

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter

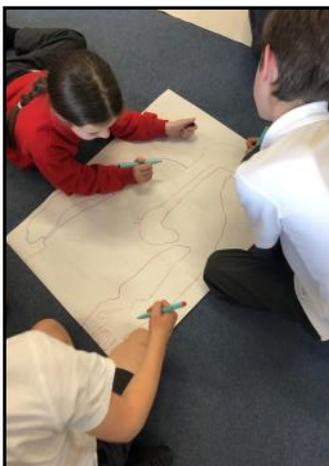


Inspiring Lifelong Learning

LIFE LONG AGO



The large hall transformed into the site of a palaeontological dig yesterday and our Year 3 children assumed the roles of palaeontologists, otherwise known as fossil hunters. A professional 'fossil hunter' called Chris gave a very informative talk to the children and then explained to them the processes that palaeontologists go through to find fossils. The children were given lots of different boxes containing sand and fossils of three different types of animals; carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They then used brushes to brush away the sand to discover the fossils that lay beneath. The children were provided with fact sheets to help them with their research and once they had discovered which animal they had uncovered, they reported back their findings.



YEAR 4 SCIENTISTS

The children in Year 4 have been working as scientists, investigating how the human digestive system works. These pictures show them making a replica of the stomach using a sandwich bag with mashed up food in it. They also drew and labelled the different organs that make up the human digestive system.

THE BABOON ON THE MOON

Dr. Stella Stargazer, an astronomer from a scientific research facility, came in to school yesterday to talk to the children in Year 1 about the Baboon on the Moon. She has been studying the baboon through her enormous telescope since he was sent to the moon 15 years ago to carry out the very important task of lighting the moon. Dr. Stella has been studying the behaviour and characteristics of the baboon and the children asked her all sorts of questions about him. The baboon is an excellent trumpet player, by the way. Why not ask the children what else they found out?



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Key Target Areas

CAPTURE

- Ensure focused, caring, challenging learning environment in every classroom so that children are committed to their learning and see themselves as successful learners
- Deepen quality learning dialogue in every classroom, with incisive feedback during lessons
- Implement and embed consistent topic/subject evaluations
- Embed CAPTURE progression

VALUES

- Develop children's: understanding of relationships; ability to build and maintain relationships; ability to manage their feelings, and success at repairing relationships, to support enhanced empathy and reduction of negative incidents
- Review and amend curriculum re prejudice and diversity to protect against prejudiced-based incidents

STAFF DEVELOPMENT and WELL-BEING

- Enthuse and motivate teachers to develop their own practice and impact on the practice of others through strengths-based development
- Ensure high quality induction for all new staff
- Review appraisal process for learning support to evidence impact and motivation
- Review pupil progress review process to ensure effectiveness and efficiency
- Create opportunities for development of learning support staff

PROGRESS & STANDARDS

- Deepen quality of reasoning in Maths
- Further develop a love of reading
- Accelerate progress of early language development
- Develop mapping skills

WC CITIZENS

- Deepen and embed "shared responsibility" for children, with a focus on the lunchtimes, so that children feel valued and part of the Wray Common community and actively engage in making it a better place for all
- Celebrate by sharing Passports with parents

GUARANTEES

- Extend life-saving skills curriculum
- Celebrate by sharing Passports with parents
- Ensure children talk with children from another country
- Chase up children questionnaires to support every child in feeling valued and cared for

SO THAT...

- Attainment rises in every year group - at "expected" and "exceeding"
- Disadvantaged boys make accelerated progress in Reading, Writing and Maths in every year group
- Increase in attendance of all, Disadvantaged and SEN
- Reduction in level of serious and low level incidents

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

For those of you who are currently, or wish to be, volunteers in school, there are some additional safeguarding procedures that we need to put in place, and make you aware of:

From 1st January 2019;

- * All volunteers must have attended our Volunteer Induction training regardless of how long they have been volunteering.
- * All Volunteers must have attended Safeguarding training annually - the school will provide appropriate training at the start of each new academic year.
- * No volunteer will be able to help with swimming unless they have been DBS checked - this change will take effect immediately.
- * Ad-hoc volunteering will only be possible in exceptional circumstances e.g. to help with a class day trip or large event in school.

Our next Volunteers Induction meeting is on 8th November at 2:15pm - any volunteers who were unable to attend on 3rd October will need to come to this meeting.

Our Safeguarding training sessions have been planned for Tuesday 13th November at 9:00am and Friday 16th November at 2:00pm. It's really important that you come to **one** of these sessions to be able to volunteer in the new year.

It's worth noting that your DBS check will become invalid if you do not come into school for a whole term so, please can you ensure that you volunteer at least once per term once your DBS check has been completed. Of course, we are hoping that you will want to help much more regularly than once per term.

