

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

THIS WEEK AT WRAY COMMON

RECEPTION GO ON A DINOSAUR DIG

This week, Reception have discovered what it means to be a palaeontologist - that's a dinosaur scientist for those of you who don't know! We had a visit from Chris, who shared lots of interesting dinosaur facts and taught the children how to carefully uncover dinosaur bones. The children found dinosaur eggs, horns, teeth and even poo! They were very inquisitive about dinosaurs and asked a lot of questions, such as "What did dinosaurs eat?" and "Which dinosaurs were herbivores?" Palaeontologist, Professor Dora, all the way from the Natural History Museum, was able to answer some of these questions and also sent the children a sample from an actual dig site. The children found some dinosaur fossils and wrote to Professor Dora to report back on their findings. They have been trying to work out which dinosaur they belonged to, what bone they are and measuring them to find out their length.



WORLD BOOK DAY

This World Book Day, the children were challenged to find a new word from one of their reading books (from school or home). We asked them to record the word, research its meaning and then create a badge or a crown showing the word and the definition. Children wore their "word badge" or "word crown" and had fun sharing the new vocabulary with their classes. We spotted some really creative ideas around the school. Well done everyone!



SCIENCE BROUGHT TO LIFE

Year 6 children were visited by Dr Williams, an anaesthetist (and also Miss Williams' dad), who came in to talk to the children about the heart and its functions. What better way to explain and identify the different parts of the heart than to bring in a real cow's heart for the children to examine? The children were quite surprised by how big the heart was, but were fascinated to see the different parts at first hand. They asked intelligent questions and learnt a lot from Dr Williams. The children will have the opportunity to further develop their understanding of the heart by performing a lamb's heart dissection for themselves in their Science lesson next week. Hopefully, the knowledge that they gained from Dr Williams' visit will serve them well during their own investigations. These photos are not for the faint-hearted, so if you're squeamish, please look away now!



SPORTS NEWS

It was a busy week for our sports teams and one with plenty of wins to celebrate. Read on to find out how we did...

HOCKEY



The hockey team played in the Quik Stix Hockey Tournament on Wednesday at The Royal Alexandra and Albert School and returned as champions, meaning they are through to the next round in Surbiton. Good luck!

"Wray Common Hockey Team went to RAA School to play against other local school teams. First we played against Meath Green which we beat fair and square 5-0 then after a quick break we smashed RAA and beat them 4-2. Shortly after, we went on to WRECK Reigate Priory for the first time in a long time. This caused us to win every match in the group stages. Hagan, Flora, Hayley and Spencer made some amazing tackles. Wray Common won but we had to play another match against RAA to claim the trophy. This game was really exciting and left Mr Martin and Mrs Walker on their toes. RAA scored a goal putting them in front of us. Luckily Maysoon passed to Ben allowing him to score our second goal, the score then being 2-1. Suddenly, RAA scored a semi-decent goal which made a draw (2-2). With two minutes left, we were losing hope. Then Max tackled a player, sprinted down the pitch and scored a goal which made the goal count 3-2 to us. Shortly after Max scored the goal, Ben passed to Maysoon who then passed to Max who then scored just before the final whistle blew. After a successful series, the team of MAX, MAYSOON, HAGAN, VICTOR, BEN, FLORA, HAYLEY, EMILY, LUC, ZACHARY and SPENCER won and went to get their gold medals and Maysoon went and got the shield. Mr Martin and Mrs Walker were very happy as we won and even started crying. Everyone played amazingly and couldn't wait to get to school and share the great news!!!"

-Maysoon, Victor, Hagan and Spencer

NETBALL

"On Tuesday 3rd March, Wray Common and Sandcross Primary School played each other in a netball match. The first quarter was really fast. 5 goals were scored in 6 minutes. The score was 3-2 to us. In the second quarter, there was a lot of good defending but no goals. In the third quarter, we scored 2 more goals bringing the score to 5-2. It was the final quarter. They scored 1 goal but we didn't give up until we got another goal. Eventually, time ran out and the score was 6-3. We had doubled their score and bagged our first win!"

-Disha 6E

FOOTBALL

Wray Common played and beat Sandcross Primary School.

"Tuesday 3rd March—a beautiful day for a game of football. It kicked off with an amazing pass back to Charlie who smacked it up the pitch to Harrison who smashed it into the top corner of the goal. Not long after, Max cut the ball in and stuck it into the bottom corner. Sadly, after a creative attack from Wray Common, we were caught on the counter attack and conceded a goal, which was extremely jammy for them! They were threatening but Jacob H's defence combined with Charlie and Lucas were unstoppable. We got a counter attack together and Ben scored a lovely placement goal to make it 3-1. They then gave away a penalty and Billy took it but unfortunately missed. Sandcross then ran up and scored but, by then, it was too late. The final whistle went. Score 3-2. YES!"

