

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

ANOTHER BUSY WEEK

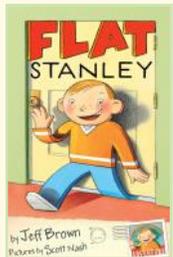
IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY ...

On a very windy Wednesday morning, Year 1 set off on their adventure to Nower Wood. They became tree hunters and minibeast explorers for the day; spiders, centipedes and woodlice were just some of the creatures they found. The children looked closely at them and sorted them by how many legs they had. They also went on a blindfolded walk through the woods, with only a rope and their ears to guide them. This was to help them understand what it is like to be a minibeast, living in very dark conditions. A brilliant day was had by all and we would like to thank all of the wonderful parent volunteers for their help on the day.



LET'S GO FLY A KITE

It has been a very blustery week this week and perfect weather for flying kites! Year 2 are reading the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown and they spent time this week making their own kites and taking them outside to fly them. They are using their experience to help them write a diary entry as if they were Arthur (from the story) flying Flat Stanley as a kite.



GUESS WHO'S BACK



Did you know there are over 600 species of dinosaur yet people tend to only know facts about a few? Reception were on a mission to learn about an interesting dinosaur that other people don't know very much about. Caterpillar class decided that they wanted to learn about a Parasaurolophus and Ladybirds chose to learn about a Spinosaurus. Mrs Perifimou and Miss Stables didn't know very much about these dinosaurs, so had to call upon some expert help. Luckily, they knew just the person - Professor Dora, the palaeontologist! After sending lots of letters to Professor Dora, Reception were so pleased that she was able to visit them again.

SO LONG, FAREWELL ...

We say farewell to Mrs Enstone who started with us back in September, working as a teaching assistant in Year 3. We would like to thank her for the positive impact she had on the children in her class and would like to wish her well for the future.



RANGERS REPORT

At Rangers this week we have been creating a new design for the Rangers cupboard door. We all had a go at creating a design and the best one won! We are in the middle of painting our fabulous design and here are some progress shots... We will update you once the door has been finished.

Join us this Easter Holidays at Camp Glide for our Super Hero and Easter Extravaganza themed weeks!

www.campglide.co.uk



FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

Last Saturday, 15 teams (over 80 people) entered the annual Friends of Wray Common Quiz to raise money for the school. Ben and Jon were back hosting again, ably supported by Brenda for the first time, and it turned out to be another fun-packed and enjoyable evening. A new record breaking **£1,255** was raised on the night, so a big thank you to the generosity of all those who attended on the night and to the local businesses for their amazing raffle prizes. Congratulations to the winning team 'Alternative to the Backstop'. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

A very big thank you from us at Wray Common to Ben, Jon, Brenda and other Friends members for putting on such a fantastic evening and raising such a wonderful amount for the school.

YEAR 6 WRITERS KEEP US IN SUSPENSE!

During topic launch week, you may remember the children in Year 6 being introduced to the idea of 'suspense' by putting their hands into surprise 'feely' boxes and holding balloons waiting to see which one Mrs Brooks was going to pop. Well, these fun activities gave them the 'hook' to write their own suspense stories. Here are just a few extracts from some of the stories they have written. I think you'll agree, we have some fantastic writers in Year 6.

The last fragments of light began to fade, their dim illumination my only comfort. With every step forward, the slate stairway upon the hill cracked beneath my feet making me jump. What had once been a well travelled road, lit by polished steel lanterns, had now become an abandoned, uneven path with swaying, rusty lanterns clinging to the collapsed and rotten fences. Graveyards swam into view either side of the path. Fragments of the crumbled headstones lay lifeless on the track ahead. My palms sweating, I continued walking, taking one reticent step at a time. Hearing strange whispers behind me made my heart rate quicken, but no matter how hard I looked, there was no one there.

by Oliver 6R

Night came quickly to the beach. The sun hovered briefly on the horizon, then dipped below. At once the clouds rolled in - first red, then mauve, silver, green and grey as if all the colours of the world were being sucked into a vast melting pot. A single Frigatebird soared over the beach, its own colours lost in the chaos behind it. The air was close. Rain hung, waiting; there was going to be a storm.

by Jasmine 6R

I closed my eyes. When I opened them my blood chilled and my heart skipped a beat. The castle was gone and a playground took its place. This was no normal playground; this was as creepy as a ghost town. An odious fog surrounded the place and spooked me. I tried to turn back, but the fog beckoned me forward. There was no escape, so I walked towards the dark, foggy abyss.

by Jayden 6Br

Slowly, a dark shape swam into view and revealed itself. The broken and missing windows of the decrepit carriages stared at me like soul-less eyes. The ivy snaked up the carriage, strangling it. The door swung on creaking hinges. I was panting for breath. A cold, ghostly chill crept up my spine. A flickering light in one of the carriages compelled me, by an unseen power, to step forward.

By Mia-Bella 6B

KNOCK! KNOCK!

