

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



HAPPY HALF TERM!

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO!

Yesterday, the whole school came together to enjoy our Annual Sports Day — and luckily, the rain from the day before didn't impact the event! KS1 kicked off the morning with plenty of energy and team spirit, rounding off their events with a lovely lunch. In the afternoon, KS2 impressed us all with their determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm. A big 'thank you' to all the staff who helped make the day a success — especially Mr. Burgess, Miss Alice, and our fantastic Year 6 Sports Crew Leaders!

KS1 winners = **DIAMONDS** KS2 winners = **SAPPHIRES** Overall Winners = **DIAMONDS**







ARTS SOIRÉE

What an amazing evening we had at the Wray Common Arts Soirée! The school hall turned into a buzzing hub as our talented children took the spotlight.

We were treated to an incredible mix of singing, dancing, music, and more—every performance full of heart and energy. Our young performers gave it their all, and we couldn't be prouder!

Huge thanks to the Friends of Wray Common for keeping us refreshed and of course, a big cheer for our brilliant stars of the night—what a show!





GLORIOUS GATTON PARK!

Last Friday, Reception enjoyed a wonderful trip to Gatton Park where they took part in two exciting workshops, enjoyed exploring the wonderful grounds and enjoyed the beautiful weather. We took part in two workshops based on books, Jasper's Beanstalk, learning all about what a plant needs to grow, and Look Out for the Big Bad Fish, learning about the variety of different creatures that can be found in ponds. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch out on the grass and an inevitable run-around to burn off some energy from all the excitement! What a great day!





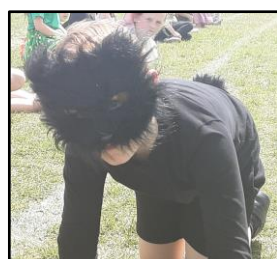
LONDON LANDMARKS

This week year one have been working on their collage skills in Art to create pictures of the London landmarks they have been learning and writing about this half term.



RAINFOREST DAY

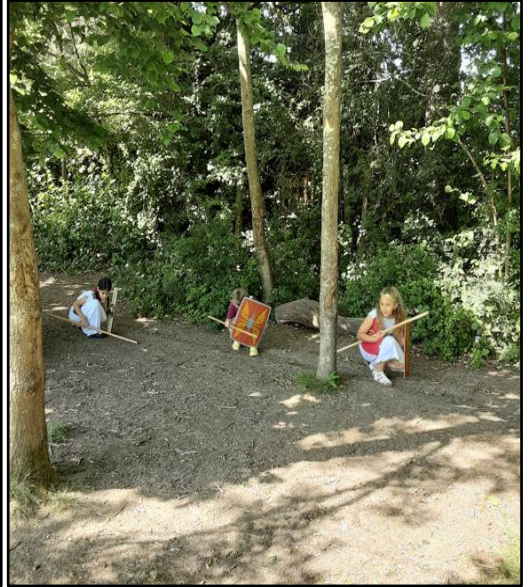
Year 3's Rainforest Day was full of fun and creativity! The highlight of the day was our colourful parade, complete with lively music and lots of dancing that brought the rainforest to life. Everyone showed off their rainforest-themed outfits with big smiles and great energy. We also got crafty by making origami snakes and drawing vibrant toucans, learning more about the amazing animals that live in the rainforest. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, learning, and lots of imagination!



ROMANS

On Tuesday, Year 4 stepped back in time to Roman Britain. During the morning, as citizens of Roman Britain, we spent time working in the local fortress creating wax tablets, finger guards for holding bows, clothing pins and clay pots. Throughout the morning, word was spreading that Boudicca was leading a revolt against the Roman army. A large group of soldiers took to the field to practice their battle formation. Thankfully, the army trained well and Boudicca was defeated.

In the afternoon, Year 4 were back in 2025CE but at that same fortress where we became archaeologists and began to search for evidence of the old fortress. Through our finds, we were able to work out which areas of the fortress we were excavating.



CELEBRATING THE JOY OF READING - TOGETHER!

Building on the wonderful success of our previous whole-school reading event, our school once again came together this week to celebrate the magic of books and the joy of storytelling. During assembly time on Monday, children from different classes were put together to encourage cross-age interaction and shared learning experiences. The classrooms and assembly halls were filled with the gentle hum of turning pages and enthusiastic voices as children read to one another, taking turns to share their favourite stories.

This meaningful activity not only nurtured a deeper love of reading but also fostered a sense of connection and collaboration among our children. It was a heart-warming sight to see older pupils guiding and encouraging younger readers, and younger students confidently sharing stories in return. Events like these continue to reinforce our commitment to cultivating a lifelong love of reading within our school.



