

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

BOOK WEEK



Reading with Mum



Reading with Grandad

What a fantastic week of celebration and poetry learning in school this week! We saw poems walking all around the school on Monday and the children really engaged with the opportunity to share, read and talk about new poems. Stories were shared with 130 visiting family members, which demonstrated the love of reading that we are so proud of. Poet, Brian Moses, got our hands clapping and imaginations buzzing with an hour long performance. Metaphysical poetry was generated during his workshops with Year 6, an example of which can be seen below, by Oli from 6H. Brian Moses was so impressed with Oli's poem that he is going to upload it on to his website www.brianmoses.co.uk. Many thanks to all the children who brought in a book to swap and all the effort that classes made to learn and perform poetry in our celebration assembly. We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the week as much as we have.



Reading with siblings



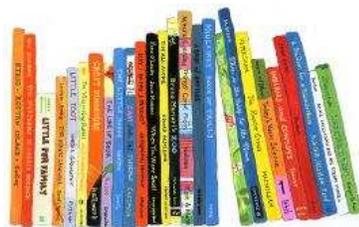
Which book would I like?



...AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to the following children who won prizes in our Scholastic Book Fair Poster Competition:

- RK Teddy Thomas
- 1VC Lily Campbell
- 2G Amelie Lawrence
- 3R Yasmin Davis
- 4Sq Ethan West
- 5B Kimaya Kardile
- 6A Nikol Szoke



Each winner received a voucher worth £7.00 to spend at the Book Fair. Well done to everyone who created a poster and we hope that you enjoy using your new bookmarks!

The Book Fair was a phenomenal success and we would like to thank you for supporting it in such a big way. What avid readers you all are! From the sales across the three days, the school earned a whopping **£1345** to spend on new books for the school. Our thanks go to Mrs Robinson for managing the fair and to Mrs Petch, Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Peach for the help in running the sales.

KILLFANG THE WORLD SLAYER

By Oli Davie

I am Killfang the Caledonian Warrior, the World Slayer.

I have stolen . The Golems eye, Neptunes shell and Medusas crystal eye.

I have slain . The dreaded Inva Demon, The evil space Golem Nova Cyclopes, Horror Dragon and The eater of worlds.

I have . The Trinket of the Sphinx, The Gauntlet of Menerva, The gem of Cyclone, the wind monster and The Nurite fist of Galvara.

I have 'destroyed' The evil Shield of Gregaris, The Trophy of death and The spear of Gladracoal.

I know . the Invincitrans weakness, the whereabouts of the legendary sword Excalibur and the ancient knowledge of the primes.

I know . the Sun Temple's secrets, the Shadow-whisperer's true identity, and how to tame the three-headed Hell Dog

I am . slayer of beasts, protector of the ancient forest spirits, and the destroyer of evil.

I am Killfang the Caledonian Warrior, the World Slayer, here to protect you.



VALUES... At the heart of promoting positive behaviour, Values education underpins our school approach to instilling a strong moral code within our children. Explored and celebrated in assemblies, values education helps to develop a positive school ethos that is more harmonious because of the direct correlation between values education and behaviour.

Our focus Values this half-term, which are linked to anti-bullying, are **Friendship and Kindness.**

LUNCH CLUB... provides opportunities for children to engage in social play activities in a calm and safe environment.

SPORTS LEADERS... Year 6 children with a passion for sports take part in a training programme to develop leadership skills. They go on to demonstrate their responsibility by assisting and leading PE sessions for younger children. Dedicated **DIGITAL LEADERS** and **RANGERS LEADERS** also contribute towards the running of our Computing sessions and Rangers provision too.

HOUSE POINTS... Children can earn house points for making a positive contribution as part of a team. The teams with the highest number of points are celebrated by class and as an overall school winner each week.

SHINE THE LIGHT ON POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

With Anti-Bullying Week taking place across the country next week, we thought it would be a good idea to share with you everything that we do to minimise the risk of bullying at Wray Common.

PLAYTIME PROVISION... Den building, team games, role play areas, craze of the week, adult led games and quiet spaces offer children opportunities to develop their social and emotional intelligence with the support of trained and experienced staff who consistently model high expectations of behaviour and interaction.

RESTORATIVE APPROACHES... aims to help children resolve conflict and make positive choices about their behaviour rather than learn to behave through fear of punishment. The 'unique selling point' of restorative approaches is that it offers schools an alternative way of thinking about addressing discipline and behavioural issues and offers a consistent framework for responding to these issues. Schools that work restoratively find that relationships are stronger and learning is more effective, and so there is less need to resort to sanctions and punishments to try to 'manage' behaviour.

PEER MEDIATORS... are trained in how to use restorative approaches to help solve problems amongst their peers. They are excellent role models and make a valued contribution to promoting responsibility and independent conflict resolution.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY... is a weekly opportunity to shine the light on children who have excelled and celebrate their achievements. Whether it is maths passports, the Honour Book, an achievement out of school, class attendance, an individual or team sporting success, table of the week, a musical performance, an example of a school value being demonstrated or the house team point winners- all are publicly and collectively celebrated in a whole school end of the week event.

