

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



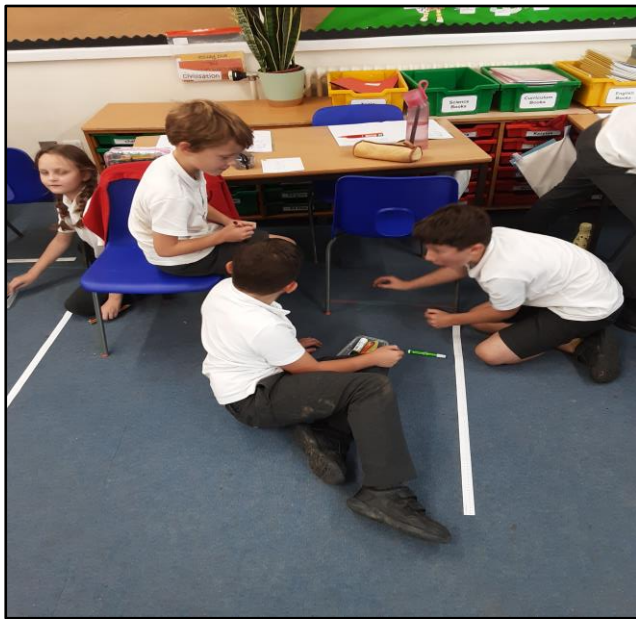
Inspiring Lifelong Learning



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

FORCES

This week in Science Year 5 have been developing their knowledge of forces and in particular have been investigating friction. Armed with a plastic tub, some elastic bands and a tape measure, they set about investigating what affect adding more mass to the container would have on the distance it travelled. The children found they could not shoot the plastic container out as far when it was heavier. The conclusion drawn was that as the extra weight was added, the container pushed down more onto the carpet so the friction was greater and reduced how far it travelled. Parallel links were made to how brakes work - the friction slows down the wheel.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS GROUP

I want to take a moment to express my thanks to our incredible Friends Group for their continued dedication to our school. The work they do is truly remarkable and makes a significant difference in the life of our school community.

Over the past year alone, their tireless efforts have allowed us to spend £30,000 to:

- upgrade the swimming pool to ensure that water quality is high;
- remove shipwreck decking and replace with sand;
- upgrade the infant sandpit to make it more user-friendly and accessible throughout the year;
- enhance the experiences of children during our Summer 2 project;
- purchase 10 laptops to be used within class;
- establish our Nature Hub;
- replace our much-used projector in the main hall;
- replenish our gym mats;
- purchase more sustainable goal posts;
- continue to present academic progress medals half-termly to children;
- purchase headphones to enhance the impact of online learning experiences;
- upgrade our stock of globes and maps;
- give every child (and member of staff!) a Christmas cracker as part of our Christmas dinner experience, and
- purchase specific books to support our PSHE curriculum

And the impact is more than the above. Events such as Wray Fest, school discos, fireworks, Someone Special Gifts, Winter Wonderland, etc give opportunities for children and families to engage in activities that create enduring memorable experiences.

Getting to this level of funding and experiences is no easy task and goes beyond what most of us see. Behind the scenes, there is a huge amount of work involved—both from those who lead the group and the many 'foot soldiers' who volunteer their time. From organizing events to managing finances, coordinating with parents, and running fundraisers, it is an ongoing commitment. The leadership and dedication shown by Emma Simpson and Danielle Eades group ensures that our school continues to thrive. Thank you Friends! And thank you to all of our families for engaging and contributing along the way!

The continued support of the Friends Group is integral to sustaining their positive impact. It takes many hands to make each event a success, and every volunteer, whether helping behind the scenes or on the front lines, plays a critical role. I encourage everyone to get involved, no matter how small the contribution. Whether it's a few hours at an event or helping to organize, your support will help ensure that this wonderful Wray Common tradition continues.

This year, Friends have already held a pre-loved uniform sale and raised over £2,000 from Run Reigate - very well done everyone! Plans are all in place for Christmas Cards and the dates have been set for our Elfridges Sale, Fireworks spectacular event and Winter Wonderland.

What can you do right now?

- ❖ Check if you are able to attend the Friends Social next Wednesday
- ❖ Email friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk to say you might be able to support in some way
- ❖ Email friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk to say you can support with Elfridges
- ❖ Check whether you can attend Friends AGM on 11th November
- ❖ Join Friends Facebook Group to stay in touch with what is happening ([Friends of Wray Common | Facebook](#))

Let's keep working together to maintain our thriving community school!

SPORTS CREW

On Thursday, 12 children from Year 6 completed their training on how to develop leadership, resilience, character and confidence, which led them to become the Sports Crew for our school. As a result of attending the training, the children can understand the need to work as a team when completing group activities, understand and follow the 'Mr NEDD' (Name, Explain, Demonstrate & Deliver) principle, learn and deliver PhysiFUN games and be able to help set up PE lessons and Sports Day, plus help support PE lessons where appropriate. Well done to those that took part!



