

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY ...

YEAR 3 VISIT WAKEHURST PLACE

As part of their *Growing, Growing, Growing* topic, the children in Year 3 travelled to Wakehurst Place in Sussex on Monday to help consolidate their learning about plants. They took part in many activities including an 'Amazing Seeds' workshop and a trail around the gardens. During the workshop, the children worked as scientists, looking at a variety of seeds through microscopes and they had to guess how many seeds are found in fruits such as raspberries. They also learnt that the largest seed in the world is the *coco de mer* (commonly known as the sea coconut) and the smallest seed in the world is from an orchid. The children were also taught about ephemeral art (art that doesn't last; it only occurs once). They had a go at creating their own *ephemeral art* using natural resources that they found in the gardens. Here are some extracts from the excellent recounts that the children have been writing in class since their return.



At last, the day had arrived, the day of our wonderful Wakehurst trip that the teachers had organised. After the register, we went to the toilet, checked our bags and made our way to the common. Joyfully, Eddie and I strolled excitedly together to the coach, whilst Miss Fanner counted us in, 2, 4, 6, 8 and so on.

Eventually, seeming like an hour, we arrived. I couldn't wait to see what activities were ahead of me. As one of the guides walked us to the mansion, I finally got a glimpse of the beautiful sights at Wakehurst. After the introduction about how important plants are, we went to the seed lab to learn about seeds. We wrote down facts, looked through microscopes, estimated and talked about seed dispersal. By Harry



Early on Monday morning, we left school to catch the coach. After driving to Wakehurst Place, we were taken to the mansion for the introduction to the day. When we had finished our lecture, we were taken to the amazing seed room. It was fantastic. By Tyler



HOW GOOD IS YOUR GEOGRAPHY?

On Friday 15th March, a bunch of Year 4 and 5 children excitedly went to Caterham School to compete in a Geography Quiz. We were a little bit worried as lots of the other schools had blazers on! Before the quiz began, we collectively came up with our team names - 'Geographical Legends TM' and 'Geography Masters'. We started the quiz with a country identification round - Max and myself really nailed our country knowledge! My favourite part was designing our own team volcano out of play-dough. Unfortunately, we didn't win that round which was disappointing because we tried extremely hard. When the quiz had finished, we ended coming 4th and 5th, but there were only 3 points between 4th place and 1st place so we all did exceptionally well. *Reported by Disha*



SPORTING NEWS

Here at Wray Common, children are encouraged to take part in a very wide range of sporting activities and we have lots of children who represent the school regularly in sporting events and competitions. In the last week alone, children have been out and about playing hockey, football and netball and being very successful at it too.

Last Friday, Mr Martin and Mrs Edwardes took our Hockey team to compete in a *Quik Stix* Hockey Tournament at RA&A. The team were superstars and came away victorious with the silver medal. Here is Tom's report:

On Friday 15th March, Wray Common set off on a journey to a hockey competition. Everyone taking part was nervous as our first match was against Reigate Priory. Although the team played to the best of their abilities, our efforts were not enough to beat them. Taking the defeat and some constructive criticism, we came back with an almighty 7-0 win against Merstham. Wray Common had one more chance to go through to the next round; as runners up, we had to beat St. John's, a tough side, to go to the finals - we made it though.

The final was nerve racking as we were so close and only one match separated us from victory. The game kicked off for the final time at RA&A against Reigate Priory. Wray Common were playing really well until an early break-away cost us a goal - 1-0! As the game was drawing to a close, we looked for a goal but didn't create enough opportunities which led to another break-away. 2-0 hit the score board! The final whistle blew - Priory 2 Wray Common 0. As everyone played so well, there was nothing to be sad about. The silver medal - we did well to get there! Go Wray Common!



On Wednesday this week, our Year 5 football team travelled to Sandcross to take part in a football tournament. This is Maysoon's report:

We set off on a coach to Sandcross to play in a football tournament. Everybody was excited but a little bit nervous because we were up against Year 6 children and we are only Year 5! We all played very well and tried our hardest and managed to score and defend. In our breaks, we practised and rested as well. Overall, we came third out of fourteen teams, which was amazing and everyone was happy and congratulating one another. I think we ended brilliantly and I would like to thank the teachers for supporting us.



On Tuesday this week, our Year 6 football team played at home to Meath Green and came away victorious with a 7-0 win. Congratulations!