PLAYGROUND PALS... Year 4 children have the opportunity to lead lunchtime games in the little playground. This responsibility develops their leadership skills and allows them to role model positive social interaction to the younger children.

TABLE OF THE WEEK... Each week the table that has demonstrated impeccable behaviour in the lunch hall is recognised and a member of staff is invited to join them for a celebratory meal at a table set with tablecloth, juice and a bunch of flowers!!

ANTI BULLYING... At Wray Common we take bullying, in all its forms, very seriously. As well as a whole week focusing on Anti Bullying, being extra vigilant and reacting swiftly and thoroughly to any incidences is a priority in our day to day practice. Alongside our school Anti Bullying Policy, our House Captains have created an Anti Bullying Policy in language that we can all understand. This can be found at on our website by clicking [here](#)

LIFE SKILLS... Our wide reaching personal, social, health, economic, moral, spiritual and cultural curriculum provides lots of opportunities for children to learn about social issues and develops children's ability to make informed life choices.

RANGERS REPORT

Snack-tastic!

We have changed the way Rangers eat at snack time. The children now have a family style ethos where they sit with their 'Park' and enjoy eating together. Our Rangers' leaders have become table monitors and take great pride in their new responsibility. Our aim is for children to make new friends and encourage greater independence at our new and improved Snack Time!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

Universal Credits will be in place for our area by February 2016. School are arranging an information morning for anyone who is going to be affected by the changes. Confirmation of time and date for our meeting will be in next week's newsletter. Please let the office or Home School Link Worker know if you are interested.



ARMISTICE DAY

By Emily 6H

On the morning of Wednesday 11th November, Chloe, Ozair and I walked to the memorial at Shaw's Corner to commemorate the fallen soldiers of World War 1. We had all written a poem which we read out at the service. It was an honour to be involved in the event and to represent Wray Common School on such an important and special day.



CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to the 25 children from the school choir who performed magnificently at Reigate Baptist Church last Friday. Mr Bruce and Miss Stadler were very proud of the children and they are all looking forward to the next choir performance on Saturday 21st November at St. Mary's Church, Reigate.



FRIENDS' FUND-RAISING



FIREWORKS NIGHT GOES WITH A BANG!

Despite the weather it was a hugely successful evening, with everyone enjoying the BBQ, refreshments, glow products and obviously the Fireworks Display.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came along to support our school and helped us raise nearly **£4000** with match funding to come.

We would also like to thank:-

- * Nick our caretaker and Matt who did so much of the setting up/taking down and were a fabulous support.
 - * Michelle and her staff in the kitchen for their behind the scenes help pre-cooking the meat & spuds.
 - * Brandon Hire for lending us the generator and barriers.
- Another BIG, BIG thank you must go to all the volunteers who made this event possible and helped to make the evening run smoothly. Last but not least, a HUGE thank you to the Fireworks Team for organising the event: Jo Cosens, Jenny Frear, Sarah Morris-Davies, Louisa Benedetto and Jane Pillinger.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Mon 16th **INSET DAY** (no school for children)
Tues 17th Year 5 Mapping Expedition to Wray Common (wellies essential) p.m.
Sat 21st School Choir performance at St. Mary's Church Christmas Market (children to be dropped off at 1:40 p.m. for a 2:00 p.m. start.



HAPPY SCHOOL BAGS

Thank you to all of you who kindly donated to the Happy School Bags scheme. We raised **£239.10**. There will be another collection later on in the school year, so if you are planning on having another clear out at home, please bear us in mind.

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from
£30



BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE



& RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL



PRE ORDER YOUR QUALITY CHRISTMAS TREE

& HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL

We are offering Premium Grade Nordmann Fir non-drop Christmas Trees cheaper than you can buy locally and even better, all profits go to the School!

Once ordered and paid for, your tree can be collected from School on *Saturday 5th December between 10.00 – 10.30am or we can deliver *that morning, for an additional charge. Simply fill out this order form and hand it to the school office, with payment.

We appreciate this date may be too early for some but trees can be kept outside until you need them.

* You will be emailed if it is possible to deliver/you pick them up at Pickup on Fri 4th but this can not guaranteed.

Size	5 - 6ft 150/175cm	5'6" - 7ft 165/210cm	6'6" - 8ft 200/250cm	Other (please specify)
Price	£30.00	£37.00	£50.00	Smaller/larger trees can be sourced. Prices can be provided.
Please tick to order				

Please pay by cash or cheque with your order (payable to 'Friends of Wray Common school')

Name _____

Eldest Childs Class _____

Address _____

Phone No _____ Email _____

Delivery We are happy to deliver for an additional **£5.00** Please tick here if required

Please hand completed form to the school office before Friday 27th November
If you require any further info please call Jane Pillinger on 07961 318965

All funds raised go to the School !