These new requirements may seem excessive but, as I'm sure you will all appreciate, your children's safety is our primary concern. Your help is always hugely appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

SCHOOL DINNER NEWS

The tasty new Autumn/Winter school meal menu will be available after half term - a copy of the new menu can be found on our website. Please note that the roast dinner will continue to be served on a THURSDAY, not a Wednesday as the menu indicates. It has come to our attention that a significant number of children change their meal preferences with little or no notice. This means that the amount of food the school is paying for, then being wasted has been increasing. May I remind all parents that if your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa at any time, you will be required to give at least one week's notice in writing. If your child changes to packed lunches without the school being informed in writing, you will still be liable to pay for a daily school dinner. A meal preference form is available from the office.

We are keen to remain as flexible as possible but will be reviewing meal preference changes over the next half term and as a school, if we cannot reduce our food wastage, we may be forced to stipulate that school dinners have to be ordered a term in advance (a requirement that many Surrey schools insist on).

The cost of school dinners for the next half term will be £89.70 (39 days x £2.30) to be paid in advance.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Merstham Primary School Consultation Letter - please [click here](#) to view.

BOOK FAIR MON 12th - WED 14th NOVEMBER 2018

Each year the library hosts a book fair over 3 days in November during Book Week, and again, this year, we will be selling books provided by Scholastic. The books are from a wide range of authors and publishers and range in age from pre-school to younger teens. As in previous years, a range of bargain and half price books will also be available. As well as being a great way of buying Christmas presents, the school receives commission on every book sold, (60p for every £1 spent), which is then exchanged for new books for the school.

The sale will run each day between 2:45 and 3:45 in the large hall. This year there will be more books and gifts than ever before, and all children will be given the opportunity to preview the bookcases before the sale starts on Monday 12th November.

Although the sale is still several weeks away, **parent help will be needed** each day of the sale. If you are able to help on any of these days please let the school office know.

Thank you.



LET'S SING TOGETHER CONCERT

FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS FROM YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

A letter was sent home this week with details of the Let's Sing Together Concert that is taking place on Friday 9th

November. If your child is interested in taking part, please complete and return the permission slip to the office by Monday 15th October (letters are also available from the school office).

Thank you.



FRIENDS FIREWORKS - 2nd Nov 2018

The Wray Common Fireworks Event is fast approaching and tickets are on sale now!

To purchase your tickets, please complete the attached form and return it with your payment to the school office. Tickets will then be issued and sent home via your child. Tickets will also be available on the gate on the night but at a slightly higher price. This event cannot run without volunteers, so if you are able to help, please let us know via the school office. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a fantastic evening!

FRIENDS FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

This year we are pleased to announce that the Friends of Wray Common will be raising money for the school by taking part in the RUDOLPH CARDS Personalised Card Pack and Mug Project! Please look in your child's bag today as they will be bringing home a letter and template for this project. Please note that the Deadline Date is 31st October - a nice little craft project to do over half term!

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

A final reminder that Parents' Evenings are next week and the online booking system will close at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 15th October. Please make your bookings online via Tucasi, or through the school office. Also, a reminder to 3F parents/carers that appointments for Thursday 18th October have been moved to Thursday 1st November. Please contact the school office to confirm your slot. Appointments are available to see Mrs Brackenbury (SENCO and Assistant Head) on both nights next week and these can be made through the school office only.



SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

Just a reminder to Year 6 Parents/Carers that the deadline for Surrey Secondary School applications is Wednesday 31st October 2018. Please visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/secondary-applications to make your application.

LEARN WITH YOUR CHILD

Thursday 15th November 2018

During Book Week, 12th to 16th November, we will be holding Learn With Your Child Sessions with a focus on Reading. Parents and carers are invited in to school on Thursday 15th November at the following times:

- ◇ 9:00 a.m. - Years 1 and 2
- ◇ 9:30 a.m. - Years 3 and 4
- ◇ 10:00 a.m. - Years 5 and 6

These will be 30 minute sessions. For the families who have children in both year groups of the same session, there will be a chance to work with both of your children, but for a shorter time. We hope that you will all be able to join us for what promises to be an informative and fun session.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

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| Tues 16 th | Parents' Evening (booked time slots from 3:40 p.m.) |
| Thurs 18 th | 6B Class Assembly 9:00 a.m.
6R Class Assembly 2:45 p.m.
Parents' Evening (booked time slots from 4:30 p.m.) |
| Fri 19 th | 6Br Class Assembly 9:00 a.m.
Celebration Medals Assembly 2:20 p.m. (invited parents/carers only)
School finishes for Half Term (normal pick-up times apply) |



FAREWELL MRS REBBECK

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Rebbeck next Wednesday as she leaves Wray Common to move on to a position at a new school. Mrs Rebbeck has been our Achievement For All teacher as part of our Inclusion team for the last three years and has had a great impact on our children's learning. We would like to wish her well in the future.



