dr Williams.

WRAY COMMON ARE TRUE MASTERMINDS

On Tuesday this week Wray Common hosted and took part in the National General Knowledge Quiz. Our two intrepid teams battled against schools from as far afield as Banstead and Chipstead, facing questions ranging from the Battle of Trafalgar to the Gettysburg Address. The amazing Dan Davey, Ava Street, Justin Chieng and Jack Bromham took an early lead, finishing halfway down the field. But huge congratulations go to Morgan, Rhys, Owen and William (pictured on the right), who won. They were awarded winners badges and a trophy, but more importantly, go through to the semi-finals being held in Horsham in March. I know everyone wishes them well in the next round- keep up the good work, boys, and carry on training!



EXPERT LEARNERS THINK

Thelma's told us to put our thinking hats on this half term to help us with our thinking skills. Across the school, children will be creating their own stories, based on Thelma's story (see below) to help them develop themselves as thinkers and problem solvers. Have your children told you about our 'Thinking Thursdays'? Each Thursday in class, children participate in a philosophical discussion based around a thought-provoking image or quotation and on the last Thursday of this term, Thelma is going to lend a hand with our 'Thinking Thursday', so we are asking for every child to bring a thinking hat into school.



C A P T U R E



THELMA THE OWL

I am Wise - I Think and make links

Once upon a time, in the deep, dark forest, there lived a wise, old owl called Thelma who lived high up in a beautiful pine tree. One night, Thelma was out hunting when delicate snowflakes began to drift to the ground. As the snow began to settle, she realised that all the trees around her started to look the same. Everything was white! She was lost. What was she going to do? Thelma began to **think**, "I live in a pine tree."

She looked around desperately and saw some pine cones on the floor next to her. "That must mean *that* tree is a pine tree," she exclaimed. She had made a **connection**. She swooped up, happy to have found her tree when suddenly she realised it was not her home after all.

"**Think Thelma, think.**" She realised *all* pine trees would have dropped some pine cones on to the forest floor. She had made a **generalisation**, so she had another **think**.

That's what she needed to do - keep looking for pine cones on the forest floor. There were lots more, but every time Thelma flew up to her landing branch, it wasn't her home. She needed to **generate some more ideas**.

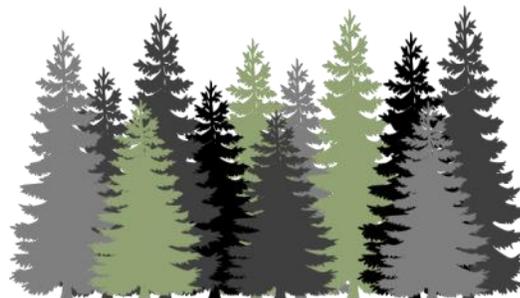
"**Think Thelma, think,**" she said to herself. What else did she already **know** about her surroundings?

"My tree has a broken branch - the one I sleep on is broken. I'll look for that." Now, Thelma was searching for trees with pine cones *and* broken branches but she still couldn't find her home. Thelma felt frightened.

Then, she remembered she was a wise, old owl. "I must **think**," she whispered to herself. "I need to **summarise** what I already know." She started to make a list to help her remember. "My tree will have pine cones on the floor, it has a broken branch, it's near the pond and it has a squirrel's house. That's it! If I find: the pond, trees with pine cones, broken branches and a squirrel's house, I'm sure to find it."

She was certain she wasn't far from the pond, so she started to hop along the ground. But there was another option, perhaps she should fly and look for the pond from the air. She considered her **options** for a moment. Which would be best? She decided to fly and it wasn't long before she clearly saw the pond from the air. She swooped down and resumed the search. She began to **compare** all the trees she saw: no pine cones, no broken branch, squirrel's house.

Finally, she saw it; her lovely pine tree. What a relief! She flew up to her broken branch and began to reflect on her adventure. She was a very wise, old owl!



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day - a perfect day for a Learn With Your Child session centred on reading! Parents and carers, you are invited to come into school on Thursday morning for a brief presentation on the importance of reading from 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Main Hall. There will then be the opportunity to go to your child's class to read with your child. If you have more than one child at school, then you will be able to go into one of our halls or the Enchanted Library to read with them. World Book Day tokens will be sent home with the children on Monday and these can be used as £1 off a book of their choice, but can also be exchanged for a £1 book. If the children choose to buy a £1 book, we will be having book quizzes centred around the books to make reading just a bit more fun! Get ready children, we will also have DEAR during the day - drop everything and read - so make sure you have a good book to hand throughout the day. Please note that this is **not** a dressing-up day.

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Following our article in January highlighting the school's financial challenges over the next few years, thank you to those of you who responded positively by paying your School Fund and Swimming contributions. A special thank you to the generosity of those parents/carers who chose to contribute more than the amount requested. Please keep these contributions coming to enable us to continue with all those activities which enhance your children's learning. *Thank You!*

RANGERS REPORT

We have been continuing to engage with our inspirational character this week, Sir Mo Farah. From obstacle courses and relay races to hockey and football, you name it, we did it! We've also been learning the value of supporting our team mates and sharing our ENTHUSIASM.

