

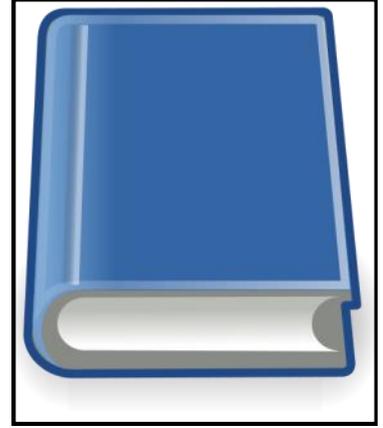


## CLASS READERS

This week 6E would like to share with you their class reader:

We are reading a very exciting book called *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. It is very cleverly written as it follows the lives of 3 children who are a similar age as us. The first character is Joseph. He is a 12-year-old Jewish boy, living in Germany in 1938. War is imminent and the Nazis are persecuting his family. His father has been released from a concentration camp but only if his family leave Germany. The second character is an 11-year-old girl called Isabel. She lives in Cuba in 1994 under the rule of Fidel Castro and her father has been seen in a protest against Fidel and is going to be sent to jail if they don't flee the country. The final character is Mohammad, a 12-year-old boy living in Syria in 2015. His family home has just been bombed and his parents are left with nothing and decide it is time to find somewhere else to live, where the family will be safe.

The story is very exciting as each chapter ends on a cliff-hanger and we can't wait to hear what happens next.



So far, my favourite part has been when Joseph took off his star (which all the Jewish people were forced to wear) and snuck into the German train carriage. We don't know if he is going to be caught... (Benito)

I was so worried when Isabel's father was caught by the police and threatened with going to prison. We are waiting to find out if he gets away. (Mimi)

I feel really sorry for Mohammad because his house had been torn open by the missile attack and we are waiting to hear if his family is safe. (James)

The worst part for me was when Joseph's family were attacked by the Nazis and their house was trashed. I think it is terrible that this actually happened in history. We need to make sure this doesn't happen to people in the future. (Kylan)

## SWIMMING

Curriculum swimming draws to a close this week until a restart in January. We have been thrilled to see the children back in the pool and making up for lost swimming time. I am always incredibly proud of the way the children approach their lessons and how much progress has been made. Year 3 have been developing all their strokes with nearly all groups now swimming lengths. Sitting dives, somersaults and treading water have all been covered in the lessons this term. Many of Years 5 and 6 are already achieving our minimum standards for their year group with an impressive 90% of Year 6 already obtaining all Key Stage 2 curriculum targets of distance, safety and stroke skills. Ensuring that children are technically competent in all strokes (including butterfly!) as well as having outstanding water safety and confidence is our primary goal. We are extremely fortunate to have the pool at Wray Common and being able to offer all children across all year



groups access to lessons within their curriculum. Our thanks must also go to the army of Parent helpers and TA's who assist us at the pool and without whom we could not operate! Our after school clubs, conducted under COVID protocols remain full and we look forward to seeing everyone again, either in class or in Clubs in January.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas, from us all at Swimsense, Emma, Nicky and Jen.



You have from the 30th November to the 7th December to win as many coins as you can for your year group on TTRS. The competition will run through the whole school with each year group competing. Can you compete and support your year group? Who will be crowned?

## GOOD LUCK WISHES

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Bailey who has been with us for 2 years. We wish her all the best in her new role.

## BUSY BAGS

A big thank you to everyone who has made us some busy bags so far, we really do appreciate your help. We have a wonderful array of colours and patterns. We are over halfway there with our target of 270 busy bags so if you are still in the process of making some for us or would like to make some more please could we ask you to bring them in by Wednesday 2nd December so that we can take stock.



This week, you received information from Miss Kober regarding a range of parenting courses that are being offered through Surrey County Council.

Courses include:

Phonics for EAL parents  
EAL Reading with your child  
Parents' Guide to Primary Maths  
Explore Behaviour strategies  
Family Yoga  
Stress Buster Workshop  
...and many more!

All courses are free, and are being held virtually. To explore what is on offer, please use this link: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning)

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Kober through the School Office email.



Congratulations to Mrs Laing and her family on the birth of their baby girl Erin on 24th November weighing 7lbs 11oz.



## WRAY COMMON CITIZENS

This week we are celebrating the following Wray Common Citizens achievements:



William from 1W for his fantastic Brain Build of Enormous Crocodile Cookies!

Thank you to everyone at school who made it possible for Phoebe from 5Bu to complete a 12-hour sponsored silence last Monday. She raised £331 for SASH - the local hospital charity - and feels rightly proud of her great effort.

Amira from 5Bu has been working hard at not only testing but sewing Busy bags and ironing each one and trimming loose threads etc... She really has been a star at working hard on them.

## DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?

Would you like to work as a Lunchtime Play leader at this school?