We look forward to many more moments where books bring us together!

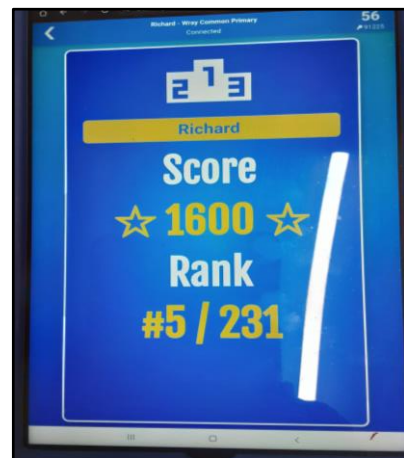


YEAR 6 SHINE IN NATIONWIDE MATHS QUIZ!

A huge well done to our Year 6 team who recently took part in a nationwide maths quiz, testing their speed, accuracy, and problem-solving skills. Competing against 31 schools, our brilliant mathematicians secured an impressive **2nd place**, comfortably advancing to the **semi-finals**. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and teamwork—good luck in the next round!

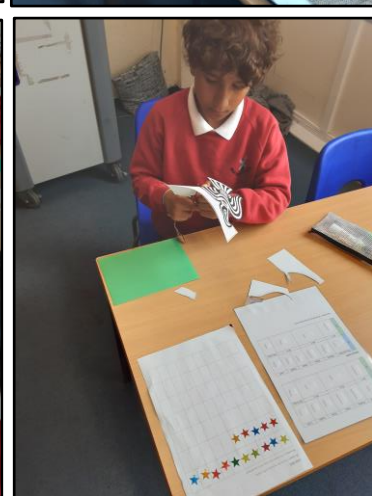


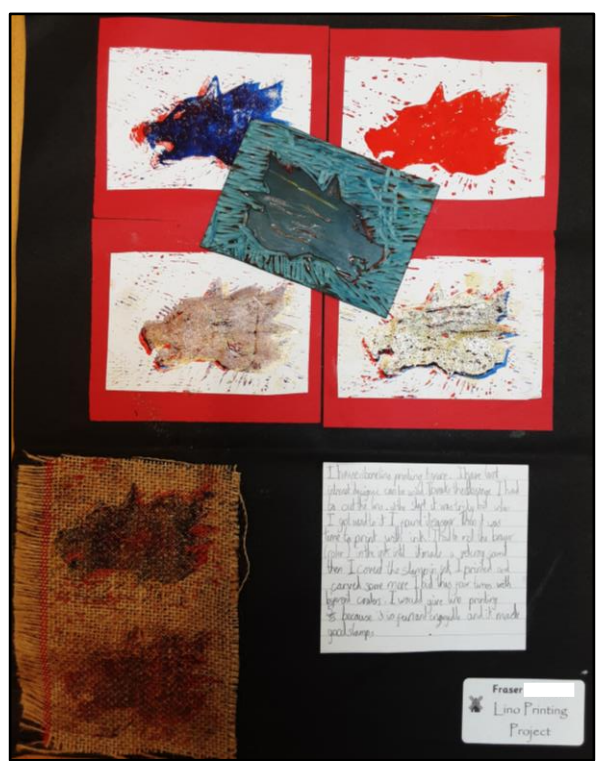
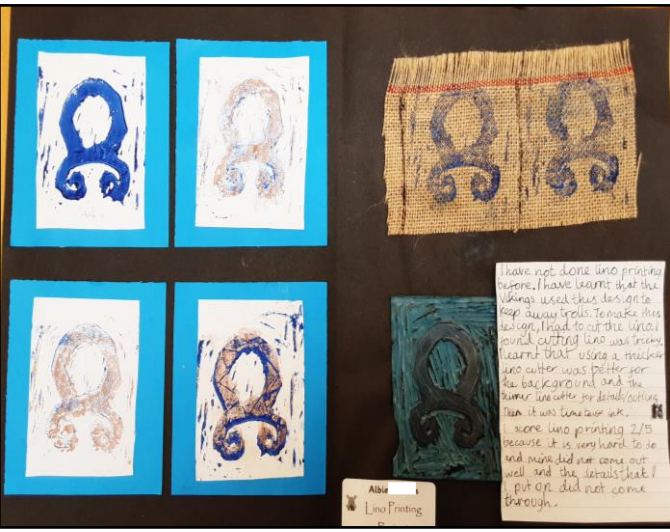
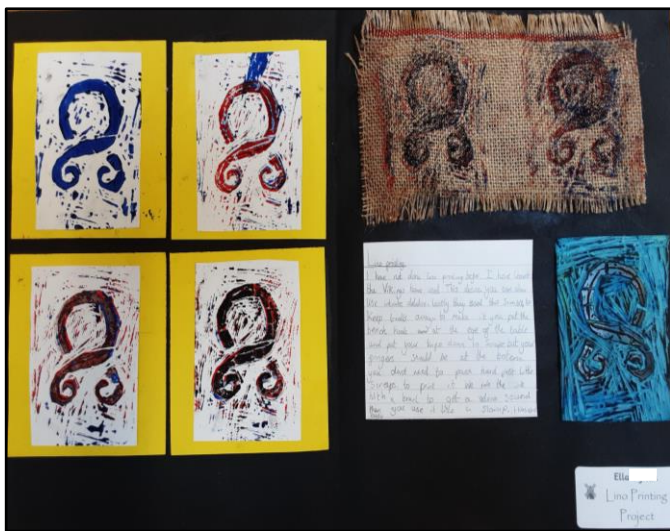
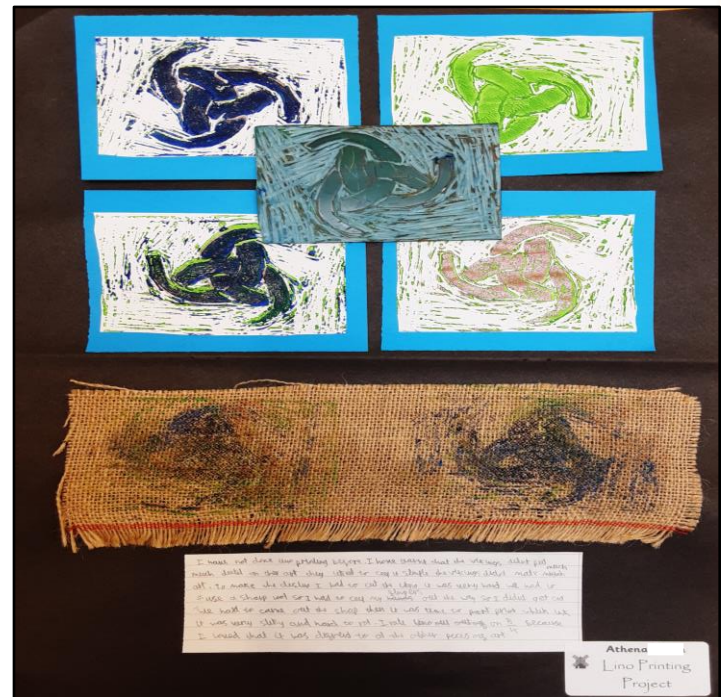
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2	Wray Common Primary	1470	13	Meadow Primary 1	1305
3	Thomas Russell Junior 2	1470	14	Barham Primary 4	1305
4	Thomas Russell Junior 1	1440	15	Dorchester Primary 1	1300
5	Oldfield Park Junior	1405	16	Latchmere School	1300
6	Cherry Tree Primary 2	1390	17	Moss Bury Primary	1295
7	Guru Nanak Academy	1340	18	Lea Valley Primary	1275
8	St John Fisher Primary	1330	19	West Leigh Junior 1	1265
9	Wallace Fields Junior	1325	20	Oakfield Junior 1	1265
10	Tredworth Junior	1320	21	Barham Primary 2	1240
11	Barham Primary 3	1310	22	Tarvin Primary 3	1240



MONO PRINTING AND LINE PRINTING

This half term in Art, Year 5 have been learning all about mono printing and lino printing. We looked at Viking motifs and examples of Viking artwork that we could use to inspire our own printing. At the end of our topic, we had our very own art gallery where we viewed all of our work and gave peer feedback.





