

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

IN AND AROUND SCHOOL ...

A BUSY WEEK IN YEAR 3



On Monday, all of Year 3 harvested some rhubarb from the allotment and, later in the week, they made some yummy rhubarb muffins to take home. They then wrote some instructions about how they made them. Year 3 also stepped back in time this week to the Stone Age and learnt how to make fire. Mr Fensom cleared an appropriate space on the field and went through the process of how to make and light a fire, using flint to create a spark.



FIRST FLIGHT

Our Year 1 children took a leaf out of Year 3's book and also travelled back in time this week, but they travelled back to 1903 which is where Biff had travelled to, to attempt to stop the first flight! The children each made their own paper plane to re-enact the first flight and had great fun flying them across the playground. Not to be left out, the adults got in on the action too and a competition began between Miss Williams, Mr Savedra, Mrs Hammond, Mr Huelin and Mrs Vallis. It was a closely fought battle, but who was victorious in the end? Next time you see Mr Savedra, why not ask him?





FOCUS ON MUSIC

I hope you will consider encouraging your child to take an active part in the musical life of Wray Common!

Children in Year 3 have made a wonderful start to their recorder lessons

Each week, all children in Year 3 are learning to play the recorder in their class music lesson. They can now play with control and can play rests (musical silences) as well as changing pitch. This week we learnt to play 'Rock Around the Clock! Well done Year 3!



Playing a musical instrument and singing are powerful tools that help to:

1. Develop lots of musical skills, like reading music and co-ordinating fingers and breathing. These skills are transferable, meaning they will be useful for guitar, clarinet, piano, drums or any other instrument you might choose! It is also proven that learning an instrument or singing develops both sides of the brain, so it actually makes you better at other things, like Maths and PE, languages and Art!
2. Play tunes and sing songs with your friends and have chances to perform. Music brings so many opportunities to share and celebrate, with performances in assemblies and on larger stages like Dorking Halls and beyond. The skills you develop include discipline, teamwork, patience, self-expression, confidence and much more!
3. Have fun! Practising and performing with friends is satisfying and immensely rewarding.



Instrumental Lessons

Surrey Arts provides peripatetic music lessons for individuals and small groups. Teachers currently come in to our school to teach piano, violin, cello and guitar. If you are interested in a different instrument, you can apply for this through Surrey Arts online. Miss Venables will work with Surrey Arts to make arrangements.

Children who play instruments have opportunities to showcase their learning in assemblies and in the Arts Soirée.

CHOIR

Wray Common Choir is open to all children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and is free of charge. We rehearse each Tuesday after school until 4:00 p.m. Children in Year 2 are supervised to have a break and a snack until they are joined by children in Key Stage 2 for the rehearsal which usually takes place in the music room. All you need to do to secure a place for your child is complete and return the reply slip which is available from the school office. This term, we have 4 main performances:

Friday 9th November - Let's Sing Together Evening Concert at Reigate Baptist Church with several other local schools. We are singing songs from The Greatest Showman, as well as other favourites from musicals.

Saturday 24th November - St. Matthew's Church Fayre

Friday 7th December - Friends of Wray Common Christmas Fayre

Monday 10th December - Carol Singing at Wray Common Nursing Home. Choir members will be bringing home a letter with times and further details next week.



Written by Miss Venables
Music Leader



ASSEMBLY FOCUS

Through our assemblies this half term we have explored the meaning of 'relationships'. We have looked at how we can establish healthy relationships with others at school and the ingredients needed in order to maintain them. Next half term, we will be focusing on what happens when relationships go wrong and how we can repair them.



A PLEA FROM MRS SAUNDERS

If you have any pre-loved but still usable construction vehicles, large cars, dolls or dressing up clothes, the children in KS1 would be most grateful as they are in need of some new things for their playground. If you have anything that might be suitable, please drop it in to the school office.



PARENTS' EVENING

Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening appointments via your Tucasi account (Tues 16th and Thurs 18th Oct). If you require an online link code for your child, please contact the school office or if you require any assistance with booking an appointment please speak to someone in the office.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Please follow this [link](#) to find out more about Team Mama, a fitness company 'making a difference to mums and their fitness through pregnancy and beyond'.

RANGERS REPORT

Crumbs! Tasty treats have been flying out of the kitchen this week. New to the Rangers Staff team, Michelle Young has been helping make mini bakers out of the Rangers. Most of the biscuits ended up with a sensible amount of icing on top. Delicious!



NASAL SPRAY FLU VACCINE

The immunisation team from Children and Family Health Surrey, will be coming into school on Thursday 29th November to administer the nasal flu vaccine to our children in Reception through to Year 4 inclusive. Year 5 will also be receiving the vaccine, but on Friday 7th December. On both occasions, the immunisation team will be here during school time. Your children will be bringing home a letter today that explains all about the vaccine and contains a consent form that will need to be returned to school. The form indicates both positive and negative consent, so please make sure that you return it to school regardless of whether you wish your child to receive the vaccine or not.



NETBALL SUCCESS *A report by Camila*

On Monday we played netball against Furzefield and what I really enjoyed was cheering for Wray Common and getting a chance to play. I enjoyed playing with my friends and with other players, but most of all enjoyed meeting other people. After a closely fought match, Wray Common beat Furzefield 6 - 2 in their first game and then won the second game 3 - 1. I can't believe that Wray Common won!



FOOTBALL SUCCESS *A report by Callan*

On Thursday we played our first game against Furzefield. Not only did we look fantastic in our new football kit, but we also played fantastically well and won 3 - 0.



Jamie S scored the first goal and the other two goals were deflected shots. We had lots of shots at goal, but the goalkeeper made some excellent saves.

PGL MARCHANTS HILL

Our residential trip for Year 6 to Marchants Hill gets underway next week, so parents/carers of the children in Year 6, please make sure that the children come to school on Wednesday dressed in their activity clothes, with their suitcase and packed lunch. The coach will be leaving school at around 10:30 a.m. and the children will be having their lunch once they arrive at the centre. We expect them all to arrive back at school on Friday 12th in time for normal end of day pick-up; any change to this time will be communicated via our website.

Please may I remind you that all final payments are now overdue, so if you have anything further to pay, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Mon 8th - Phonics Sessions for Reception
- Thurs 11th parents/carers (sign-up sheets in the classroom)
- Tues 9th Year 6 height and weight check (during school time)
- Wed 10th Year 6 Residential to PGL
- Thurs 11th Year 3 Fossil Hunters workshop
- Fri 12th Year 6 return from PGL

Please remember that there will be no swimming for 1W next week, but a catch-up session will be organised before the end of term. This will not be on Tues 18th Dec as reported last week, due to the Year 1 Nativity performance taking place that afternoon. Apologies for any confusion caused.