-Harrison and Charlie 6C



BADMINTON

Following their recent success in the Racket Pack Badminton Festival, some of our Year 6 children went to the finals at Guildford Spectrum on Tuesday. Teams' success was based on displaying the School Games Values e.g. passion, teamwork, self-belief, determination, honesty & respect. Everybody had a fantastic time and Mr Martin was impressed with the children's playing skills and especially their display of the values that they had been taught to use in the tournament! Well done to Alex, Enya, Georgia, Lee, Raheel and Rooshan!

BIKEABILITY

Year 4 pupils practised their cycling skills this week. During their half day session, they learnt how to prepare themselves and a bike for a cycling journey, how to set off safely, signal, slow down and stop safely. The children did an amazing job staying focussed in spite of the bitter cold and rain, and demonstrated that they can persevere in The Wray Common Way!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO WRAY COMMON'S FAMILY DAY ASSEMBLIES THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020

Assembly Time

Reception and Year 4 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Years 1, 3 and 5 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Years 2 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.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

Following the practise race last week, a group of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have been shortlisted to compete in the Reigate Priory Park Cross Country Race next Wednesday. They will be competing against children from schools across Reigate and we wish them the very best of luck!



SPORT RELIEF

To raise money for Sport Relief next week, we are kicking off with Zumbathon on Monday 9th March and, on Friday 13th, pupils will take part in a 'mini marathon' where they will be competing in their houses to see which house can run the most laps around Wray Common School! To take part in both events, children are being asked to bring in a donation of two coins of any amount e.g. two £1 coins.



PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS

Parents' Evenings are next week, so don't forget to book your consultations for Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th. Please go online via Tucasi and book your 10 minute slot. If you require any assistance with booking your appointments, please ask at the school office. Please be reminded that the cut-off date and time for online bookings are Monday 9th at 3:30 p.m. All children in KS2 (Year 3 - Year 6) are expected to attend with their parent / carer.



RANGERS REPORT

This week the Rangers worm farm had its grand opening! A crack team of Rangers was sent worm hunting and came back with a successful haul of over 10 hungry worms.



Also, a fond farewell: it's with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mimoza at the end of this term. Mimoza has been a part of Rangers long before it was known as Rangers and has been a wonderful force for good at Rangers. We wish Mimoza good luck in her new role in a different school. Camp Glide is working hard to replace Mimoza and we will have an update for parents/carers in due course.

DATES FOR W/C 9TH MARCH

Mon 9 th	Sports Relief Zumbathon
Tues 10 th	Parent Consultations from 3:40p.m.
Wed 11 th	Year 1 Nower Wood trip (please return your permission slips and make any outstanding payments) RGS Netball Rally at 12:45p.m.
Thu 12 th	Reigate Priory Park X Country Race at 4:00p.m. Hockey Quick Stix Final at 10:00a.m. to 5.30p.m. Parent Consultations from 4:30p.m.
Fri 13 th	Sports Relief Mini Marathon Football match v St. Joseph's at 4:00p.m.

ONLINE SAFETY—BBC Own It App

A new App that helps children to have a happier, healthier, more positive life online.

The app, which features a special keyboard, combines machine-learning technology with the ability to keep a diary of their emotions to allow children to record how they're feeling and why. In response, the app can offer help and support, giving advice if their behaviour strays outside safe and sensible norms. Children can access the app at any time to get instant, on-screen advice and support the moment they need it.

The BBC Own It special keyboard will appear wherever a keyboard would surface normally - and offers real-time, in-the-moment help and advice on whatever a child is typing, for example if a child is typing something which might be upsetting to the person receiving it. It can also recognise if a child types personal details and reminds them to think twice about whether it is safe to share. It can even recognise language that might suggest a child is in trouble and will offer them advice and encourage them to talk to a trusted adult.

The app is packed with specially commissioned content from BBC Own It and across the rest of the BBC. This will give young people a range of resources to help them make the most of their time online and build healthy online behaviours and habits - covering everything from managing screen-time to boosting digital wellbeing. Most importantly, the app will encourage young people to have open, honest and regular conversations with their parents about their online experiences.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Reigate Park Church are running their Easter Workshop 'Going for Gold' from 6-9th April this year. Please [click here](#) for more information and a booking form. The deadline for applications is end of March.
- St. Matthew's Church, Redhill warmly invite you to Messy Church on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm. Craft, stories, songs, tea and cakes. The next three sessions are on 5th April and 4th May. Everyone is welcome!
- Mud Monsters Ninjas are running two family events in the coming months: [Mud Monsters Run](#), a mud and obstacle run which takes place in East Grinstead on Sunday 7th June and a [Family Fun Run](#) on Sunday 6th September.
- [Click here](#) to see an invitation to watch **Star for a Night** during the Easter holidays at the Harlequin Theatre on 8 & 9 April at 7pm

FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

SUMMER FAIR: can you help? It is time to start organising our main fundraiser for the year and we are looking for a few people to plan and coordinate this event. This could appeal to a small group of friends with children in the school. Perhaps you have a child in Year 6 and this could be a nice way to contribute to school and round off your time at Wray Common. Or it could be a way to make new friendships so please do put your name forward if you think you could help organise things. Please email: friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk

SAVE THE DATE: School disco on afternoon of Thursday 2nd April. A chance for the children to show off their moves on the dancefloor!