HONOUR BOOK



- 1S** Ruaridh For super effort during his Great Fire of London writing.
Alexa For using what she learnt in a previous lesson to check her answer in today's lesson.
- 1VG** Isla For attempting all of the maths challenges even when she finds them tricky.
Zac For persevering with everything and always trying his best. What a great role model!
Lilly For linking her knowledge of careful counting one day to the next when finding the missing part to make the whole.
Mollie For always persevering when she finds things tricky in Maths.
- 1W** Joshua T For using expert vocabulary in his writing.
Joshua W For using his number line expertly to solve part-part whole numbers.
- 2C** Heidi For always trying her best and being a good role model for others.
Milo For trying hard to write more and include more adjectives.
Harry A For trying hard to contribute in class and build on the ideas of others.
- 2E** Hayley B For fantastic work during English - the focus on her writing was amazing!
Lena For settling well into her new school and working really hard.
- 3F** Jason For his amazing Stone Age pot.
Emma For her incredible knowledge about harvesting when Year 3 harvested their rhubarb.
Jack For his amazing effort in finishing his maths work.
- 3LS** Zeya For working hard to finish her writing using lovely 'show, don't tell'.
Maximillian For working hard to regroup and rename tens into hundreds when adding 3-digit numbers.
Rihanna For super instruction writing, using fronted adverbials about how to make a Stone Age fire.
Maja For using our partitioning method to support her taking away - ones, tens and hundreds from a 3-digit number.
- 3R** George For an amazing independent story using his characterisation tool kit.
Eden For displaying great control during hockey practice.
Lily For displaying great control during hockey practice.
- 4E** Spencer For great class participation and enthusiasm in his English lessons this week.
Jacob For his great ideas in his persuasive writing this week.
Flora For her great ideas in her persuasive writing this week.
- 4M** Jessy For persevering with her writing to produce a fantastic persuasive letter.
William W For his insightful answers to 4M's reading workshop.
- 5B** Jacob For coming up with a new maths method to help him add, which no one else had found!
Toby For coming up with a new maths method to help him add, which no one else had found!
Tyler For incredible writing stamina when writing his Perseus vs Medusa story.
Alexis For fabulous paired work with her learning partner in Maths this week.
- 5TE** Sophie El For super use of expanded noun phrases in her Medusa writing.
Harrison For his amazing Perseus writing - it blew us away!
Max Fabulous vocabulary choices in his Perseus and Medusa writing.
Phoebe Brilliant descriptive writing in her Perseus and Medusa story.
- 6B** Austin For an extremely thoughtful argument for why Justice is such an important value.
Will For a great attitude in maths lessons - always challenging us with multiple methods.
Simao For great focus on improving his handwriting in English and reading workshop.
Millie For always demonstrating a great attitude to learning - fantastic use of colons and semicolons.
- 6Br** Toby For focussed effort to master long multiplication. Your effort paid off!
Christina For looking carefully for evidence to back-up her answers in reading workshop.
Oliver For making great efforts to achieve his writing targets. Your effort is paying off!
Jacob For working hard to improve his long division skills - you are nearly out of the pit!
- 6R** Caitlan For her dedication in Maths - she is now marvellous at multiplication. Well done!
Layla For her dedication in Maths - she is now marvellous at multiplication. Well done!
Hannah For being successful in her writing - she has included colons and semicolons. Well done, Hannah!
Maisie For working hard with her division strategies - you have progressed so well, Maisie!

Well
Done!



WRAY COMMON FIREWORKS

on

Friday 2 November 2018

gates open 5:30 p.m.

firework display 6:30 p.m.

For Grown-ups:

- Lager
- Mulled wine
- Tea
- Coffee
- Hot Chocolate

**BBQ with
vegetarian
option**

For Kids:

- Popcorn
- Soft drinks
- Glow-products

Please return this slip to your child's class teacher. Tickets will be sent back to you via your eldest child within a week.

Eldest child's name class.....

I'd like to buy my tickets now! (advance tickets are cheaper)

Please send me (via my eldest child)

..... family tickets* @ £13.00 each = £.....

..... adult tickets @ £5.00 each = £.....

..... children's tickets @ £3.00 each (under 3s go free) = £.....

Total enclosed cash or cheque made payable to Friends of Wray Common = £.....

**Family ticket = 2 adults + 2 children, or 1 adult + 3 children*

Yes, I can help on the night

Name.....tel(s).....