

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

I'M A GEOGRAPHER, GET ME OUT OF HERE!

Working as geographers and as part of their topic *Different Places, Similar lives*, the children in Year 4 have been looking at rich and poor countries around the world. They worked as a whole year group, sharing ideas on what makes a country a first world country and discussing if it was possible for a third world country to ever change. They used Google Earth and Google Maps to get a closer look at these different countries and were amazed at how they could see the physical differences from aerial photographs. They studied the townships that were set up during apartheid in South Africa and compared this to where Nelson Mandela was born, in a rural area called Umtata, in South Africa. They then looked at the area where Malala Yousafzai was born and explored the difference between the plateau area of Johannesburg, near Soweto, to the mountainous region of Mingora in Pakistan. (Yes! and they are only 8 and 9!). They have also looked at patterns in maps and explored thematic maps too. I think that some secondary school Geography teachers would be well impressed with our Year 4, don't you?



HUSTLE TO GAIN MORE MUSCLE

This week, Year 3 have been learning about muscles and how they work. They identified and colour coded the muscles they were using whilst trying out different physical activities. They then went on to investigate what makes a good athlete and decided to test whether leg length affected the distance you can jump. The results proved that even little legs can jump a long way with the right training and muscle conditioning and that the long legged teachers didn't necessarily have the longest jump. Who knew? This Science learning linked perfectly with their *length* topic in Maths, due to the amount of measuring that was required. It also called for some extra collaborative group work. Well done to everyone involved - you worked those muscles really hard!



ASSEMBLY TIME

Year 5 kicked off our class assemblies for the new year in style this week as they shared their learning with other classes and with their parents. Topics including Aylmerton, Fractions (with a pizza slant) and Space were on the agenda; even the mums and dads and grandparents were put on the spot to test their knowledge in the Space quiz! Congratulations to all of the children and to the Year 5 team for putting together such informative assemblies.



AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING VACANCIES

Emma Miller from Swimsense still has some places available on her Wednesday After School Swimming course for beginners. With our new Reception children starting their swimming block after half term, this might be an opportunity for them to get some extra help. If you would like more information, please collect a letter from the school office.

REMINDER - If your child is in Reception, or in Year 3 or 4 and new to the school, please fill in a swimming ability slip which is available to collect from the school office. This is so the swimming teachers can group your children for the beginning of the new swimming block.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ARTS SOIREE - Thursday 21st March
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.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are putting a call out to any of our parents/ carers/grandparents who are graphic designers and would be able to assist the school with a project. If you think that you might be able to help, please contact Mr Huelin via the school office.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Welcare are running a Baby Massage course in February starting on Monday 4th February (4 weeks). The cost is £20 for the 4-week course. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- R&Be Active are running holiday clubs for 5-15 year olds during the February half term. Please [click here](#) for more information. Information is also available on the Surrey Youth Games free sports coaching which is taking place from April to June in preparation for the Surrey Youth Games 15th and 16th June 2019.



RANGERS' REPORT

At Rangers this week, the children put their cooking skills to the test with Michelle and decorated some yummy biscuits! Everybody enjoyed having a taste of these during snack time. Dates for next half term and Easter holidays go live on the 13th February! Don't forget to join us for our 'Mad Scientist' week this February half term! www.campglide.co.uk

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 28 th	Year 4 Cultural Day	
Tues 29 th	Football Match away to Reigate	
	Priory 3:45 p.m.	
Thurs 31 st	2E Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
	2C Class Assembly	2:30 p.m.

HONOUR BOOK



1S	Charlie	For working hard and being enthusiastic when writing <i>MISSING</i> posters.
	Alex	For explaining his answers in Maths using different resources.
	Henry	For persevering and showing a great learning attitude when Maths got tricky!
1VG	Harriet	For working hard to try and improve her handwriting.
	Joshua	for his brilliant subtracting using a number line.
	Toby	Wow! What amazing independent writing - you included great adjectives too!
	Maeve	What an amazing effort with your writing. You listened to every sound and wrote so well!
1W	Sophie	Sophie, what great innovation. You really made it your own!
	Daniel	Wow! You worked so hard to form your letters correctly and wrote three words!
	Logan W	for using his sounds carefully in his writing to create a <i>MISSING</i> poster to help find Squawk the Parrot.
2C	Azilia	For helping the class think of adjectives for their pirate story.
	Milo	For fantastic perseverance with his presentation when writing.
	Hayden	For his excellent contributions during maths lessons.
2E	Amabel	For fantastic personification in guided reading when describing what an old WW2 helmet would have experienced. Incredible writing!
	Naqiyah	For fantastic personification in guided reading when describing what an old WW2 helmet would have experienced. Incredible writing!
	Olivia	For trying hard in everything since returning after the holidays - your perseverance has been fantastic! Well done!
3F	Caitlin	For an outstanding learning attitude all day, every day!
	Ethan	For his original ideas and good focus when writing in English.
	Haroon	For finishing his writing in English - well done!
	Frankie	For working hard on his vocabulary in his writing - your writing is sounding amazing!
3LS	Sophie D	For always trying her best in everything she does.
	Usman	For fantastic understanding when converting units of measurement.
	Muhammed	For fantastic contributions and engagement. Keep it up!
3R	Harriet	For a fantastic, but blood-curdling description of the <i>Bloodbottler</i> .
	Askira	For a fantastic, but blood-curdling description of the <i>Bloodbottler</i> .
	Caden	For great reflection on his learning. You are working hard to accomplish your 'secret mission'.
4E	David	For fantastic, engaging whole class reading - your voice was so expressive!
	Sam	For a brilliant character description of the monstrous <i>Bloodbottler</i> .
	Hayley	For her enthusiastic start back to school this term.
4M	Maddie	For super work in Maths this week. Her perseverance and focus means she has cracked division.
	Saoirse	For persevering with her <i>chunking</i> discussion.
	Luca	For excellent collaboration when researching a county for his information text.
5B	William W	For excellent collaboration when researching a county for his information text.
	Marni-Olivia	For a fabulous introduction to her formal letter to become an astronaut.
	Huw	For great focus when adding fractions with different denominators.
5TE	Henry M	For an excellent and knowledgeable contribution to the Space Dome session.
	Aneira	For an amazing choice of vocabulary in her 'Pandora' writing.
6B	Aamir	For great use of our persuasive writing toolkit to advertise his roller coaster.
	Karenza	For showing a positive attitude to multiplying and dividing decimals.
	Nina	For settling in well to 6B and joining in with class discussions and working hard.
	Ayesha	For settling in well to 6B and joining in with class discussions and working hard.
6Br	Ava	For great use of exaggerated vocabulary to persuade.
	Kambe	For a thoughtful contribution to discussions about powerful vocabulary to persuade.
	Rhys	For showing some determination to develop his reasoning skills in Maths.
	Camila	For rising to the challenge of daily homework with such enthusiasm.
6R	Ben	For making a huge improvement to Mrs Robert's sentence—what brilliant use of powerful description!
	Luke	For asking clever questions and using engaging language to persuade—well done Luke!
	Taylor	For working so hard all week with her measurement conversion.

Well Done!

FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON

The Friends' Annual Quiz Night is fast approaching, so please save the date - Saturday 9th March. Details of how to apply for tickets will be coming out soon, but please put the date in your diary; it is an event not to miss!

