

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

WELCOME BACK!



RECEPTION

Reception children had the chance this week to be palaeontologists and uncover dinosaur fossils. We discussed the different types of dinosaur and uncovered skulls, teeth, claws and even a dinosaur egg. Did you know that a stegosaurus was nearly the height of the hall?!

We also celebrated dinosaur day wearing our dinosaur masks that we created at home.



YEAR 4

The Great Outdoor Plant Hunt!

Year 4 enjoyed working together to identify a range of different plants and trees in our school environment, using observation and an identikit to help to work out what each of the plants were. Back in the classroom, they observed the plants they had found and considered the animals which would live in these habitats. What a lovely, collaborative activity to start off the week all back together again!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been continuing to learn about instructional writing and irreversible changes. This week, we followed instructions to make our own bread rolls!



YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 have been exploring the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We collected some data and discovered that there are the same amount of each type of tree in the small playground! We also sowed some cress seeds in the classroom and have been predicting what will happen to them. Excitingly, we have just started to see some shoots and we can't wait to see what happens next week!



POLITE REQUEST

Please remember to name all items, especially uniform, that are brought into school.

We have seen an increase in the amount of things going missing and a named item is much easier to return!

FOOTBALL REQUEST

If anyone has any footballs they no longer use they would be much appreciated for use in the playground.

Please let Mrs Walker know or drop to the School Office.

Many thanks.



SCIENCE QUIZ

On Thursday, Flora, Jack, Nathaniel and Aaliyah from Year 6 boldly took part in the National Inter-Schools Science Quiz Championships. The questions were extremely challenging, but the team did Wray Common proud by showing fantastic collaboration and reasoning skills.

Here are some examples of the questions we answered today. See if you can answer them!

How many kilometres is the moon from the earth?

What does the Fujita scale measure?

Why do clouds appear white?



END OF TERM PICK-UP TIMES

End of term is Thursday 1st April, please see each Year Groups pick up times below:

Class	Entrance and Exit	Enter Class	Register	Exit Class
RS & RVG	Infant play-ground	8.45	8.55	1.30
YEAR 1		8.40	8.50	1.25
YEAR 2		8.35	8.45	1.20
YEAR 3	Junior play-ground	8.30	8.40	1.30
YEAR 4		8.35	8.45	1.35
YEAR 5		8.45	8.55	1.45
YEAR 6		8.40	8.50	1.40

PLEASE NOTE

The year group emails are not being monitored anymore, all communications should be sent through info@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk or deputy@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk Thanks.

WRAY COMMON CITIZENS IN ACTION

As we know, the children like to demonstrate our Wray Common Values. To show their gratitude, a little surprise will arrive in your inbox at 6.30pm. Enjoy!

Dear Parent/Carer

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the education welfare officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within **21** days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after **21** days but within **28** days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

Advice and support is available from an Education Welfare Officer by contacting your local Education Office on 01737 737777.



WRAY COMMON'S GOT TALENT

Next week sees the return of Wray Common's Got Talent! Children will be performing if they choose to do so to their Year groups on the following days:

Mon—Year 5

Tue—Year 4 & Year 2

Wed—Year 3 & Year 6

If you are planning on submitting an entry via video please send to info@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk the day before your child's Year group performance.

On Friday a selection of acts will be shared in our Friday Spectacular where all year groups will watch remotely from their classrooms.

Performances are in aid of Comic Relief and we encourage children to bring a donation in an envelope and give to their teacher during the week.

The logo for Comic Relief, featuring the words "COMIC" and "RELIEF" in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters stacked vertically on a red square background.

HONOUR BOOK

Caterpillars	Christopher	What an amazing amount of dinosaur knowledge you have Christopher. Thank you for sharing it with us. What a dinosaur expert!
Ladybirds	April	For fantastic dinosaur knowledge, sharing her facts, speaking well to our dinosaur expert and telling her friends.
1P	Lola	For excellent engagement in our maths quizzes this week.
1W	Reet	For making some fantastic observations while growing her cress seeds this week!
2B	Max	For thoughtful and challenging questions and comments in lessons this week. You have shown your thinking skills brilliantly.
2S	Georgie	For an amazing attitude towards learning all week and celebrating classmate's successes.
3B	Alex T	For incredible effort and perseverance towards her writing this week.
3F	Nathan	For great engagement and contributions to class discussions this week.
3R	Xavier	For thoughtful contributions to our discussion about racism this week. You demonstrated your values and inspired others with your passion - true WC citizen.
4F	Angel & Hayden	For asking great vocabulary questions and exploring synonyms so well in yesterday's vocab session.
4P	Louis	For sharing some excellent ideas in English this week relating to his newspaper article plan.
5B	Vainavi Jack	For settling in straight away to being back in class and participating in all the class discussions. For showing great focus during independent work this week - particularly in our spelling test. Keep it up!
5G	Zeya	For being confident to share her ideas even though they challenged the majority of the class.
5SE	Charlie	For confidently sharing his ideas during the whole school soapbox assembly this week.
6C	Habieba	For some super instructional writing this week about how to catch a dragon. Great use of all the key features. Well done!
6E	Flora & Lola	For great quality writing this week when creating the instructions on how to catch a dragon, demonstrating detailed creativity and incorporating all the key features!