

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## PASSION AND COURAGE



### HAS WRAY COMMON GOT PASSION AND COURAGE?

This year we decided to change Wray Common's Got Talent to Wray Common's Got a Passion and Courage. The idea was to showcase anyone that wanted to share a passion of theirs and on Monday and Tuesday this week, many courageous children took to the stage in a celebration of skills, aptitudes and pupils' passions. We had singers, dancers, gymnasts, comedians, circus artists, magicians and instrumentalists and even some mind reading and clever date recognition! The audiences over the two afternoons were respectful and encouraging and were treated to a very entertaining show. Everyone who took part should feel proud of their achievements and the answer to 'Has Wray Common Got Passion and Courage?' is a resounding YES!



### STOP PRESS!

This report just in from our Year 1 classes: The Jolley Rogers crew has spotted a Thunder Monster! Before Mr Huelin became a teacher, he was a cryptozoologist (someone who studies and proves the existence of unusual creatures) and he visited the children in Year 1 to describe the giant Thunder Monster. The children then turned the information they received from Mr. Huelin into a report which was then headlined on the nine o'clock news. Did any of you catch the Broadcast?



## IT'S A MYSTERY!

There have been so many mysteries to solve in Reception this week. The first thing we spotted was a cardboard box hanging down from the ceiling. We were wondering how it got there, what could be inside it and how we were going to get it down! Devices and plans were drawn up to so we could finally find out what was inside the box. Luckily, a hole appeared the next day and the stick we made with Duplo, managed to make the hole bigger until we spotted orange fur. There was a fox in the box! This wasn't the only mystery in Reception this week. After collaborating and persevering to make a strong house for the pigs to live in using wooden blocks and cement (wet sand), we were shocked to find it had been knocked down. Straight away we launched an investigation and searched for clues. At first we thought it must be the wolf but then different clues were found: a milky puddle, beanstalk leaves, a beanstalk stump, a brick in the hedge and even some Snack-a-Jacks. Piecing together the clues, we came to realise that it wasn't the wolf after all, it was Jack trying to find some food in our houses. We will keep you updated as the mysteries continue to unfold.



Fox in a Box

## COMPETITION SUCCESS

Wray Common was represented twice this week at two competitive events. The first was an inter-school's gymnastics competition that was held at Donyngs on Wednesday. A team of seven girls took part and after a wonderful display of gymnastic skills, they came away with the bronze medal in the team event. Millie went on to win gold in the individual competition - fantastic! Congratulations to Davina, Ellie, Maisie, Roxie, Amber, Poppy-Rae and of course Mille. Our thanks also go to Mr Martin and Mrs Saunders for accompanying the team on the day.



The second event that we took part in was the area heat of the Quiz Club General Knowledge Championship. Two teams of four children from Wray Common battled it out against teams from other local schools and came away with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place certificates. Our congratulations go to Jacob, Victor, James, Kavish, Kambe, Disha, Jack and Harriet and thank you to Mrs Robinson for coaching and mentoring the two teams.



## DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Space Day (all day in school)  
Catch-up swim for 1VG and 1S
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Cross Country Practice Race at Priory Park (after school - letters have been sent home)
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 to St. Bede's to see Beauty and the Beast  
Visit to Heath Educational Books (invited children only)
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Multi-skills event at St. Bede's (invited children only)  
Medals Assembly 2:20 p.m. (invited parents and carers only)  
School finishes for Half Term (normal pick-up times apply)
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> INSET Day (no school for children)



## RANGERS' REPORT

This week at Rangers we have been exploring our creativity through different mediums. We have been experimenting with our creative writing and using the building blocks to create the buildings of our dreams. Rangers have also been learning new games like 'hot potato'. Its been a very imaginative week at Rangers and we can't wait to see what we will explore next!



## FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

**The Annual School Quiz Night is back—Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March**

It's a guaranteed great night out with all proceeds going to the school. Fiendish questions, amazing raffle prizes and even the opportunity to win big with our very own version of Play Your Cards Right! Book a table now, using the attached form.



## DINNER MONEY

If your child is having school dinners next half term, the cost for the next half term is £69.00. Please can we remind parents / carers that all school dinners should be paid for in advance. Payment can be made online via Tucasi or by cheque made payable to Surrey County Council.

If your child wishes to change their meal preference next half term, please make sure you return an up to date meal preference form to the office. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Mayor of Reigate and Banstead Councillor, Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin is hosting a charity film festival 15-17<sup>th</sup> February at the Harlequin Cinema in aid of her charities George & the Giant Pledge and The Born Free Foundation. Please visit our website for more details.

<http://wray-common.surrey.sch.uk/new-page/>

## FAREWELL AND GOOD WISHES

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Horrocks at half term. Mrs Horrocks joined Wray Common in May last year, and has been working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5. Mrs Horrocks' enthusiasm and kindness will be greatly missed by the Year 5 team, and we would like to wish her well in the future.



## IMPORTANT CHOIR NEWS

Unfortunately, we **won't** be able to have choir practice next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> February), as neither Mrs Venables nor Mrs Walker are able to be there. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

After half term, we'll all be back with bells on, preparing for our next two exciting performances:

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 6:00 p.m.  
*Wray Common Arts Soiree*, in the school hall.
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - *Surrey Schools Music Festival*, at the Dorking Halls.