Working from 12.00pm until 1.15pm, 3 days per week, you will help to get play equipment ready outside in preparation for our children's lunchtime play and engage children in play through leading games and activities. You may also be asked to supervise children in the hall eating their meals and assisting with the putting away of tables in our 2 halls after lunch.

If you would like to apply, please ring the school office to request an application form.

## VACANCY AT REIGATE SCHOOL

Reigate School are currently advertising for a daytime cleaner. Working Monday to Friday from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Ideal for someone looking for a school hours/term time position.

Full details can be found here:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/cleaner-1122058>

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## NATIVITY OUTFITS

With Nativity fast approaching and challenges with sharing resources we would be very grateful for Nativity costume donations for children aged 4-9. We are particularly in need of Angels and Shepherd/Innkeeper outfits for the Reception and Year 1 performances. If you do have a costume, please bring in by Tuesday 2nd December.



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like to have the school Christmas lunch, please look out for further details which will be communicated next week! The lunches will be on Wednesday 16th for KS1 and Thursday 17th for KS2. If your child usually has a school dinner on these days, you do not need to do anything; they will automatically have the Christmas lunch. Please notify the School Office by 9am Monday 7th. Unfortunately we cannot accept any late requests.



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## COMMUNITY MATTERS



At St. Matthews Food Bank they were blown away by your generosity and kindness with all of the donations we collected a few weeks ago. We had such a huge amount of food, that we needed to borrow a big van to transport it all down to the church. Your donations will really make the difference to someone in our community who needs it most. Well done citizens of Wray Common.

## HONOUR BOOK

1P	Fraser	For his brilliant contributions during our learning about numbers to 20.
1W	Louie	For his fantastic attitude in phonics this week.
2B	Livia	For really trying hard in her writing and participating enthusiastically in history class discussions.
2S	Selena	For always using the class writing toolkit, to make sure her writing is the best it can be.
3B	Scarlett	For fantastic contributions in class this week - particularly when explaining her Maths methods. Keep it up Scarlett!
3F	Albert	For taking his time when writing so that his handwriting is neater. I have noticed a massive improvement! Keep it up!
3R	Soha	For brilliant writing this week. You have been working so hard in your lessons, well done.
4F	Niamh	For making brilliant contributions in class this week and offering some very thoughtful ideas to many discussions.
4P	Hayley	For demonstrating her increased independence across all areas of her learning. Well done and keep it up!
5B	Sophie D & Holly	For fantastic, spine tingling suspense writing for the Wild Wood scene from Wind in the Willows.
5G	Holly	For her excellent use of relative clauses throughout her writing about Ratty and Mole's journey to Badger's house.
5SE	Cleo	For going above and beyond to research and write about our Geography topic at home!
6C	Lizzy	For persevering in maths to really improve her division and multiplication methods.
	Mel	For some lovely phrases and use of similes and figurative language in her 'German in the Woods' recount.
6E	Freya	For her great recount of 'German in the Woods', taking her time to carefully select words and apply the techniques taught in class to capture the reader's imagination.
	James	For his great recount of 'German in the Woods', masterfully crafting detailed descriptions through the use of precise vocabulary and a wide range of figurative language.



**Well Done!**

# JINGLE ALL THE WRAY

Welcome to the Wray Common Christmas extravaganza. Join us to celebrate the festive period and support the Friends of Wray Common! Click on the link to pay for any of the events below | [Bit.ly/FWCjingle](http://Bit.ly/FWCjingle)

**Christmas Goodie Bag** - order a goodie bag full of festive fun and treats for £5 - to be handed out on 17th December.

**Christmas Craft** - your child will make a fantastic Christmas craft in their class that you can buy to enjoy at home for £1.

**Raffle** - raffle tickets will be coming home with your child from 1st December. We will set up a post box to collect completed tickets and money. Winners will be announced on 17th December!

Benefit makeover party voucher  
Farmer experience at Godstone Farm  
Family ticket for Godstone Farm  
Bocketts Farm tickets  
Round of Golf at Chartham Park Golf Club  
Everyman Cinema Tickets  
Let's Pretend ticket  
A month of unlimited running with RLJ  
3 runs with Reigate Men's Joggers  
Farm Food £10 Voucher  
15% discount at Monkey Business  
Gentleman's haircut at Reidy's  
Inner Balance Pilates session  
Wine hamper

Playmobil figure sets & small play sets  
Gerrards diffuser  
Micro Scooter helmet  
Tea hamper from Deli on the Hill  
Starbucks goodie bag  
£20 Robert Edwards voucher  
5 person Footgolf game  
Karting session at Team Sports  
Lotusium treatment  
Neal's Yard goodies  
Tea & cake at Cullenders  
Landers blanket  
£30 Serendipity voucher  
Earrings from Sweet Faraday

**Christmas Jumper Day** - wear your favourite festive jumper on 16th December for Years R,1 & 2 and on 17th December for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 in return for an optional donation.

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