GUARDIANS OF OUR PLANET DAY

This week, Reception children dressed up as superheroes with earth-friendly superpowers—showing how they can help protect and care for our planet.



GIRLS CRICKET

A huge 'WELL DONE' to our girls Cricket team who made it to the final of their tournament this week!

'We were blessed by the glorious sunshine where we started our warm-up. For our first match we were told that we were going against St Josephs. We were batting first! After some stunning runs from all our players and our Captain Avika who added a stunning 'four' to our scores, we scored two runs after the first innings. Then we were in the field where all the girls bowled stunning over arm. We found out that we won 70 to 25 runs when we next played St Matthews, where again everyone contributed amazingly giving us another victory of 62 to 44! 3rd game we were against Lime Tree where Lana did a phenomenal catch (dive catch) losing them five runs after another hit from Lime Tree where Joanna had an outstanding catch. Another 5 runs deducted! The overall score was 57 to 43. We were in the finals! It was WC v Reigate Priory and we were batting first. We got a few sneaky runs leaving a total of 45 runs. We were in the field next. Otilie bowled amazingly hitting the wickets dead centre. By the end of the glorious match, we had sadly lost putting us in second place. Even though we lost in the final, we did phenomenally and had fun throughout. Thank you to the teachers (Miss Alice and Coach Ali)'.
Written by Avika and Lana.



