

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



## THIS WEEK...

### HIGH ASHURST

After a short trip on a coach and minibus, Year 6 arrived at High Ashurst last week with excitement. Over the three days, the children demonstrated their Wray Common values and CAPTURE skills expertly. Nerves were mastered on the high ropes where you could either: jump for a trapeze; grip onto tyres to try and climb as high as they could; or climb up shaking crates. Woodland skills encouraged their perseverance skills to be used when they did a collection of fire lighting/building and popcorn making. With helmets at the ready, climbing showcased their collaboration and teamwork skills where the children who were climbing would be supported on ropes pulled by their team mates. But teamwork was pushed to the limit when encountering the challenge course where the children had to work together and problem solve how to achieve different tasks. The most fun was had balancing the human seesaw. Archery was a great talking point of the trip as the children were taught how to fire an arrow at a target and loved the pizza making game that ensured they were aiming for a particular colour on the board. After a delicious dinner, a fun night walk was taken where we went into an ancient cellar and learnt lots of new facts about the High Ashurst camp. In the morning, we gobbled up our breakfast before enjoying a day of climbing and challenges that left us very tired. Year 6 demonstrated great personal target setting to achieve their goals and good adaptability when the weather turned to rain. I think it is safe to say that the children have all made happy and enjoyable memories.







## ANCIENT GREEKS

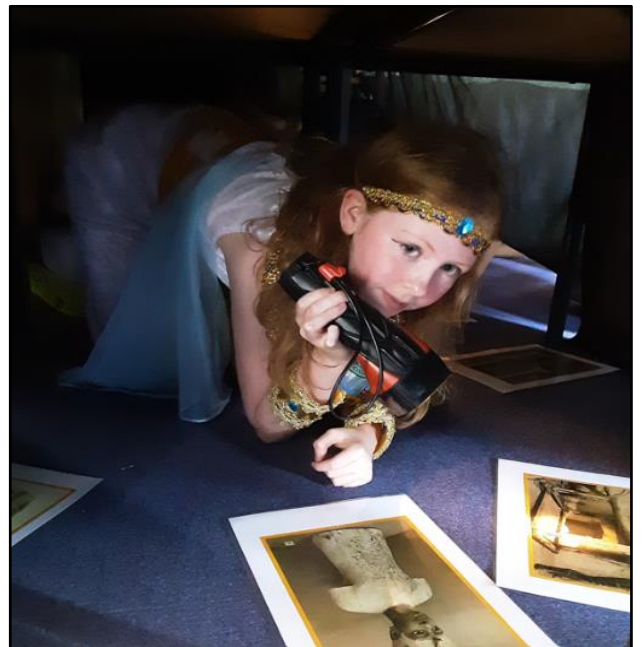
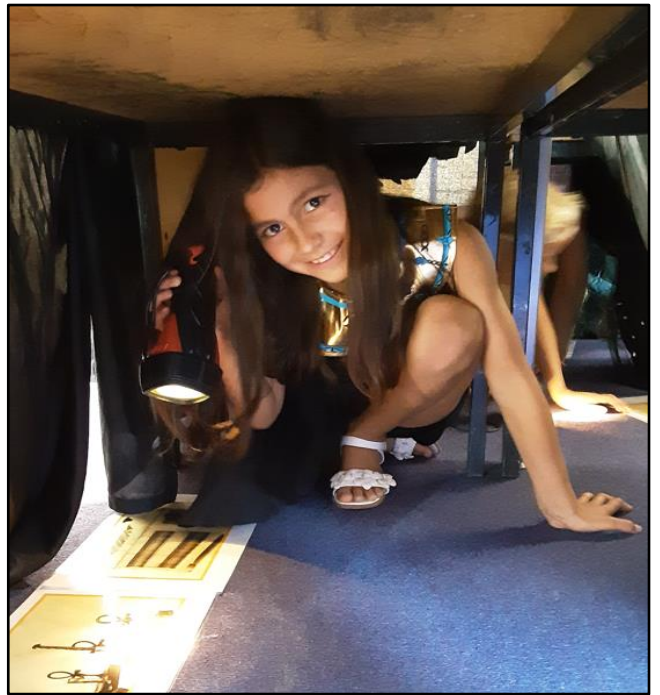
This half term, Year 5 have been finding out about Ancient Greek mythical creatures (like gorgons, harpies, the minotaur and the hydra) and some of the myths, which incorporate these beasts. This week they have been reading about Daedalus and Icarus and using their retrieval skills to extract as many facts as they could about the main characters. Working in small teams, the children had to share the text and collect as many different facts as they could. Year 5 have great reading detectives!



## ANCIENT EGYPTIANS

Today Year 4 had a fabulous day celebrating Ancient Egypt. We began the day 'Walking like an Egyptian' followed by a traditional Ancient Egyptian feast. Later in the morning, we had a surprise visit from Howard Carter all the way from 1922, to tell us all about his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. During the afternoon, we experienced the feeling of entering the tomb for the first time as well as some fantastic outdoor learning creating a Shaduf, a contraption used by the Ancient Egyptians to move water from the Nile.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues - Florence Nightingale visit (Y2)



## FRIENDS - RUN REIGATE

Thankyou to all those that have signed up to run in Run Reigate this year! The sponsorships are flying in.. there is still time to get sponsored to run for Wray Common - [Click here for our Just Giving page!](#) As a Thankyou to all our runners be sure to come and see us at our Friends Of Wray Common stall in the events village after your race with your medal to claim your free lolly! We will also have drinks, snacks and some fun games going. Meet up with your fellow runners to go to the start line together. If you're not running and would like to come along and cheer everyone on it's always a great day out for all the family! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Click [here](#) to follow the Friends of Wray Common's Instagram page.