The children embraced Red Nose Day today by coming into school armed with their favourite joke. Everyone joined in, including the staff, and in excess of **£265** was raised for Comic Relief. Thank you for your generosity. When you donate to Comic Relief, you're supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. Comic Relief's vision is to create a just world free from poverty and they are doing this by funding amazing organisations doing amazing things. During the course of the day, children will be voting for the best joke in each year group and those jokes will be shared in Celebration Assembly this afternoon. Here are just a few of the jokes on offer today.



ROCKADEMY

Following an exciting demo in singing Assembly on Wednesday, a flier from Rockademy can be found on the school website under the Community Matters tab on the News page. Please have a look if your child is interested in taking up an instrument such as the electric guitar or the drums.



WEEK COMMENCING 18TH MARCH

- Mon 18th Year 3 trip to Wakehurst Place
(please return permission slips and any outstanding contributions)
- Tues 19th Football Match at home to Meath Green
3:45 p.m.
- Wed 20th 1VG Class Assembly 9:00 a.m.
Year 5 Netball training at RGS
(during school hours - invited children only)
Year 6 Junior Citizen Event (during school hours - please return permission slips and any outstanding contributions)
Year 5 Football Tournament at Sandcross
Netball Match away at Reigate Priory
3:45 p.m.
- Thurs 21st 1W Class Assembly 9:00 a.m.
1S Class Assembly 2:30 p.m.



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.

HONOUR BOOK



1S	Mimi	For always looking for ways to challenge herself during Maths.
	William	For showing great curiosity and enthusiasm during Year 1's Bug Hunt.
	Henry	For generating lots of imaginative ideas when planning an alternative dilemma for Flik the Ant.
1VG	Lily	Wow! You have really challenged yourself to include your toolkit and what a fantastic piece of writing you've created!
	Alby	What brilliant representing in Maths using lots of different resources!
	Lilly	Wow, Lilly! You've tried so hard to contribute in class this week. Well done!
	Vidyut	Fantastic writing! So much effort!
1W	Annabel	For using spectacular vocabulary in her writing about Flik's adventure.
	Amelie	For using fantastic sentence openers and adjectives in her adventure story.
2C	Will R	For a fantastic holiday diary in his Home Learning Journal, including pictures and beautiful writing.
	Jack T	For applying the skills he has learnt in English to a fantastic written story at home which he has read to the class.
	Erin	For perseverance when reading and improved <i>re-telling</i> .
	Nathan	For working hard to tell the time to the nearest five minutes.
2E	Jessica	For amazing writing using our toolkit.
	Elizabeth	For focussing on her creative writing about Arwen on a journey.
	Henry L	For sheer enthusiasm at all times towards his learning in all subjects.
3F	Callum	For his independence in completing his work. Keep it up!
	Katie C	For being constantly engaged in discussions and participating when she feels confident.
	Luka	For participating more in class discussions.
	Malachi	For using original tool ideas in his 'Warning' story.
3LS	Sienna	For adding money so successfully. Well done!
	Muhammed	For fantastic engagement in all his learning.
	Thora	For her powerful innovation of 3LS's 'Warning' story - fantastic use of their suspense toolkit!
	Holly	For showing her working out when finding the difference between amounts of money.
3R	Cleo	For being such a focussed and supportive learning partner. You demonstrate patience and co-operation every lesson!
	Frankie	For a very tense 'Warning' story—fantastic use of our suspense toolkit.
	Nathan	For a huge improvement in his handwriting. Great effort!
4E	Emma	For a super start to our new Maths topic on decimals, making great links between the relationships between fractions and decimals.
	Rebecca	For a super start to our new Maths topic on decimals, making great links between the relationships between fractions and decimals.
	Jack F	Your perseverance in Maths has paid off ... you've cracked tenths and hundredths!
4M	Freya	For breaking up fractions to help add fractions together.
	Alise	For breaking up fractions to help add fractions together.
	Lily	For adding beautiful descriptions into her setting paragraph.
5B	Daisy	For great language and vocabulary choices within her writing.
	Yara	For using some great 'show not tell' phrases in her setting description.
5TE	Abigail	For fabulous vocabulary choices to help her create suspense and tension.
	Evie	For an exemplary attitude towards learning.
	Phoebe	For an exemplary attitude towards learning.
6B	Mia-Bella	For goose bump inducing suspense writing - Mr Burgess wanted to continue reading once it had ended.
	Nina	For goose bump inducing suspense writing - Mr Burgess wanted to continue reading once it had ended.
	Davina	For fantastic writing - you have created unnerving suspense.
	Aamir	For fantastic writing - you have created unnerving suspense.
6Br	Jayden	For amazing vocabulary to create tension and suspense in his writing. Mrs Brooks can't wait to read the rest of it!
	Daniel S	For amazing vocabulary to create tension and suspense in his writing. Mrs Brooks can't wait to read the rest of it!
	Toby	For amazing effort in your writing. Wow! The best you have written all year.
	Luke	For super focus in Science to explain the functions of blood.
6R	Alicia	For being an amazing algebraic formula solver - well done, Alicia!
	Lillie	For spotting complicated patterns and writing accurate algebraic formulae. Brilliant Maths, Lillie!
	Jasmine	For being so precise with her descriptions - your writing is amazing, Jasmine!
	Jamie H	What amazing writing, Jamie - you've done so well to create suspense.