

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

FESTIVE GREETINGS



With Christmas only days away, there has been a lot happening in school this week to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. On Monday afternoon, the whole school took part in our annual Carol Service at St. Matthew's Church in Redhill. The service gave us time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, at what must be the busiest time of year for everyone. The specially written readings were read beautifully with thought and meaning by selected children. Every child sang their heart out during the whole school songs and the Choir excelled with their rendition of *Midnight*. Both Mrs Palmer and Miss Ringwood would like to thank everyone for making this whole school event so special!



The Choir, together with a number of children from both Year 4 and 5 took part in our 'Carols Round the Tree' concert on Monday evening. The Choir entertained us all with a number of lovely Christmas songs and selected children from Year 5 recited 'The Night Before Christmas' by Kenneth Clarke Moore. We then had a piano recital from Polly and Jemima, followed by a Christmas dance from Mimi. Not forgetting, Max and Millie who were our comperes for the evening (as well as stand-up comedians when the sound system went down temporarily!) and finally, Mr Murphy for stepping so skilfully into Michael Buble's shoes. Mrs Palmer was bursting with pride at how brilliantly all of the children performed and would like to thank them all for their incredible dedication and hard work in putting the concert together.



It was then the turn of our youngest children to stand in the spotlight, as our Reception and Year 1 classes took to the stage in their Nativity productions. Reception performed 'Busy, Busy, Bethlehem' by Niki Davies and Year 1 sang their hearts out in their production of 'The Nativity', also by Niki Davies. All of the children, without exception, performed brilliantly. A huge thank you to the Reception and Year 1 teams for pulling everything together to make these productions so spectacular.

With the thought of being good Wray Common Citizens firmly at the forefront of their minds, the Year 4 Choir members journeyed to Wray Common Nursing and Residential Home on Tuesday, to bring a little Christmas cheer to the residents there with a wonderful collection of Christmas Carols and songs. Mrs Robinson with her clarinet and Mrs Laing with her flute accompanied the children beautifully and the children sang like angels.

Moving on to yesterday now and Mrs Young and her team served up a wonderful Christmas feast, which was enjoyed by staff and children alike - our heartfelt thanks to you, Mrs Young, and your team for such a scrumptious meal!

The crescendo to our Christmas celebrations, was the teachers 'treading the boards' this morning in the staff Panto, 'Snow White and the seven dwarves' (oh yes they did!). This was followed by our KS1 children receiving a visit from a very important visitor, Father Christmas himself! What an amazing way to end the term - Merry Christmas everyone!

SOMEWHERE ONLY WE KNOW

Taking their inspiration from the 'Bear and the Hare', (the John Lewis Christmas advertisement from a few years ago), the children in Year 3 have been doing some wonderful creative writing. Here are some of their extracts:

"In a distant wood, Bear meandered through the Autumn forest. Like a peaceful dancer, a snowflake drifted onto Bear's nose as he realised it was now the hibernation season. As a solitary tear appeared in Hare's eyes, Bear knew what he had to do. Exhausted, he yawned and slowly trudged towards his cave." Louis

"Underneath the cloudy Autumn sky, Hare sat proudly on Bear's sturdy, solid back. Like a meaningful sign, a single snowflake with unique designs, landed on Bear's nose. As Hare's ears drooped tragically, he thought of Christmas without his friend. Yawning, Bear struggled to stay awake. As he stretched widely, he thought of where to hibernate." Anshu



READING COMPETITION WINNERS

Last week we drew the winners of our reading competition, which we launched back in November, following the huge successes of our Book Fair and Children in Need reading fundraiser. In order to be entered into the raffle (and therefore be in with a chance of winning) children needed to read at least 4 times a week. The more times the children read, the more chances they had of winning! We are delighted to announce that the winners are: Ava P, Phoebe M, Scarlett B-M, Jessica R, Emily L and Jake M. Congratulations children, we hope you enjoy reading your lovely new books!



RANGERS REPORT

We've been having a wonderful winter at Rangers! From "Ranger's Has Talent" to raising money for the friends, it's been a wild ride. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, wonderful festive season and of course a Happy New Year. Dates are now live for next half term. Please book online @ www.campglide.co.uk See you in 2020!

TOPIC WEBS

As part of our on-going efforts to be as environmentally friendly as possible, we have decided not to send out hard copies of your children's topic webs for next half term. Instead, you will have had a link emailed to you yesterday detailing their learning for next half term. Alternatively, the topic webs can be accessed [here](#).

WRAY COMMON SCHOOL LED CLUBS

A reminder that Wray Common school led clubs will begin w/c 13th January 2019. Please make sure that you return your permission slips and payment TODAY, to secure your child's place.

