

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## LET'S TRAVEL THROUGH TIME



On Thursday this week and as the culmination of their 'Let's Travel Through Time' topic, the children in Year 2, came to school dressed as a significant person from history. They had free choice of who they would like to be and some of the children even did some research at home about their chosen person and brought it into school. Can you tell from the photos who the children were?

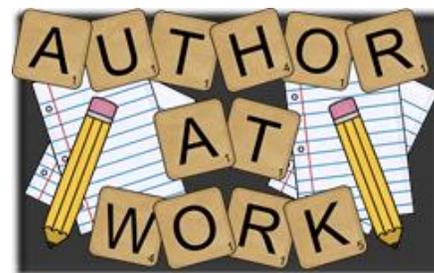


### ABLE YOUNG WRITERS

A short while ago, four of our Year 5 children went along to Salfords Primary School to take part in an Able Young Writers Day. The event was led by New York Times bestselling author G.P. Taylor. His workshop looked at story, plot and character and how to write a creative, enjoyable and exciting piece of written work. During the day, the children took part in practical sessions and group work aimed at bringing out their creative genius. This is what Gracie wrote during the workshop. Well done, Gracie!

*"Hannah stood at the gate. She silently listened to the birds tweeting in the trees, ready to have a day of adventure. She felt like that too. Hannah turned around as quick as lightening and then paused. Slowly and steadily, she walked up the small stepping stones. At the end of the stones was her house where she carefully pushed open the door. "Goodbye, Mum," Hannah called into the house. "Goodbye, darling, see you after school," Hannah's mum replied. She closed the door, ran back down the stepping stones and stopped to take one last breath in before her journey to school. Hannah took a deep breath in and then out. She reached for the gate and pushed it open. Then a crash came from behind the tree next to the gate. There was a cough and a splutter. Hannah did not carry on any further.*

*Questions filled Hannah's head. She was curious to explore, but was worried what could be there. Hannah had to make a decision, and fast. She finally made a decision to explore as she could not resist it. Quickly, she took off her bag and cautiously stepped towards the mysterious tree. Twigs snapped. She kept walking. When Hannah was right in front of the tree, she could smell smoke and when she looked up, smoke rose from behind the tree. As it caught her eye, she just stared in fright. Hannah did not move. She was now more petrified than she had ever been before. She was so tempted to go back to her house and call her mum, but she didn't and she didn't know why? She thought she could go and explore and she did. Hannah didn't know what she was doing; she thought her mind was going crazy. She stepped next to the tree very slowly. Her legs were shaking a lot. She was about to go through the gap in the fence, when suddenly the loudest BANG ever heard in town happened. A massive cloud of ash began to spread around the town. Hannah tried running away, but it was no use, the ash cloud made her unconscious and fall to the floor."*



# EARLY HELP AT WRAY COMMON

## What is Early Help?

Early Help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life. (Working together to safeguard children, July 2018). Early Help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children than reacting later.

Early Help can also prevent further problems arising; for example, if it is provided as part of a support plan where a child has returned home to their family from care, or in families where there are emerging parental mental health issues or drug and alcohol issues. (Working Together 2018).

Effective Early Help relies upon local organisations and agencies working together to:

- identify children and families who would benefit from early help
- undertake an assessment of the need for early help
- provide targeted early help services to address the assessed needs of a child and their family which focuses on activity to improve the outcomes for the child

## What we do at Wray Common

At Wray Common our Early Help Offer identifies the need to provide help for children and families as soon as problems start to emerge or when there is a strong likelihood that problems will emerge in the future. The aim of Early Help is to work with children and families, with a range of local agencies and organisations, in a coordinated way to provide the support they need, when they need it.

Early Help at Wray Common has a clear focus on being proactive in identifying early signs of difficulties, being professionally curious and gathering information from all involved with the child to build a bigger picture of what is going well, what we are worried about and what needs to happen next.