## WRAY COMMON CITIZENS

Hardy and Berwyn raised £105 for a cat shelter in Smallfield by selling their unwanted toys in the summer holidays. Last weekend they visited the cat shelter to donate the money they made. Well done to both of them by being great Wray Common Citizens contributing to society.

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](mailto:familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk)

## HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Stanley & Luciano	For listening to each other and collaborating brilliantly to build a cardboard Tudor house.
1B	Nyla	For Brilliant use of our grow the code chart to choose the correct digraphs in phonics.
2T	Fiona	For choosing to pick up litter (that wasn't hers) and put it in the bin, even when others told that she didn't have to.
2P	William	For showing kindness by holding the door open for a Year 1 child who was hurt.
3S	Freya	For always being smiley, kind and polite. You make our classroom a brighter place.
3F	Adeep	For always trying his best in all lessons and contributing to class discussions.
4BR	Grace	For always offering thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
4BE	Max	For noticing others and being empathic when he saw his classmate has hurt themselves.
5E	Phoebe	For showing consideration by helping others, collecting their milk and taking it to them at break time.
5J	Rocco	For his mature reflection on his personal target about using his beautiful voice.
6C	Sophia	For showing great leadership qualities so far this year.
6F	Junior	For great perseverance with column multiplication this week. You asked for more practise and you nailed it!

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV



The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

### REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

FREE TRIAL

### VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

### VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you to discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

### MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

### PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

### REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



The National College

Twelve15 are offering a Harvest Festival Themed lunch on Thursday 3rd October. If your child would like to have the themed school dinner on Thursday 3rd October and they normally have packed lunches, please complete this form by Wednesday 25th September 2024. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept responses after this date.

# Harvest Menu



**Chicken Burger or  
Bubble & Squeak  
Burger (V),  
served with diced  
potatoes and a  
Harvest fruity  
apple coleslaw  
and  
Harvest Healthy  
Flapjack**

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# RUN REIGATE

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### SEPTEMBER

ENTER RUN REIGATE AND RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

For full details visit [www.runseries.co.uk/run-reigate](http://www.runseries.co.uk/run-reigate)

If you're planning on running at the Run Reigate event we'd love you to be sponsored by your friends and family to raise vital funds for our school. Children can run a cumulative half marathon before the event and finish with the final 1.1 mile on the day or simply run the 1.1 miles on the day.

The FOWC team will have a stall at the event area so pop along to say HI. We'll be selling sweet dummies, bouncy balls and fruit shoots too!

Click on the QR code to head to Wray Common's JustGiving page:



# URRAY COMMON FIREWORKS

NOVEMBER 8TH

GATES OPEN 5PM - FIREWORKS 6:30PM

FIREWORKS | FOOD VENDORS | BAR | MULLED WINE | SWEET STALL | MERCHANDISE  
FAMILY TICKET (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) £15 - INDIVIDUAL TICKET £4  
CHILDREN UNDER 3 FREE - QUIET ROOM AVAILABLE

TICKETS GO ON SALE AT 2PM ON 20TH SEPTEMBER  
BUY YOUR TICKETS AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP USING THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW  
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## SEN Teaching Assistant

Fixed term, part time, term time

Closes: 26 Sept 2024



## Receptionist

Perm, full time, term time

Closes: 26 Sept 2024



## After School Club Playworker

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 24 Sept 2024

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



## Learning Support Assistant

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 24 Sept 2024



## Breakfast Club Playworker

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 24 Sept 2024

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



## KS2 Class Teacher

Maternity cover

Full time or part time

Closes: 25 Sept 2024



## Learning Support Assistant

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 23 Sept 2024



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[greensandacademytrust.co.uk](https://greensandacademytrust.co.uk)



# NO LIVE WEBINAR DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not.

## Dates:

**Day 1: Weds 25th Sept 11:45am-1:45pm** with Emma & Lisa R

**Day 2: Weds 23rd Oct 11:45am-1:45pm** with Emma & Sarah D

**Day 3: Weds 13th Nov 11:45am-1:45pm** with Emma & Sarah D

**Day 4: Mon 19th Dec 2024 5:45pm-7:45pm** with Emma & Sarah D

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# AUTISM LIVE WEBINAR DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring autism (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with autism or traits of autism, whether diagnosed or not.

## Dates:

**Day 1: Weds 9th October 2024**

**11:45am-1:45 pm** with Emma & Lisa R

**Day 2: Weds 11th December 2024**

**11.45am-1.45pm** with Emma & Sarah D

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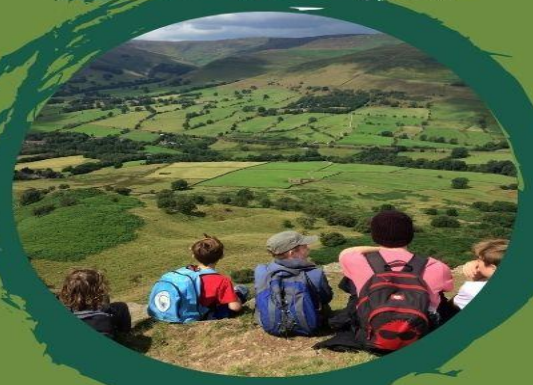
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