

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL



LET'S GET BUSY!

Caterpillars and Ladybirds have completed their first full week in Reception and what a busy week it has been! We have started talking about our topic 'I am Unique' and have been discussing our family and our favourite animals and colours. We have been making new friends and learning a little bit more about each other through sharing our special boxes. It's been lovely to see what we have in common and what differences make us special. We have also enjoyed learning new songs. Our particular favourites at the moment are: *Spotty Socks*, *What's your favourite colour?*, *Opposites* and *Petrol Makes The Racing Car Go*. Making ball runs with guttering has put our engineering skills to the test and we have been excellent waiters in the ice-cream shop. We are looking forward to another busy, fun filled week next week.



LONDON'S BURNING!

As part of their "Time Travellers" topic, Year 1 have been learning about the Great Fire of London this week. Using their design and collaborative skills, the children have been busy building their very own Tudor houses out of cereal boxes. These houses then formed the basis for discussion on what it would have been like to have lived through the Great Fire in 1666. This morning, taking their learning to the next level, the Tudor models were laid out in the playground to create a model of Tudor London. With Fireman Fensom on hand, the children watched in awe as their houses were set on fire and flames ripped through their very own Tudor London. "Oh wow, look how quickly the fire is spreading because the houses are so close together!" exclaimed Jenson.

Did you know? The Great Fire burned for just under five days and was only put out by the demolition of houses to stop the fire spreading. If you see a Year 1 child, why not ask them if they can share any other fascinating Great Fire facts with you?



SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

With the new school year underway, we would like to inform new parents/carers and remind returning parents/carers, that the school gates to both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds do not open until 8:30 a.m. and, as such, children must not be left unsupervised before this time. A member of staff will be on duty in the large playground from 8:30 a.m. and so KS2 children will be supervised from then until they go into their classrooms at 8:40 a.m.

Any children left before this time will not be supervised by staff and therefore, to ensure their safety, must not be left alone. For KS1 children, parents/carers must accompany their children on to the KS1 playground and stay with them until the classroom doors open at 8:40 a.m.

Another safeguarding point - in the morning, after school drop-off and at the end of the day, if you need to visit the school office, please make your way there 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 would also like to inform/remind any parents/carers with children who attend after school swimming here at Wray Common, that, once your child's session has finished, you must leave the school premises via the red gate at the side of the staff car park and not through the school building as some people are tending to do. If your child attends Rangers, Flipper Club or after school swimming with Swimsense, you should have been provided with a code to access the red gate. If you do not know the access code, then please speak to the club provider and please do not pass on the code to your children.

As a school, we do have to take into consideration the safety and well being of our children at all times, including at our after school clubs and Rangers. With this in mind, we are kindly asking that once you have collected your children at the end of the day, you leave the premises by **3:30 p.m.** so that the gates can be locked to keep the children who are still in school safe. As always, your children's safety is at the forefront of our minds, so we ask for your co-operation in adhering to these procedures. Thank you.



SAFEGUARDING

RANGERS REPORT

This week in Rangers we are very happy to have welcomed some of our new Reception children. The Rangers have also been busy making and modelling colourful playdough. Our bookings are open for October Half Term and we hope to see many of you there at Camp Glide for some Halloween fun. Please visit our website to make your bookings. www.campglide.co.uk



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Reading is many things, but ultimately it is a skill for life. Children who read widely will develop their vocabulary, imagination, spelling, grammar and general knowledge. Children learn to read by reading: having an experienced adult reader alongside for support and praise is good for building confidence and reading progress, so at Wray Common, we want to give children this opportunity as often as possible. Linking directly to this year's School Development Plan, we are keen to recruit as many volunteers as possible to hear children read. Whether you can spare 10 minutes around drop off or pick up time, or a few hours in an afternoon we would love to hear from you. We have opportunities in every class, in every year group and guidance on how best to support children with their reading will be shared at the Volunteer Induction and Safeguarding Training sessions on Wednesday 2nd October at 8:50 a.m. and Monday 7th October at 2:00pm. If you are already DBS cleared, please don't feel you have to wait until then to start hearing children read. If you are interested, please either email Mr Huelin via info@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk or catch him on the playground at the start or end of the day.

Alternatively, just let your child's teacher know that you are interested in helping and how much time you are able to offer.



OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

Some of our local secondary schools have asked us to inform you of their up and coming open events.

Reigate Grammar School will be holding their annual open morning on Saturday 28th September from 9:30 a.m.

St. Bede's have two open mornings coming up: 26th & 27th September 9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Reigate School have an open evening on 3rd October from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

The Warwick School have their open evening on 26th September 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Merstham Park have a number of open events: Wed 25th Sept 9:15 a.m., Tues 1st Oct 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Fri 4th Oct 9:15 a.m. and Tues 8th Oct 9:15 a.m.

Caterham School have their open morning tomorrow, 21st September from 9:30 a.m.

Finally, **Oakwood School** has their open evening on 17th October from 6:00 p.m.

**DEADLINE FOR SURREY
SECONDARY SCHOOL
APPLICATIONS is 31ST
OCTOBER 2019**



HONOUR BOOK



1S	Lana	For her hard work and creativity when ordering numbers.
	Jenson	For being engrossed in his English learning when writing about Biff the mischievous villain.
1W	Richard	For his brilliant modelling and reasoning when using a tens grid.
	Tay	For challenging himself to use similes in his <i>Wanted</i> poster.
2B	Azilia	For working hard on her time machine instructions.
	Bleu	For his super shared reading with Jackson in Year 6.
	Josea	For a super effort with her handwriting in her information text about Florence Nightingale.
2DS	Alby	For persevering with his instructions on working a time machine.
	Henry M	For never giving up and for achieving a tricky maths passport target.
2V	Seanna	For starting at Wray Common with such enthusiasm.
	Lyla	For persevering in Maths even when it was challenging.
3F	Bella	For her hard work when learning about place value in Maths.
	Jack T	For being a supportive learning partner in Maths.
3LS	Anshu	For his fantastic use of exciting language in his Ulysses story.
	Amelia	For her fantastic use of our characterisation toolkit in her Stone Age book writing.
4M	Lily P	For always listening to instructions and being ready to learn.
	Zainab	For using her senses map to create a powerful descriptive opening to our Egyptian story.
4P	Askira	For adding great detail to her retelling of the "Egyptian Cinderella".
	Thora	For writing a beautifully descriptive paragraph using powerful vocabulary to describe the pyramids of Egypt.
4R	Siam	For making a fantastic start to Wray Common - welcome!
	Katie C	For contributing her ideas and being a great role model in lessons.
5B	Hannah	For fabulous engagement with all her learning this week. Keep it up!
	Lola	For an impressive 'can do' attitude so far this term.
5Bu	William	For always contributing positively to class discussions.
	Emily	For always following instructions and being ready to learn and contribute to the lessons.
6C	Jackson	For a fantastic start to writing in Year 6; "The wind was striking the trees like a hammer on an anvil"
	Dua	For a fantastic start to writing in Year 6; "The sinister laughing of a violent storm took advantage of an innocent lady".
	Jackson	When he is not reading the "Silmarillon" by J.R.J. Tolkien, he is out working with younger children, sharing their passion for reading with each other.
6E	Josh	For a super start to the year with great class participation in all lessons.
	Lee	For his skilfully crafted <i>Wanted</i> poster about Fagin.
	Zachary	For great focus in Maths this week and a super 'end of unit' result.

Well Done!

NEXT WEEK

Mon 23 rd	Individual and Sibling School Photographs (during school time) PGL trip meeting for Year 6 parents/carers 3:30 p.m. in the Year 6 block
Thurs 26 th	Friends Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Fri 27 th	Year 4 Egyptian Day (children to dress up please)

COMING UP NEXT!

CLUBS NEWS

If your children are interested in joining Badminton Club, please sign up at: www.fletchersfeathers.com Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. James Fletcher currently has spaces available.

Sama Karate has spaces available on Thursdays after school 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more information or pop into the office for a flyer.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

George and the Giant Pledge are holding their next fundraiser tomorrow, Saturday 21st September. For more details, please see their flyer which can be found on our website under the News tab (Community Matters).



PGL MEETING

A reminder to Year 6 parents/carers that there is an information meeting for the PGL trip on Monday next week at 3:30 p.m. Please return the General Consent Forms and any Medication Forms ASAP and by Monday 30th September at the latest.

