

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

WELCOME TO SPRING 2

Welcome back after the half term holiday! The Spring 2 topics were well and truly launched on Monday this week with many exciting activities going on all around the school. Here are just a few highlights from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

GROWING, GROWING, GROWING!

Year 3 returned to school on Monday to find that the recent spate of suspicious activity at Wray Common had continued; at the end of last half term, a giant attack, and now we had fallen victim to a plant thief! The children examined the flowers found at the crime scene and worked out which parts had been stolen. Ask them to report back to you. Later on, they went outside and foraged for natural materials such as leaves, stems and flowers to thread into their weaving frames to create some hanging art for the classrooms. They also planted out beetroot, cauliflower and broccoli seedlings ready for use in their Science experiments next week. These will later be planted out into the allotments. What a fun first day back Year 3 had to launch their *Growing, Growing, Growing!* topic.



WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Year 4 have had a very creative start to the half term. They have been exploring the impact of the placement of colours, using the colour wheel, to help them. They have learnt about complementary colours and harmonious colours and painted creatures to fit in with their 'Under the Lake' habitat in their classrooms. They have also used various objects to explore printing patterns and pulled super cityscapes from their printing plates. They etched their designs into polystyrene blocks and then rolled ink onto them. They then printed their blocks onto different coloured paper which were then cut and layered to form depth in their cityscapes.



YEAR 5 ARE STAR BAKERS

On Monday, Year 5 got stuck into their new topic *The Mystery of Materials* by making bread rolls. All the children had a go at mixing, kneading and knocking back (a stage in bread making after its first rise - who knew?), Michelle and her team in the kitchen kindly cooked the rolls and the smell was delicious! The children learnt about the physical and chemical changes that take place during bread making and thought about which changes were reversible and irreversible. In the afternoon the children looked at packaging and designed a box to take their rolls home in.



WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

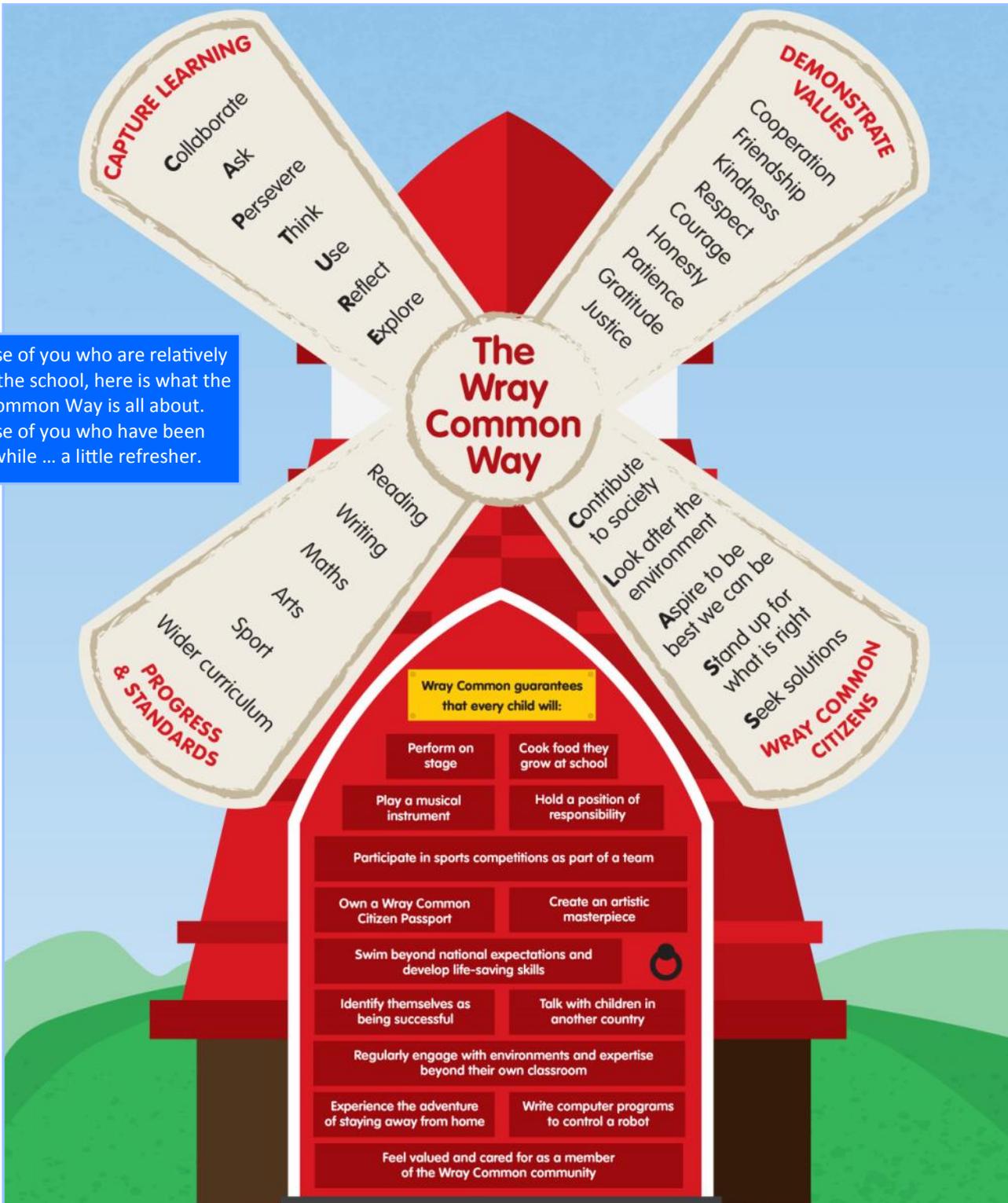
Year 6 experienced what it is like to feel tension and suspense through a number of activities including holding a balloon with their eyes closed. Which one was Mrs Brooks and Mrs Peach going to pop? They also put their hand into a mysterious box. They then explored why the body responds the way it does to fear and tension. They will use this knowledge to write their own suspense stories and recreate these feelings for the reader.