If you have any worries or concerns, please contact our Team Around the Child Champion (TACC), Mr Durston

## The help we offer our families includes:

Team Around the Child Champion (TACC)  
SENDCo  
ELSA  
SEN Teacher  
Specialist Speech and Language TA

## Signposting to specialist agencies including:

Parenting Courses  
Jigsaw  
Educational Psychologist  
Clothes and Food Banks  
Health Professionals  
CAMHS  
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services  
Children's Services

## Team Around the Family (TAF)

To identify the help some families will find useful, a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting will be arranged, usually at school.

## What happens at a Team Around the Family Meeting?

Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings are led by practitioners in the community who are working with a child or family. Where required, the Early Help Hub can support the TAF process.

The TAF is a way of communicating and agreeing the assessment, intervention and plan. The meeting follows the completion of a holistic assessment with the family and is a way of communicating issues and agreeing the next steps of the family action plan. It brings together the family and those identified agencies who are working with the child, young person or family. The multi-agency meeting provides an opportunity to explore creative options, identify overlaps or gaps in provision and develop good working relationships with people from other agencies. It also provides the opportunity to agree a different lead professional if necessary.

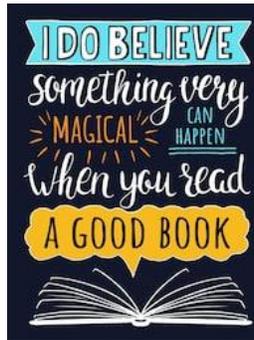
- to act as a co-ordinating single point of contact for the family
- to lead a 'single offer' of local co-ordinated services to families
- to co-ordinate the delivery of an agreed family action plan and monitor and review it until outcomes are met



## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Keen to spread our passion for reading and to promote our wonderful school libraries, after half term, both libraries will be open on Tuesdays after school for you to join your child and support them in selecting a book. Come and browse our amazing range and choose a book to enjoy together.

KS1 3:05- 3:20 KS2 3:20- 3:35



## OUR ALOTTMENT CHAMPIONS

Many thanks to the Chick, Maisonneuve, Simmons, Allen and Adams-Vickery families who gave up their Saturday last weekend to blitz the allotments and bring a new lease of life to our outdoor curriculum provision. The parents and children all got stuck in and turned what had become a bit of a jungle, into a weed free area with all the beds ready for their next crops. Wray Common Citizens in action - looking after the environment and contributing to society. We are very grateful for your time and energy. Thank you.



Before...



During...



and after. Wow!

## A REMINDER

A reminder to all parents/carers to please make payment and return permission slips for the Year 2 Leeds Castle trip and Year 6 WW2 Workshop which are taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## SAMA KARATE

Richard Sketcher would like to inform you that he has spaces available in his Karate sessions that take place in the school hall on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. If your child is interested in taking up Karate, please pop along to one of his sessions and speak to him. He runs the sessions on a pay as you go basis at £5 per session.

## CHOIR NEWS

Just to remind those children who are attending the 'Let's Sing Together' event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, that permission slips must be returned to the office A.S.A.P. The second event that the Choir will be involved in this term is the Christmas Fayre at St. Matthew's Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The Choir will be performing a 20 minute 'set' from 11:30 a.m. What a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities! Letters for this event will be given out during Choir practice on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, so please look out for these. Thank you.



## EXCITING SCHOOL DINNER CHANGES

Commercial Services, our school dinner provider, is re-branding to become *Twelve 15*. Commercial Services has been feeding our children for 70 years. They have taken the opportunity to reflect on the service they provide and are launching a brand new menu after half term.

From the 5<sup>th</sup> November, children who have a school dinner will be given the choice of what they have for lunch. Each child will be given 3 options (including a vegetarian option) from a new menu with choices ranging from a chicken and stuffing bap to home-made soup and pasta bake. The new menu is available to view on the Wray Common website.

**Please note** that roast dinner will return to a Wednesday lunchtime and Fishy Friday will remain the same.

This is an exciting opportunity for those children who would normally have a packed lunch to try school lunches as there will be a wider variety of choice. Please let the office have a week's notice, as is normal procedure, if changing your child's preferences. Please also let the office know of any dietary requirements your child may have.



