

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

THIS WEEK AT WRAY COMMON

ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO, THREE POTATO, FOUR ...

At Wray Common we like to be a bit different, so when children from other schools were going to school on World Book Day dressed as their favourite book character, we challenged our children to dress a common-or-garden potato as their favourite book character and bring it in to school! Take a look at just some of the amazing offerings the children brought in; Paddington Bear, Pikachu, Esio Trot, The Cat in the Hat and Peter Rabbit to name but a few. Well done and thank you to all of you for being so creative!



SCIENCE BROUGHT TO LIFE

Last Friday, the children in Year 6 were visited by Dr Williams, an anaesthetist (and also Miss Williams' dad), who came in to talk to the children about the heart and its functions. What better way to explain and identify the different parts of the heart than to bring in a real cow's heart for the children to examine? The children were quite surprised by how big the heart was, but were fascinated to see the different parts at first hand. They asked intelligent questions and learnt a lot from Dr Williams. The children will have the opportunity to further develop their understanding of the heart by performing a lamb's heart dissection for themselves in their Science lesson next Tuesday. Hopefully, the knowledge that they gained from Dr Williams' visit will serve them well during their own investigations. These photos are not for the faint-hearted, so if you're squeamish, please look away now!



YEAR 5 FUN WITH MAKEY MAKEY

This week, Year 5 (with a little help from a couple of Year 6 children) have been exploring what a Makey Makey is and how they can use it to control different programmes. They were able to use their Makey Makey to play a range of different computer games. Very technical stuff - well done, Year 5!



A VISIT FROM PROFESSOR DORA

Travelling all the way from the Natural History Museum, Professor Dora visited our Reception classes this week. Professor Dora is a palaeontologist - that's a dinosaur scientist for those of you who don't know! The children thought of interesting questions to ask the professor which included - "Which dinosaurs did a T-Rex eat?" and "Which dinosaurs were herbivores?" During her visit, Professor Dora shared so many interesting dinosaur facts, some of which challenged common myths. Did you know that what people believe to be flying dinosaurs, are not actually dinosaurs, but flying



reptiles and a T-rex couldn't have eaten a Stegosaurus because they didn't exist at the same time? She was so knowledgeable! Professor Dora left the children some dinosaur bones to study. They have been trying to work out which dinosaur they belonged to, what bone it was and measuring them to find out their length. They will continue to piece together the skeleton to identify the dinosaur and then report back to Professor Dora with their findings.



RANGERS REPORT

At Rangers this week they have been decorating their new 'Greatest Ranger' badges. These badges will be given out to them when they have shown great examples of our values and are being extra helpful. They are allowed to take these home and keep them! This will help parents to know when they have been superstars and will help keep the Rangers motivated to earn them.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS



Parents' Evenings are next week, so don't forget to book your consultations for Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th. Please go online via Tucasi and book your 10 minute slot. If you require any assistance with booking your appointments, please ask at the school office. Please be reminded that the cut-off date and time for online bookings are Monday 11th at 3:30 p.m.



A BIG THANK YOU

In celebration of World Book Day, we received a super box of books, very kindly donated by Morrisons in Reigate. Look out for them in both the KS1 and KS2 Libraries. Thank you, Morrisons!

JUST A REMINDER ...

We ask for your continued co-operation in a health matter regarding measles, chicken pox and shingles. Due to the vulnerability of one of our children in school, we are asking you to contact school straight away if you suspect that your child has any of the aforementioned illnesses. The health and wellbeing of our pupil who is at risk does depend on the co-operation of all our parents, so thank you for your continued support.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Tues 12th Netball Match away to Priory School 3:45p.m.
Parents' Evening from 3:40p.m.
- Wed 13th Year 1 visit to Nower Wood (please return your permission slips and make any outstanding payments)
Safeguarding Training for volunteers 2:15p.m.
(Volunteer Induction Meeting as published in last week's newsletter to be rescheduled.)
- Thurs 14th Parents' Evening from 4:30p.m.
- Fri 15th Comic Relief Day
Geography Quiz at Caterham School 4:00p.m.
(invited children only)
Year 5 and 6 Hockey
Tournament at RA&A 3:30 p.m.



FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

QUIZ NIGHT 9th March at 7:30 p.m.

If you have entered the Wray Common Friends' Quiz Night then it's time to do your last minute brushing up on your general knowledge! Please be at the School Hall at 7:30 p.m. sharp on Saturday evening. Although nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided, you will need to bring your own supper (if required), drinks and glasses. There will be the chance to win some great prizes throughout the evening (including meal vouchers for La Barbe and Bill's), so please bring plenty of cash too - it's all in a good cause! There will also be a prize for the best-dressed team. If you haven't booked a table, and don't want to miss out, please contact Ben a.s.a.p. on 07785 770503. Good luck!



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO WRAY COMMON'S FAMILY DAY ASSEMBLIES
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2019**

Assembly Time

Reception and Year 1	9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Years 2, 3 and 4	9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Years 5 and 6	10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

All parents, carers and other family members are very welcome to attend this celebration. For those of you who have children in different year groups, there will be coffee available in the Small Hall between the assemblies. Please note, there will be no tour of the school as in previous years.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Family Day, but please could we suggest that you walk or park away from Kendal Close to reduce congestion and to allow access for emergency vehicles.
Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the use of our playground for parking during school time.

**DO SOMETHING FUNNY
FOR MONEY!**

After consulting their classes, the school council have decided that to raise money for Comic Relief, children can come to school next Friday, armed with a joke in return for a £1 donation. You could pin your joke to your school jumper, write your joke on an envelope and have the punch line hidden inside, or go all out 'sandwich board' style! We will be sharing our jokes throughout the day and hearing the best side splitters in celebration assembly! Get thinking of your best jokes now, ready for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March! More information to follow from the School Council in assembly next week!



CHILDREN'S DISCO

Thursday 4th April

£2 entry fee- pay on the door

years R, 1 & 2 = 5:30-6:15pm

years 3, 4, 5, 6 = 6:30-7:15pm



We would appreciate your help on the night. If you can volunteer please contact the office or your class rep.

ARTS SOIREE

A reminder, please, that this year's Arts Soiree is on Thursday 21st March. Letters were sent home last week to the children that we hope will be participating. Please return the permission slips as soon as possible so that Miss Venables can make the final preparations for what promises to be a wonderful evening celebrating the arts. Thank you.