We are learning a lovely mixture of songs for these events, from ABBA to the Lion King via some wonderful gospel songs.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

This is an ideal time of the year to join choir, with lots of solo opportunities and the chance to sing with children from other schools across the area. Last year, the Surrey Schools Music Festival was a fantastic and fun experience and the Arts Soiree was a really special evening too. Think about joining in, especially if you are in Year 6 - this is your last chance! Choir rehearses after school on a Tuesday, until 4:00 p.m. All children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are very welcome. There is no charge for choir. We just ask that you complete a reply slip, available from the office.

### IN OTHER MUSIC NEWS ...

Year 4 have been learning about how and why The Beatles were so influential. If you have a child in Year 4, why not ask them if they can tell you what the 'Fab Four' did that was so ground-breaking! The children are bringing this unit of work to a close by forming bands, to sing and play 'Blackbird' by The Beatles. They are approaching the rehearsals with



great enthusiasm and dedication! Watch out for a Year 4 cover of 'Blackbird' at the Arts Soiree on 21<sup>st</sup> March.



## SWIMMING NEWS

With the exception of a catch-up swim for 1VG and 1S on Monday next week (normal swimming times apply), school swimming has now finished for this half term. The new block starts after half term with 3F and 3LS swimming on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, followed by Year 4 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Reception on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and 3R on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. If you are DBS checked and able to help with your child's swimming sessions, please let the class teacher know. Thank you.

## HONOUR BOOK



<b>1S</b>	Molly Drew  Lyla	For fantastic and enthusiastic retelling of her independent story. For applying her skills from the writing tool kit when writing her own version of The Pirate Next Door.  For applying her skills from the writing tool kit when writing her own version of The Pirate Next Door.
<b>1VG</b>	Eliza Liam	For brilliant effort when writing her own pirate story. Wow Liam! You've worked so hard on your reading and are continually impressing Mrs Vallis and Mrs Goodwin..
<b>1W</b>	Zack Mia	For his brilliant explanation of a pyramid. For writing an entertaining story about a family of ghosts who moved into a spooky forest!
<b>2C</b>	Erin  Ethan  Kimberly Jack	For fantastic effort and writing stamina when writing superb circus act descriptions about the fire juggler and the 'Wheel of Death'.  For fantastic effort and writing stamina when writing superb circus act descriptions about the fire juggler and the 'Wheel of Death'.  For trying really hard to improve her writing to be more descriptive. For a great attitude to learning and reflection.
<b>2E</b>	Poppy Jack	For such interesting writing using adverbs and verbs when writing about the 'Wheel of Fear'. For a fantastic effort during assembly—for being brave and carrying on.
<b>3F</b>	Daisy Malachi Sophie Adwit	For gaining the confidence to join in more during class discussions. For his extra effort to finish his character description. Well done - it sounded great! For her creative and original speech. For helping other children with their computing when he had finished.
<b>3LS</b>	Haris Hermione Eddie Rihanna	For choosing to use powerful vocabulary to describe his <i>giant</i> creation. For well thought out answers in reading using the text to evidence her ideas. For working incredibly hard to draw and label his bar model to help him to solve problems. For using bar models to help her successfully draw her problem and solve it. "If you draw, you'll know more!"
<b>3R</b>	Jack L Zainab Lily	For fantastic answers in reading this week using evidence from the text. For fantastic answers in reading this week using evidence from the text. For using her 'tools' to help write an amazing description of her own giant.
<b>4E</b>	Aaliyah Chirag	For her creativity and interesting vocabulary selection when making a factual report on a country. For improving his attitude towards his learning and working with more focus.
<b>4M</b>	George Gracie	For fantastic effort with all of his learning. For extending her reading answers and writing all week.
<b>5B</b>	Emily Jacob Lucas	For always being a positive role model within class. For great expression within the class assembly. For finding different ways to solve a challenge in Maths.
<b>5TE</b>	Isaac Max Justin	For having a positive and focussed attitude in Maths. For super focus on his planet story. For super focus on his planet story.
<b>6B</b>	Will  Davina  Karenza  Rosie	For making excellent links in Maths with percentages, fractions and decimals. What a great attitude to learning!  For making excellent links in Maths with percentages, fractions and decimals. What a great attitude to learning!  For choosing such emotive vocabulary to describe feeling lost and being found in her free-writing about being lost.  For choosing such emotive vocabulary to describe feeling lost and being found in her free-writing about being lost.
<b>6Br</b>	Oliver  Christina Emily  Connie	Ollie has successfully learned to use the passive voice. The passive voice has been used by Ollie :-) Great attitude and focus!  For amazing work calculating percentages of numbers. For challenging herself to use new vocabulary in her free-writing about being lost.  For challenging herself to use new vocabulary in her free-writing about being lost.
<b>6R</b>	Caitlan Jamie S  Preesha	For her brilliant explanation writing so far. For his super detail to describe his experience of being lost. I loved reading your work.  For her super detail to describe her experience of being lost. I loved reading your work.

**Well Done!**