## POPPY APPEAL 2019

As part of Wray Common's support for The British Legion, poppies and associated items will be on sale at school after half term. Our school council chair, vice-chair and secretary, will be selling items just outside the Main Reception every morning (8:30 - 8:45 a.m.) from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We suggest a donation of between 50p and £1. Please note that no change will be available.



## DATES FOR w/c 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

- Mon 4th INSET Day (school closed for children)
- Tues 5th 3:45 p.m. Football Match v. Earlswood Junior School (Away)
- Tues 5th 3:45 p.m. Netball Match v. Earlswood Junior School (Away)
- Weds 6th 9 a.m. Bags 2 School Collection
- Weds 6th 7:30 p.m. Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting
- Thurs 7th Year 6 WW2 Workshop. Please return your permission slips and payment
- Thurs 7th Year 2 Trip to Leeds Castle. Please return your permission slips and payment
- Fri 8th Friends' Firework Event (gates open at 5:30 p.m. fireworks at 6:30 p.m.)
- Fri 8th Let's Sing Together Concert at Reigate Baptist Church 6:30 p.m. (rehearsal at Reigate School - children to be dropped off at Reigate School at 9 a.m.)



## FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON FIREWORKS

A reminder that the Wray Common Fireworks Event is fast approaching and tickets are on sale now! Please click on the link to buy your tickets and Wray Common tokens: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwraycommon/> Alternatively, these will be available to purchase after school on Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th November. Wray Common tokens or card payments can be used on the stalls on the night, with tokens available to purchase on the gate. With drinks, a BBQ, glow-products and a spectacular fireworks display, this is one of Wray Common's biggest fundraisers, so please make sure you come along and support this fantastic event!

## SPECIAL DELIVERY!

We are delighted to announce the birth of Mr Burgess' daughter, Mia Elizabeth. Mia was born on the 7th of October weighing 7 lbs and 3 ozs. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Burgess on the safe arrival of baby Mia and welcome back Mr Burgess, we have missed you!



## MATCH REPORTS

This week our Netball and Football teams took on Meath Green Junior School who proved to be tough competition. Both sports saw a mix up of their teams, with every new team member working well in their groups and striving to do their best.

In Netball "On Wednesday we played against Meath Green. Despite all our hard work Mrs Flint's team lost 5-4 to them. Mrs Peach's team also lost 5-3. Hopefully we will win the match after half term." Millie

In football, it was another very closely fought match where the final score didn't reflect the balance of the game. "Another week, means another game and this time against Meath Green. We all played really well... but after one more shot we were 2-0 down... After a quick team talk and a swig of water we were back on the pitch and after five intense minutes and a quick cross by Max (our Captain) and great saves from Spencer, Harrison used his weak foot and it was 2-1. We were suddenly dominating, we were back in the game! Sadly they scored another header and we were down 3-1. The final whistle blew and it was over but we played really, really well and I can't wait for the next game!" Max

## FRIENDS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

It's coming up to that time of year when the friends of Wray Common kindly ask for your generous donations in the run up to our School Christmas Fayre. This annual festive event will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. This year, we will be using Wray Common tokens on all of our stalls with the exception of the raffle.

## MUFTI DAYS

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: wear your own bottoms and school uniform tops/jumpers, in exchange for bottles for the Bottle Tombolas.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: wear your own top and school uniform bottoms, in exchange for chocolates and sweets in jars.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Full Mufti day in exchange for cakes. Rosettes will be presented for the best bakes.

In addition we would kindly ask for any donations of second hand books.

We are also running a Christmas cracker joke competition which will run until Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please submit a handwritten cracker joke on a small piece of paper, with your name and year group on the back, to the school office. All jokes submitted will be used on one of our new stalls. Prizes will be awarded to the best KS1 & KS2 jokes.

These events could not run without the support of parents and we are in desperate need of helpers. If you are able to volunteer at the Christmas Fayre, please contact the school office or Sophie Swann on: [sophie.swann@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sophie.swann@hotmail.co.uk) 07802 584173



# HAPPY HALF TERM!