RETHINK WASTE

We are currently setting up an outdoor classroom to provide children with the opportunity to use the world around them to enhance their learning, foster a love and appreciation for nature and an understanding of the impact they have on the world around them. We believe to start local then go global so when children leave Year 6 they enter the world with lifelong skills that can inform their environmental choices. Additionally, we have an eco-council made up of children from all year groups who will help champion and lead this project to emphasise the importance of making sustainable choices. Currently the school has a food waste system whereby the children collect fruit waste from their daily snacks and dispose of this into a compost which we hope to use in our allotment which is another project we want to further develop.

Please register at rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools, earn points by watching short videos/taking part in quizzes and donate your points to our school! Lets get Wray Common School to the top for a chance to win the top prize!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - Reception Phonics Workshops 9am

Monday - 6C Assembly 9am

Tuesday - 5E Assembly 9am

Wednesday - Friends Social

Thursday - Y6 Victorian Day

Thursday - 5J Assembly 9am

Friday - YR Elmer Day



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Miss Alice wanted to share some amazing progress that some of the children have made during their school swimming lessons this week. Two children in Year 2 and one child in Year 6 are now confident in swimming independently, without any floatation devices! A huge congratulations to them!

SWIM CONTRIBUTION

This week we sent all parents/carers a letter updating you on the schedule for swimming this academic year. Thank you to those who have paid to date, these funds are vital to continue our high level swimming provision.



SWIM DATE CHANGE

Please note that on Wednesday 6th November, Year 2 will swim, and Year 6 will swim on Friday 8th November.

If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help you source information about support through the right agencies, and make referrals ourselves to local support groups. Here are some of the things we have supported families with recently:

- School uniform, school bags, P.E. trainers and school shoes
- Pre-loved clothes for children
- Foodbank referrals
- Housing applications and letters of support
- Seasonal gifts for children



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If you have any questions or would like to talk about how we can help, please contact Miss Kober on 01737 761254 or email familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk

HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Georgie	For amazing perseverance and progress in PE when jumping this week.
1B	Kai	For challenging himself and positively reflecting on how to get the most out of his learning - particularly during phonics.
2T	Martha	For her perseverance in swimming lessons and making fantastic progress in a short period of time.
2P	Jacob	For his excellent concentration and effort with his subtraction work in maths.
3S	Blake	For showing respect by following the 'one voice rule'.
3F	Kay	For persevering with her learning this week and completing her work independently.
4BR	Leila	For being a reflective learner and always asking for advice and feedback in all areas of learning.
4BE	Elijah	For being a reflective learner and independently making edits and additions to his writing.
5E	Katie	For being 5E's secret TTRS whizz - scoring over 4000 points this week in our tournament challenge.
5J	Aryan	For always asking questions to deepen his knowledge and understanding during lessons.
6C	Keeley	For persevering during lessons to edit and improve her writing.
6F	Richard	For thinking carefully and sharing how the Industrial Revolution has had a positive and negative legacy that impacts us today.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.



2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.



3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.



5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.



6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.



7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.



8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.



9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.



10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.



Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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w/c 24 Feb 2025

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Exam Invigilators

Perm, casual contract

Closes: 18 October 2024



After School Club Playworker

Perm, 13-15 hrs/wk, Mon-Fri

Closes: 4 November 2024

*Free club place for staff member's child(ren)



Music Teacher PPA Cover

Perm, 0.4 FTE, Tues-Weds

Closes: 17 October 2024



Progress & Achievement Coach

Perm, part time or full time

Closes: 15 October 2024



After School Club Playworker

Perm, 6 hrs/wk, Mon-Tues

Closes: 15 October 2024

*Free club place for staff member's child(ren)



Learning Support Assistant

Perm, full time, term time

Closes: 14 October 2024



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FAMILY TICKET (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) £15 - INDIVIDUAL TICKET £4
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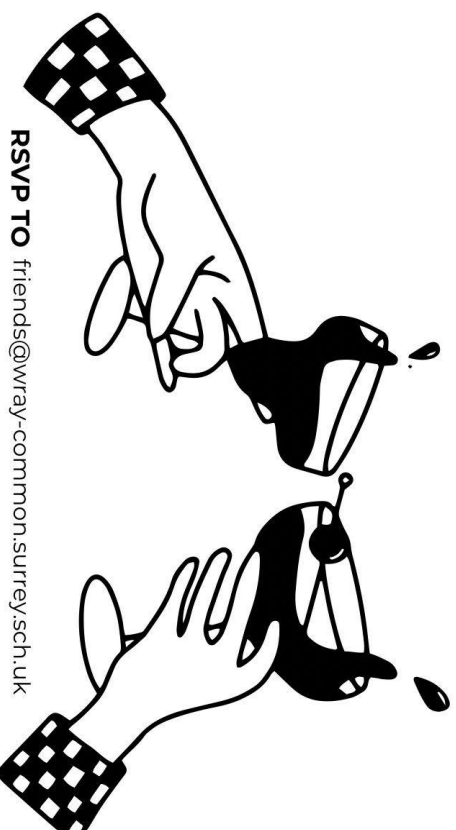
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YMCA EAST SURREY

SANTA RUN

Sunday 15 December 2024

Priory Park, Reigate

- ▶ 10:30 | Adult 3 mile (aged 16+)
- ▶ 11:15 | Family 1 mile (children aged 4+ and adults)

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