THE WRAY COMMON WAY

The Wray Common Way encapsulates what Wray Common Primary School is about. Staff, governors, children and parents all share this common understanding of what we're trying to achieve and what is special about us as a local community school. It also provides a blueprint; a foundation upon which decisions and priorities are based. The Wray Common Way is visible to everyone and we live and breathe it, so that every child who exits this school, leaves with better life chances than when they first entered.

For those of you who are relatively new to the school, here is what the Wray Common Way is all about. For those of you who have been here a while ... a little refresher.



Wray Common Primary School is, and will continue to be, a high performing academic school. But it is, and will continue to be, much more than this. Wray Common is a series of memorable experiences, a community of care and support and a home for all to learn and succeed. This is our way, this is the Wray Common Way.

Wray Common will provide an education of such quality that every child will leave the school with better life chances than when they first entered

MRS ROBERTS, WE'LL MISS YOU

Some of you may have noticed that Mrs Roberts is expecting a baby and Friday 15th March will be her last day at Wray Common. We are sad to say that once Mrs Roberts has her baby, she will not be returning to Wray Common as she will be moving, just after the baby is born, to be closer to her family. Mrs Roberts has been a teacher at Wray Common since 2013 and WOW! what an impact she has made! Not only has she been our CAPTURE champion, but she has developed our 'pupil voice' through the valiant leadership of our School Council and has also helped to raise standards in History and Computing. Through CAPTURE, Mrs Roberts has helped all of our children to become expert learners and it goes without saying that we are sad to be losing an expert teacher! We wish you well, Mrs Roberts, for everything that your exciting future holds and we look forward to meeting Baby Roberts, so please come back and visit.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Don't forget to book your parent consultation meetings taking place on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March. Please go online via Tucasi and book your 10 minute slot. If you have not yet registered with Tucasi, please ask someone in the office for an online link code. If you are having trouble booking online, please ask the office for help.

Don't forget parents evening!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Thank you to all of you who are currently volunteering in school. If you have not yet attended the necessary volunteer induction and safeguarding training, please note that the next training sessions are on Wednesday 13th March. The volunteer induction will take place at 1:50 p.m. followed by the safeguarding training at 2:15 p.m. To enable you to continue volunteering, it is essential that you attend this training. Please note that if you have already done the volunteer induction, you will only need to attend the safeguarding training at 2:15 p.m. and vice versa. Please confirm that you will be attending by leaving your name at the school office.

TAKE YOUR MARKS . . . A report by Spencer

Mrs Edwardes and Mr. Martin took a team to Priory Park on Tuesday after school this week to compete in a cross country running race against other local schools. Our Year 3 and 4 girls set off first to run a kilometre up a very steep hill. The Year 3 and 4 boys followed once the girls had finished. The Year 5 and 6 boys and girls ran just under a mile and everyone ran very well indeed especially considering that everyone had to run up a hill right at the start which made their legs very tired! Although we didn't win, everyone should be congratulated for trying their best and persevering.



SAFETY MATTERS

As always, your children's safety is paramount:

- Please can you make sure that if you are late collecting your child at the end of the day and are therefore picking up from the main entrance, you let the office know that you are taking your child. We have had a few instances in the past when a child has been picked up late and a member of staff has checked to see where the child is, only to find they have gone home. Also, if you have arranged for someone else to collect your child from school and phone in at the last minute to inform us, please be clear with the details (including their name) of who will be collecting.
- Another safeguarding point - at the end of the day, if you need to visit the school office once you have picked your child up from their class, please make your way via the outside of the school building and enter through Main Reception. At no point, should you be walking through the school building to access the office.
- We are fortunate to be able to offer a number of 'before school' clubs' for children, including gymnastics and yoga. If you are dropping your child to one of these early morning sessions, please drop your child with the club leader and then leave the school building. As mentioned in the last news letter, parents/carers are not permitted to stay during a club session.



