

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

ALL AROUND THE WORLD



The children in Year 4 enjoyed a day celebrating different countries and cultures this week. Their Brain Build for this half term was to research another country and to look into its culture and traditions. Many children chose to research a country that was personal to them and their family and others chose a country that was of interest to them. They then came together to share what they had learned and to sample a myriad of delicacies from around the world. Countries from all seven continents were represented, including Alaska, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Latvia, China and Australia and the engagement of the children was outstanding. Thank you to all parents and family members for the time and effort spent in helping the children to prepare the amazing food and for assisting the children with their presentations. Cultural Appreciation Day was a definite celebration of cultures from every corner of the world!



MODROC MARS-SCAPES

Working as artists in their 'Mission to Mars' topic, the children in Year 5 have been exploring textures and materials to create different artistic effects. They experimented with different textures and effects in their sketchbooks first and then were set the challenge of creating a Mars-scape, using the modelling material, Mod Roc. Having studied images and pictures of the surface of Mars, they set to work on a practice model of their Mars-scape, in preparation for their final piece to be modelled and painted next week.



READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Working as investigative reporters, the children in Year 3 have been working on a story this week called the 'Big Friendly Visit'. Tilly, a maid to the Queen at Buckingham Palace, came in to school on Thursday to answer some questions that the Year 3 children had about some 'unusual goings on at the palace'. If you want to know more, why not ask the children in Year 3 - they are excellent reporters! (Is it just me, or does Tilly look like Mrs Palmer from the office?)



I. T. SKILLS

The children in Year 3 are not only great journalists, but they are also a whizz on the computer. They have been collecting data by asking children in other classes questions related to healthy lifestyles. They then represented their findings using tables and graphs in Excel. [Click here](#) to see an example from Lucas and Zeya.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP ...

Our Year 2 children amazed and astounded their audiences on Thursday this week as they showcased their circus skills (plate spinning, diablo throwing, ribbon dancing and juggling), sang songs from *The Greatest Showman* and shared their circus writing and artwork from this term during their class assemblies. Some very courageous parents also took to the stage to demonstrate their circus skills - what a talented lot you are! Well done, children, for putting on such a great show and thank you to the Year 2 team for pulling it all together.



RANGERS' REPORT

This week at Rangers they have been focusing on their values. Before snack time, they speak about how to be respectful, caring, responsible and honest. They have been excellent at showing all of these values this week both during play and while working together in their team games. They have also been using their building blocks to create lots of different things like their names, houses for pets and police stations! Playing the giant hoop game and shuffle ball has also been on the agenda. It's been a great fun week at Rangers!



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Did you know...79% of children aged 5-7 go online for around 9 hours per week rising to 94% of 8-11 year olds who spend around 13½ hours each week? Knowing what they are viewing, who they are talking to and how safe they are being during this time is a key priority for all parents, teachers and children today.

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February. The aim of Safer Internet Day is to **inspire a national conversation** about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

There are a range of excellent online safety books aimed at primary aged children which can provide a useful hook for a conversation with your children around online safety including:

- *Dot* by Randi Zuckerberg (Mark Zuckerberg's older sister) which, rather ironically, is about getting the right balance in your life between Online and Offline activities and balancing screen time.
- *Penguinpig* by Stuart Spendlow - a cautionary tale about not always believing everything that you read and see online.

For a more detailed booklist visit: www.safeblog.lgfl.net/2017/10/online-safety-books-for-staff-and-pupils/

There are also some excellent websites to support and inform parents:

www.internetmatters.org offers articles, information, age specific advice and support including how to set up controls on a range of devices.

www.net-aware.org.uk is linked to the NSPCC and is a guide to the social networks, games and apps children use. As well as succinct reviews of the websites, games and apps, it also clearly outlines the risks children could be exposed to using these sites.

www.parentzone.org.uk/home also provides a wealth of information, research and resources on online safety aiming to help parents make informed choices in the digital age.

Please do check out these resources as well as those in the E-SAFETY section on our school website:

www.wray-common.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/E-Safety-school-website.pdf



WCGP&C

(Wray Common's Got Passion and Courage)

There is a buzz of excitement round school in anticipation of next week's performances in WCGP&C. If you haven't heard yet, a number of children from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have signed up to showcase their talents and passions. No auditions were necessary, just an agreement that they would practice and rehearse ready to perform to the school next week. A great deal of courage will be on display, as this may be the very first time that some of these children have performed in front of an audience. Hopefully, this weekend will give some extra practice time to polish up those performances ready for next week.

Monday - Years 2, 4 and 5

Tuesday - Years 3 and 6

The performances will take place from 1:45 until 3:00 p.m. on both days and will be watched by the rest of the school.



METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

Some of you may have been expecting a text message this morning to confirm that the school was open. Unfortunately, we had a problem with our text messaging service and were unable to send any messages. Please remember that, in the event of snow or any out-of-the-ordinary occurrence, we would always inform you of the situation on our website as we did this morning. So it's always a good idea to check our website rather than just rely on receiving a personal message.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Are you interested in finding a fun filled, outdoor experience for your children during half term or the Easter holidays? Then [click here](#) to find out all about Wild Learning.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 4th Feb

WCGP&C Years 2, 4 and 5

Tues 5th Feb

WCGP&C Years 3 and 6

Wed 6th Feb

Gymnastics Competition at Donyngs (invited children only) during school time.

Thurs 7th Feb

Quiz Club National Championships Area Heat at Wray Common School 2:00 p.m.



SESDA

(South East Surrey Dyslexia Association)

There is a parent/carer support meeting taking place on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more information.

WELCARE

If you would like to know more about Welcare and the work they do and services they provide, why not go along to one of their presentations? Please [click here](#) for more information.

MORE FROM YEAR 4'S CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