FIRST WEEK BACK 2020

Mon 6th Jan INSET day (school closed for children)
 Tues 7th Jan First day of school for children
 Swimming restarts for Y1, 3, 5 & 6 (please see timetable below)
 Fri 10th Jan Year 5 Planetarium Workshop (please return your slip and contribution by the end of the day on Mon 7th)

PICK-UP AT THE END OF THE DAY

Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us and so, with this in mind, we would like to remind you that children will only be released from class to a designated adult at the end of the day. If you would like someone else to collect your child, you must inform the School Office. Thank you in advance for helping us to keep your children safe.



SWIMMING

School swimming re-starts upon our return to school on 7th January for Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 (see timetable to the right). In order for our swimming lessons to go ahead, we kindly ask for volunteers. All swimming volunteers must be DBS checked and have attended our Volunteer Safeguarding Training. Thank you in advance for your continued help.

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
		1:00-2:00	12:50-1:50	1:00-2:00	1:00-2:00
		6E	1S	5B	3F
		2:00-3:00	1:50-2:50	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00
		6C	1W	5Bu	3LS

THANK YOU FROM THE OFFICE!

From all of us in the office, a great big THANK YOU for all of the wonderful gifts, cards, generous words and kind thoughts we have received at the end of this term. We greatly appreciate your kind words and generosity.



HONOUR BOOK



1S	Beaux	For great mathematical language when comparing numbers.
	Florrie	For clearly explaining how to use the partition method to add.
	Isaac C	For always trying his best every single day!
1W	Eliza	For adding super detail to her Christmas Fayre treat bag.
	Matylida	For super effort during the nativity practise.
	Ava	For being a brilliant learning role model and friend.
2B	Ayden	For using maths vocabulary to explain which lengths are longer or shorter.
	Zack	For super story writing.
	Lilly	For careful and thoughtful use of mod-roc to make her shield. You worked so hard.
2DS	Zac	For really persevering with his maths, when we were comparing lengths.
	Hafsah	For improved speed in her writing and for finishing her Box up plan within our lesson time. Fantastic!
	Eesa	For being a super role model to his friends and always working to the best of his ability.
2V	Archie	For his amazing attitude to his learning this week with lots of independent work. Very proud of you!
	James	For excellent perseverance in maths. Lots of progress made.
	Oliver	For such an excellent attitude to learning; a fabulous role model.
3F	Kimberly	For her improved speed in her writing. Well Done! You've even kept your handwriting neat!
	William R	For his participation and continued effort to solve division problems in maths.
	Naqiyah	For being an excellent learning partner in maths this term.
3LS	Olivia	For an amazing emotive setting description of Pompei when Mount Vesuvius erupted.
	Lola	For using dienes to support her when using the partitioning method to divide.
	Poppy	For using ISPACE brilliantly to create a beautiful setting in her 'Bare and the Hare' writing.
4M	Haseeb	For great independent writing this week using all his punctuation.
	Lily	For using excellent personification to describe a Christmas decoration.
	Nathan	For a great improvement in punctuation this term.
4P	Polly	For sharing her excellent ideas in English and reading and showing consistent focus.
	Chris	For working so hard in her writing today using personification excellently in the introduction of her Christmas story.
	George	For a fantastic personification Christmas story. I'm really impressed with your focus this week.
4R	Ethan	For writing a brilliant explanation text and showing great perseverance all week.
	Frankie	For challenging himself in his RAP time about personification. You really brought that stapler to life!
	Migael	For trying so hard to reduce the size of his handwriting. Great perseverance!
5B	Luca	For a great attitude towards his maths problem solving this week.
	Gracie	For incredible expression in her performance poetry.
	Kylan	For overcoming his fear of performing on stage.
	Flora	For a fabulous can do attitude towards all of her learning throughout the whole of the term.
5Bu	Harry T	For an insightful Aylmerton recount; sounds like you had a great time.
	Harry W	For a fantastic and thoughtful response to a letter from one friend to another in our conflict resolution lesson.
	Hayley	For a fantastic start to Year 5. You have a great can do attitude in all lessons and you are a super classmate to everyone in 5Bu.
6C	Abigail	For a super descriptive and emotive WWII Blitz poem using a wide range of figurative language.
	Isaac	For super reading of our class text and summarising key events.
	Billy	A fantastic half term with a great attitude to capturing learning. The measure of which has been not only to improve his own learning but also to positively impact on others around him.
6E	Jacob	For the huge improvement in your handwriting and presentation of work. Keep it up!
	Theo	For the huge improvement in your handwriting and presentation of work. Keep it up!
	Yara	For her focussed attitude and effort in her learning this week.
	Zachary	For his super brain build homework creating a WWII medal.
	Emily	What a super half term Emily! You have worked with great focus and perseverance and should be very proud of yourself.

Well Done!



Merry Christmas!



and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2020!