WEEK COMMENCING 4th MARCH

Tues 5 th	Bags2school collection Reception Heights/Weights check (please return your consent forms) Netball Match at home to St. Joseph's 3:45 p.m.
Wed 6 th	Reception Heights/Weights check contd. (please return your consent forms)
Thurs 7 th	Friends Committee Meeting (all welcome) 7:00 p.m.
Sat 9 th	Friends' Quiz Night 7:30 p.m.



HONOUR BOOK



1S	Iona	For great enthusiasm when writing about the Thunder Monster.
	Ahmed	For showing great pride and effort in his handwriting.
	Eesa	For being creative and using different units of measure when finding height and length.
1VG	Isla	Wow, what brilliant concentration when writing! You really challenged yourself.
	Harriet	For brilliant writing about the Thunder Monster. You included sentence openers, paragraphs and sub headings!
	Archie	Wow, what an amazing effort when writing words independently in phonics! You have tried so hard!
1W	Joshua	For using fantastic vocabulary in his Thunder Monster writing such as 'petrifying' and 'gargantuan'. Well Done!
	Eva	For super reasoning in Maths when explaining the most efficient way to measure the treasure chest.
2C	Felix	For a really great effort during reading this week.
	Rayyan	For a really great effort during reading this week.
	Harry A	For amazing effort and skills at the multi-skills sports event.
	Amabel	For a fantastic attitude to all learning this half term.
2E	Henry W	For an amazing improvement in spelling!
	Louis	For an amazing attitude towards learning <u>all</u> the time. A fantastic role model.
3F	Adwit	For a great attitude to learning in every lesson.
	Migael	For amazing progress in English this half term.
	Advay	For always displaying a fantastic effort and always challenging himself in Maths.
3LS	Joseph	For fantastic application of his maths knowledge this week.
	Louis	For having a great week—super encouragement and focus. Keep it up!
	Lucas	For a very informative newspaper report about our giant visitor!
	Lara	For using the bar model effectively to support her problem solving.
3R	David	For having a great week. You have been very focussed and hard working. Well done!
	Kavish	For focussing on including his tools in his newspaper report today.
4E	Olivia	For their beautifully written stories this week, using high level vocabulary and carefully constructed sentences.
	Benito	For their beautifully written stories this week, using high level vocabulary and carefully constructed sentences.
	Henry	For super reasoning and explaining of his ideas in his maths this week.
4M	James L	For a creative, exciting and humorous story about how the Pelican got his beak.
	Emily	For always putting lots of effort into her writing and choosing great vocabulary.
5B	Macie	For nailing her decimal learning this week.
	Alex	For a fantastic improvement in his independence over the last half term.
5TE	Dua	For an excellent focus in her reading session.
	Aneira	For great use of relative clauses in her writing.
6B	Callan	For fantastic imagination to inspire your writing - I look forward to reading about 'Hula Shark'.
	Ellie	For great focus and understanding of ZU3D to create your hamster animation.
	Charles	For some lovely writing and fabulous word choices in your <i>Lost Thing</i> story.
6Br	Elloise	For excellent focus and determination to engage the reader in their writing.
	Carson	For excellent focus and determination to engage the reader in their writing.
	Lily	For excellent focus on carrying sentence types for her <i>Lost Thing</i> story.
6R	Olivia	For a super start to her <i>Lost Thing</i> story, with great variety in your sentences. I can't wait to read more.
	Maisy	A brilliant start to your story. Such great ideas, detail and flow to your sentences.
	Anusha	For doing so well to include speech, with perfect punctuation in her <i>Lost Thing</i> story.

FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

There is still time to get your tickets for the Quiz Night on Saturday 9th March 2019. Pick up a booking form from the school office and join us for what promises to be a fun and fact filled evening. Tickets cost £5 each and there is a prize for the best dressed table. There will be the chance to win some great prizes throughout the evening, including a meal for two at La Barbe, so book your table now! If you have any queries please phone Ben on 07785 770503. Good luck!

BAGS2SCHOOL REMINDER - COLLECTION DAY IS TUESDAY NEXT WEEK - DON'T FORGET YOUR BAGS!

SAVE THE DATE - CHILDREN'S DISCOS - Thursday 4th April - details to follow.

Please contact your Friends Class Rep if you are able to volunteer at this event. Thank you.