Exciting Announcement: No Membership required to join! Rangers Active and Sunrise Swim started this week. You can still join us or transfer a booking to one of our new morning clubs. For more please visit our website at www.CampGlide.co.uk



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Don't forget to book your parent consultation meetings taking place on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th March. Please go online via Tucasi and book your 10 minute slot. If you have not yet registered with Tucasi, please ask someone in the office for an online link code. If you are having trouble booking online, please ask the office for help.

Don't forget parents evening!

TAKE YOUR MARKS . . .

Miss Wortley and Mr. Martin took a team to Priory Park on Tuesday after school to compete in a cross country running race against other local schools. All of our runners should be commended for their hard grit and determination in the cold and mud and Wray Common should feel proud of the results - 3rd overall in both the boys and girls' races. Congratulations runners!



NEXT WEEK . . .

Tues 27th Quick Stix Hockey RGS (during school time)
Netball Match at home against Yattendon 3:45 p.m.
Thurs 1st World Book Day
Reading Workshop 9:00 a.m.

WRAY COMMON'S FAMILY DAY ASSEMBLIES THURSDAY 8TH 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.

HONOUR BOOK



1VG	Olivia Cook Lucas Akbar Howie Harding Jessica Wells	For such an improvement in her writing and great independent writing. For an amazing piece of writing using the 'toolkit'. For brilliant improvement with his reading - keep going, Howie! For such a brilliant piece of writing to engage the reader using the 'toolkit'.
1W	Henry Dolphin Leah Mcrae Amelia Sinden	For his fantastic innovation of 'The Pirates Next Door', working hard to use a range of conjunctions. Wow! For always helping others and showing a positive learning attitude. For trying hard with her writing, remembering all of her capital letters.
2E	Haroon Shahid Advay Jain	For always answering questions in Maths with thoughtful, knowledge-based answers. Excellent non-fiction writing about the history of clowns - every sentence made sense!
2M	Eloise Kiernander Isabella Lister	For working hard on her comprehension skills when reading. For a fantastic improvement in her reading this term.
2ML	Sophie Parker Lenny Ince	For performing with confidence and expression in 2ML's class assembly. For a fantastic dance interpretation of a growing plant.
3R	Hannah Sired William Owens Nathanial Page	For a fantastic paragraph all about the food and drink they have in 'Giant' country. For making a real effort in all areas this week - what an improvement! For creating a fascinating travel guide about his magical land- Ice City!
3W	Chirag Nadig Emma Whatley Indie Knights Henry Cook	For writing an imaginative journey story using his 'toolkit'. For writing an entertaining guide about what giants eat. For using imaginative vocabulary in her magical land guide. For using his knowledge of capacity from his learning in Year 2, to help problem solve in Year 3.
4E	Sasha Howe Alexander Eade Harrison Sayer	For her positive attitude to her maths work and continuing to develop her learning. For great progress this term with his swimming. For his continued positive attitude towards his learning.
4RW	Henry Merriman Jake Bowyer Phoebe Bromham Chloe Piercy	For listening and responding to instructions when swimming, enabling him to learn a new stroke. For working hard and persevering with his fraction work. For helping others during Maths. For a great learning attitude and giving everything her best.
5B	Lucas Sinden Layla Mehmood	For fabulous use of language in his own fantasy story. For a great explanation of how to turn a mixed number into an improper fraction.
5M	Rhys Howells Luke Walker	For a much improved attitude towards all his learning and for using joined-up handwriting. For clearly explaining a method to multiply fractions in Maths.
5W	Jayden Acquaaah-Harrison Mia-Bella Morrart Martim Vaquinhas	For being resilient when multiplying fractions. For great focus when writing her fantasy story. For amazing imagination to create a unique outfit for Year 5's Space Day.
6B	Jocelyn Moteane Jojo Mooc Anish Purigilla Ollie Pearson	For using our 'toolkit' to describe her own 'Lost Thing' in detail. For thoughtful, detailed responses to questions in shared reading. For super use of watercolour paint to create his setting for his 'Lost Thing'. For great effort with his neat joined handwriting.
6C	Abbi Prentice Noa Wilding Owen Dewson Jayden Woodley	For adding a great 'twist' ending to her story plan ... "Maybe, I'm the lost thing?" For using his knowledge of Maths to solve a variety of problems in class. For an amazing concept in his independent artwork, using perspective and scale to create an illusion of size. For persevering to write a fantastic 'Lost Thing' story - Jayden, your writing just keeps getting better and better!
6R	Sami Qureshi Ethan West Dasha Larikova	For detailed and adventurous vocabulary to describe his 'Lost Thing'. For creating his own version of our story with added detail - I can't wait to read your story! For writing a super story about her 'Lost Thing' despite being away for our planning and immersion. Dasha, you are a true author - your story is wonderfully detailed and descriptive.

FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

If you have entered the Wray Common Friends' Quiz night then it's time to do any last minute brushing up on your general knowledge! Please be at the large school hall at 7:30 p.m. sharp on Saturday evening. Although nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided, you need to bring your own suppers, drinks and glasses. There will be the chance to win some great prizes throughout the evening, so please bring plenty of cash too - it's all in a good cause! There will also be a prize for the best-dressed team. If you have any queries please phone Ben on 07785 770503. Good luck!