Our Netball team played away to Reigate Priory on Wednesday and drew 7-7. The team played brilliantly and were deprived of the win right in the very last seconds of the game by a late goal from Priory. Well done, team!

JUNIOR CITIZENS

Our Year 6 children walked to the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service HQ on Wednesday to take part in a Junior Citizen event. Junior Citizens is a multi agency project that provides an interactive method of teaching children to become more aware of their personal safety, learning how to react to dangerous situations, practise safety skills within a controlled environment and gain knowledge that can be carried into the wider community and used in their everyday lives. Junior Citizens provides children with realistic life experiences through a number of scenarios in areas such as:

- Personal safety
- Road and Railway Safety
- Health issues
- Fire safety
- Home safety

Our children had a very informative visit and will hopefully put their new found knowledge to good use as they prepare to leave us and move on to their secondary schools.



RANGERS REPORT

This week at Rangers we have been doing lots of Easter Activities to prepare for the next few weeks and so we can add some of our artwork to our new tree display board. We have also finally finished painting our Rangers cupboard doors - they look amazing!



THE MOMENT I REALISED...

Talking of being good citizens, we have two great Wray Common Citizens amongst us in the form of Noah and Millie. They recently took up the gauntlet laid down by Mr Murphy, to each lead a whole school assembly. Millie spoke about the moment she realised she needed courage and perseverance to compete and go for gold in her chosen sport of Acro Gymnastics and Noah explained how he needed courage and patience when his family first got their dog, Rodney. He had been frightened of dogs from a young age and needed to overcome his fear in order to accept Rodney as a new member of the family.

Our congratulations go to Millie, because since her assembly, she and her gymnastics partner have gone on to win gold in the South East National Qualifiers and will be representing the south east at the national event in May. Good luck, Millie!



MOTHER'S DAY SALES

Get a gift for Mum, Gran, Auntie, carers...
all the special women in your kid's lives!

Remember to send your child in with money next week - all profit goes directly to help the school!



Tuesday 26th March
Wednesday 27th March
Thursday 28th March
(during school time)



NEXT WEEK ...

- Mon 25th Year 5 Sparkfish Easter Journey (please return your permission slips and £2 contribution)
- Tues 26th Friends' Mother's Day Sale
- Wed 27th Friends' Mother's Day Sale
Netball tournament at St. Bede's 12:00 p.m.
- Thurs 28th Family Day Assemblies
Rec and Year 1 9:00 a.m.
Years 2, 3 and 4 9:45 a.m.
Years 5 and 6 10:30 a.m.
Friends' Mother's Day Sale
Football Match at home to St. Joseph's 3:45 p.m.
- Fri 29th Reception Dinosaur Workshop (slips please)



WRAY COMMON CLUBS

Club letters for the summer term were emailed out earlier this week. Please complete your children's preferences for school-led clubs and make sure that you have returned the slips to the office by the end of the school day on Monday so that clubs can be allocated and emailed out to you before the end of term. Letters for Jazz Dance, All Sports, Basketball, Swimming, Yoga and Spanish are available to collect from the office now and letters for Gymnastics, Skills School, Tennis and Chess will be available for collection next week.

SWIMMING CATCH-UPS

Due to our early finish on the last day of term, there will be no school swimming for 3R on that day. Please note that a catch-up session has been scheduled for Monday 1st April at 2:00 p.m. If you are DBS checked with the school and able to help with this session, please let your class teacher know. Thank you!

GOVERNOR NEWS

The term of office for one of our parent governors, Tori Perrot, is coming up for renewal in May. Tori has been a significant contributor to the governing body both in the safeguarding arena and on the Teaching and Learning Committee and we are delighted to confirm that she is willing to stand again for a further four years. However, if any other parent is also interested in standing for the position, please contact Catriona Sanderson, Clerk to Governors (csanderson@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk) for a nomination and application form which will need to be completed by Monday 1 April 5pm.

END OF YEAR DATES FOR YEAR 6

We would like to share with you some dates for the end of the academic year - it will be here before you know it!

- Year 6 Production Wed 10th July 6:15 p.m.
Thurs 11th July 6:15 p.m.
- Leavers' Assembly Thurs 18th July 9:00 a.m.
(parents invited)
- Leavers' Ball Thurs 18th July 6:30 p.m.

End of Year
CELEBRATION