

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## THIS WEEK...

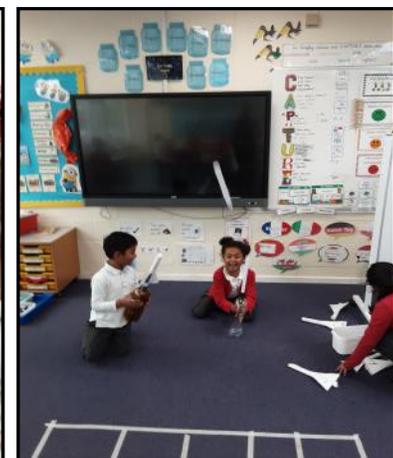
### NOT SO VILE VICTORIANS!

This week, Year 6 children went back in time to 1897! As well as dressing up in Victorian style clothes for a day, they experienced what it was like to be a child in a Victorian school. They ate a "tasty" bowl of gruel; some children even had seconds! Pupils also learnt what it was like to have lessons under strict Victorian class rules. Brrr! More fun activities included baking scones, trying out needle work and paper craft and having a go at Victorian outdoor and parlour games. Children often had a tough time in the Victorian era, but, as you can see, our Year 6 had great fun trying it out for a day.



### YEAR 1 LIFT OFF, DESTINATION MOON!

Inspired by Neil Armstrong and Apollo 11, Year 1 have been designing and creating their own rockets! When planning their designs, children discussed what shapes they should use for the body and fins and which material would be best so that the rocket can fly as high as possible. Rory the lion helped them to reflect on their launch; where the rockets didn't launch, they discussed what they could do to help the rockets fly higher. They also tried clapping the launcher even harder so that more air pushed it through. We loved watching the rockets successfully fly around the classroom, just like Apollo 11!



## HONOUR BOOK

1P	Isla	For fantastic efforts with her handwriting. This has been a big focus for her and she has put so much time and hard work into practising this skill!
1W	Tom	Fantastic enthusiasm during reading, writing and maths this week, keep it up!
2B	Lewis	For working very hard in his writing and maths this week.
2S	Will	For finding and explaining his own method to add equal groups.
3B	Daisy	For nailing her column subtraction with renaming this week - your hard work and determination really paid off!
3F	Ameera	For using a great range of conjunctions and imperative verbs when writing her instructions about how to trap a Megalania.
3R	Ahmad	For impressive perseverance and dedication in maths this week - you even practise at home! True expert learner.
4F	Grace	For always using her best handwriting in her written work and for her great use of emotive language for her persuasive letter.
4P	Aidan	For making some fantastic contributions to our class discussion, particularly demonstrating his enthusiasm for our current English topic. Keep it up!
5B	Advay	For a great understanding of prime, square and cubed numbers and for sharing fun facts he has learned at home.
5G	Max & Rihanna	For their fantastic collaboration on their Ancient Greek Top Trumps during computing lessons. An absolutely amazing display of teamwork!
5SE	Finlay	For representing a product using a combination of prime, squared and cubed numbers and for finding an error and correcting it with independence.
6C	Miley	For always showing fantastic learning behaviour. She is a first-class listener, always organised, ready to learn and shows brilliant perseverance. She is a superstar!
6E	Jhoeni	For his fabulous enthusiasm and positive attitude during our Victorian Day. You have learnt so much about this time period since joining us at Wray Common.



**Well Done!**

## FRIENDS HALLOWEEN EVENTS



Friday 23rd October - Fun Halloween Fancy Dress Day at school

Saturday 24th October until Saturday 31st October - Spooky Halloween Pumpkin Trails

Final reminder to purchase your Halloween Treat Box for the Spooky Halloween Pumpkin Trails taking place over half term. Please buy online **by the end of today** (limited stock now available!) <http://bit.ly/fwcpumpkins>

Please note that Treat Boxes will not be distributed to children via the classroom. Instead, collection tables will be set up within each year group bubble at pick up time on Friday 23rd October. **To ensure we can continue to offer these events, it is imperative that you adhere to social distancing guidelines when collecting your Treat Box.**

Remember it is also our Fun Halloween Fancy dress Day on Friday 23rd October - please donate online.