RECEPTION SWIMMING

Reception will start their swimming sessions next term. The dates for the swimming will be - Friday 27th June, Friday 4th July, Friday 11th July and Wednesday 16th July. Caterpillars will swim from 9.15-10.15 and Ladybirds will swim 10.30-11.30; the children do not swim for the whole hour but are split into smaller groups. Please remember to complete the Reception swim ability form emailed to you earlier this week to help us plan the best sessions for your child.

These sessions will be run by Miss Alice, our swimming instructor and swim coach and are designed to be fun sessions that will offer Reception children an introduction to the swimming routine at Wray Common and for them to gain some familiarity with the water.

Children will need a swimming costume / trunks, swim hat (compulsory), goggles and a towel. On swimming days, children should come in wearing PE kits.

We will require 3 parent helpers per class per week and so if you have a current DBS with Wray Common and have already attended the volunteer safeguarding training then please let us know what dates you can help with, again via the form.

JOIN US FOR 'LEARN WITH YOUR CHILD' - 5TH JUNE

We warmly invite parents/carers to join us on Thursday, 5th June for our *Learn With Your Child* event. The morning will run from 8:55 AM to 9:30 AM and will begin with a Zones of Regulation talk led by Mr. Taylor.

At 9:10 AM, parents will then have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and take part in a short Zones of Regulation session together.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this learning experience with you!



YMCA PARENT SUPPORT

The YMCA would love to hear from parents and carers to see what support you would find helpful. Please complete the following link or scan the QR code <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/xAczjbUChu>



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SCHOOL DINNERS

Please note that changes **MUST** be requested via the school office. If changes are made without notification being given i.e if we think a child is having a school dinner and they bring in a packed lunch, parents will be charged for all dinners we have 'made' for that child even if they have not been taken.

Please also be reminded that on Arbor dinners need to be paid for in advance. If your child has a school dinner every day of next half term, the balance owing will be £95.20. You will not initially see your total balance on your child's account as meals cannot be populated in advance. If your account is not in credit in advance then you will accrue £2.80 debt each day your child is on the register for a school meal.

Any questions or concerns with payment please contact the school office and we will endeavour to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mon -Fri - Half Term
 Mon 2nd - INSET Day
 Tues 3rd - Class Photos AM
 Tues 3rd - Y3 Walk AM
 Wed 4th - YR Heights and Weights
 Wed 4th - Y6 Cricket Tournament (selected children)
 Thurs 5th - Learn With Your Child
 Thurs 5th - RAA Swimming Gala (selected children)

FRIENDS - WRAYFEST

Our flagship event of the year is only 6 weeks away. There is so much lined up so please get your tickets booked ASAP to not miss out. We would really appreciate your help in promoting the event too so if you are willing and able to have a Halliwell Marks Estate Agent board at your property for Wrayfest and Fireworks please complete [this form](#) ASAP. The more people we have sign up the more sponsorship we receive from Halliwell Marks. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING

This weekend, Miss Alice will be running the Edinburgh Marathon and Mrs Evans will be running the Edinburgh Half Marathon, as part of her training for Race to the Stones 100km in July. If you would like to donate towards their chosen charities, their links can be found here -

[Miss Alice](#) [Mrs Evans](#)

We wish them both the best of luck!



PLEA FROM RECEPTION

Reception would appreciate any wooden doll house people and small wooden furniture pieces that are in a good condition. If you have anything to donate please bring to the Office. Thank you.

HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Sumeya	For showing courage and being a super role model during sports day.
1B	Daphne	For a fantastic understanding and explanation of the relationship between a half and a quarter.
2T	Ava	For always persevering in her learning and demonstrating the values of kindness and respect.
2P	Isaiah	For aspiring to be the best he can be and completing extra voluntary homework.
3S	Poppy	For being encouraging, determined and respectful during Sports Day.
3F	Riley	For always being a supportive friend and his excellent dance moves on Rainforest Day!
4BR	Lucas and Jonah	For excellent skills and perseverance in DT when sewing their Roman coin purses.
4BE	Evie	For showing excellent perseverance with her sewing in DT this week.
5E	Neveah	For showing courage and aspiring to be the best she can be in sports day.
5J	Jack	For being such a kind and supportive team member on Sports Day.
6C	Oliver	For using their amazing computing skills to help Year 5 in their lesson.
6F	Armin and Nick	For using their amazing computing skills to help Year 5 in their lesson.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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