QUIZ NIGHT

The annual Wray Common School Quiz Night is back and tickets are now on sale!

Arguably the highlight on the Wray Common calendar and a guaranteed great night out, with all proceeds going to the school. Fiendish questions, amazing raffle prizes, and even the opportunity to win big - a £50 cash prize with our very own version of Play Your Cards Right! Make up a team of six and be rewarded for the (optional) best dressed team or table!

An opportunity to dine in style or as thriftily as you wish - because you provide the catering. Some people bring fish & chips, some a gourmet picnic - the choice is yours. Don't forget you'll need to bring drinks, glasses and plenty of cash for the raffle. A sumptuous range of bar snacks will be provided too. Last year was a record-breaking fund-raiser and we hope to make this year's quiz even bigger and better.

This year, ticket sales will be online. Please follow the link below to purchase your tickets which cost £5 per person with a maximum of six per team. You can purchase tickets individually or as a group. Please decide on your team name first, and enter it for each ticket purchased after going to the checkout.

If you have any queries please get in touch with Ben Fox on 07785 770503.

Date: Saturday 21st March

Time: Starting at 7.30pm sharp until late.

Doors open at 7pm.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwraycommon>

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Many of you will have seen the media reports about Coronavirus in the UK and in Surrey this week and may be concerned. We would like to reassure you that we are taking the situation seriously but it is important for the children that we remain calm, sensible and work together as a school community to follow the national guidance.

The advice to us from Public Health England and Surrey County Council remains the same and is as follows:-

- 1) Where a suspected case has been in a childcare or educational setting, **there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.**
- 2) Even if there is a confirmed case in your childcare or educational setting, **in most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary and advice would be provided by Public Health England.**
- 3) As always, everyone should continue to **promote good hand and respiratory hygiene:**
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze, then bin the tissue and wash your hands (or use a sanitiser gel).
 - Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Remember, if you have any direct medical concerns, to contact NHS 111. The Department for Education have set up a Coronavirus helpline (tel: 0800 046 8687) for staff, parents and children for queries relating to schools and other educational establishments in England. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

Please be assured that when there is a confirmed case, Public Health England (PHE) use the method of contact tracing to prevent the infection spreading further. Please see the link below to find out more about contact tracing: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/13/expert-interview-what-is-contact-tracing/>

For further information, please see www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and 'Guidance to educational settings about COVID-19' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

HONOUR BOOK

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| 1S | Toby | For his new passion and enthusiasm for his learning. |
| 1W | Georgie
Tanner | For using all of the tools in her toolkit in her writing about the adventures of Flick the Ant.
For fantastic determination to achieve his writing target this week! Keep it up! |
| 2B | Ava | For fabulous fractions work this week. |
| 2DS | Sam
Noah
Daniel A | For a super attitude to learning all week.
For collaborating so well with his group during our English lesson, where we were acting out parts of our class book.
For his excellent focus in his learning all week. |
| 2V | Poppy
Milly C | For her fabulous perseverance in Maths this week.
For a descriptive and emotive diary entry. |
| 3F | Katie | For always trying her best in her work and going out of her way to help others in and outside the class. |
| 3LS | Mary | For super singing in music this week. |
| 4M | Muhammed | For trying so hard to improve his handwriting . Well done and keep it up! |
| 4R | Adwit
Advay
Emma | For being super focused on learning his times tables. You've nailed them!
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For being the most fantastic active learner and always trying her best in everything she does. |
| 4P | Louis | For working so hard to improve his handwriting. Well done and keep it up! |
| 5B | Rebecca M
Hannah | For great work on her retelling of the 'Kidnapped' story this week.
For great focus on her decimal learning this week—keep it up! |
| 5Bu | Jacob S | For great reasoning, using multiple methods in our decimal comparison lessons. |
| 6C | Justin
Amelie L | For solving a super ratio challenge involving scaling factors using fractions and decimals.
For fantastic enthusiasm in all her learning this week. |
| 6E | Lana
Daisy | For amazing creative ideas in writing this week "spidery knots of trees and bushes, led a trail deeper into the dimly lit woods".
For amazing creative ideas in writing this week "The gnarled skeletal trees, covered in knots of lichen, stared down at me". |



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Done!