## POPPY APPEAL 2020

This year, Wray Common pupils will not be able to buy poppies and other associated items in school, as has happened in previous years, but children can still support the Poppy Appeal in other ways. The British Legion have developed an [A4 poster](#) of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can download, print, colour in and then display at home, perhaps in your front window. If you can, please click on this link to make a [one-off donation](#) to the 2020 Poppy Appeal. There is no minimum donation value for a poppy, please donate what you can. Please also visit the [British Legion's website](#) for more information on how they are raising money this year.



## DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 historical figure dress up day
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 hockey club
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception classes Elmer Day
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Halloween Fancy Dress Day Celebration Medals Assembly (pupils only) Year 6 hockey club Break up for Half Term Break

## LOOKING AHEAD — NOVEMBER

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of term
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	FoWC Committee Meeting at 19:30
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prospective parents open morning (virtual)

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

- We are pleased to share with you some R&Be Active October half term activities to help keep children entertained during the school holidays. With thanks to Star Steppers and Urban Play, they are bringing you two virtual dance and drama sessions via zoom. Please visit [www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols](http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols) to book. There is also an activity challenge where children can win an R&Be Active prize! [Click on this link to access the challenge card.](#)
- The Swimsense half term swimming crash course will be held at North Downs Primary School from 26 to 30 October and is open to all children aged 3 to 11. Teachers are in the water and groups are kept to a maximum of 4 to allow for social distancing. Sessions are 30 minutes long and generally run in the mornings from 8.30a.m. There is also a class for Adult Improvers which will be taught by Nicky. Children tend to come for a minimum of 3 sessions. Email Emma on [emiller5253@gmail.com](mailto:emiller5253@gmail.com) for further details and bookings.

## APPOINTMENTS/ABSENCE

Please note that if you are planning to collect your child for an appointment, you must inform the school office in writing otherwise it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Absence as a result of illness must be telephoned through to the office daily **before 9:20am** at the latest. Please call the office number 01737 761254 and leave a message on the answer machine. Alternatively, you may email the office at [info@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk).

## SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of School Dinners for the next half term is £84. Please may we remind you that dinners must be paid for in advance. If your child would like to change from packed lunches to school dinners or vice versa, please complete a [Meal Preference form](#), which is available on the school website, and send it by email to the School Office before the start of the new term. Changes to school meals will not be accepted after the first week of the new term.

**School Dinners**

## FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Friends of Wray Common are organising their annual personalised Christmas cards, mugs and many other products this year to raise money for the school. It's even easier this year with parents able to upload their child's designs and select and pay for products online. All the details are on <https://www.rudolphonline.co.uk/>

The cut off date to upload your amazing artwork is **Monday 2nd November**.

Please make sure you enter Wray Common Primary School and the postcode RH2 OLR as well as your child's name and class.

All products will be delivered to school by the beginning of December.



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Surrey Council are delighted to inform all parents and carers of a new online mental health and wellbeing support service that they have commissioned: Qwell. Qwell is available to parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Surrey and offers a safe and secure means of accessing support with emotional health and wellbeing needs from a professional team of qualified counsellors.

[Click here](#) to watch a short video about Qwell

Qwell can offer you support on any issue no matter how big or small. Support does not need to relate to your role as a parent or carer of a young person with SEND. Qwell has no referrals, thresholds or waiting lists. The users can access this service anonymously by signing onto the [Qwell.io](http://Qwell.io) site.

Qwell provides unique out of office hours' provision and is open 7 days per week, 365 days a year from noon until 10:00p.m. weekdays and from 18:00p.m. until 22:00p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. They provide added value with moderated, scheduled forums and self-help articles (many written by service users) to provide peer led and self-help support.

Below are details of upcoming webinar dates where you can learn more about Qwell. These sessions allow you to understand what the service can offer and ask any questions relating to the use and functionality of the site.

Date	Time	Registration link
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 20	10am - 11am	<a href="https://forms.gle/hViqT63P1mCDMBm8A">https://forms.gle/hViqT63P1mCDMBm8A</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 20	10.30am - 11.30am	<a href="https://forms.gle/pVg7vEKcC5epj8An9">https://forms.gle/pVg7vEKcC5epj8An9</a>
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 20	11am - 12noon	<a href="https://forms.gle/Ghwc7gsii1aTKsio6">https://forms.gle/Ghwc7gsii1aTKsio6</a>