Wraysbury Primary School Whole School Newsletter



Spring 2 March 2025

We have had a wonderful few weeks in school, helped we all feel, by the sunshine! We are really looking forward to 3 more weeks of this term and then to the Easter Holidays.



World Book Day

Thank you so much to everyone for making an effort for World Book day and joining in the fun. The staff all dressed up too! We were the Mr Men and Little Miss Books. We had fun reading stories to a different class and then this week we have had our Book Fayre. We know the children found lots of books that they wanted to buy and read and it all

helps us as we benefit from commission that we can use to replenish our Library. Thank you everyone!

Scooter/Cycle Pods

Congratulations to our Year 4 and 5 pupils who passed their Cycling Proficiency Awards. You are welcome to cycle to school, just please remember to walk your bike into school along the path (our being SAFE rule) and put your bike in a pod or the cycle shed. Please be aware that we cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to them. Please consider locking your child's bike/scooter.

Exciting News about our Facilities!

You cannot help but have noticed the canopy over our swimming pool! The tiles are coming off and our pool is ready for its birthday facelift. Can you believe that it is 50 years

old! Please consider sharing the below link with family and friends and asking them to donate to its refurbishment

Help Us Make a Splash!
Fundraising Campaign To Keep
Our School Pool Open.. |
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What a busy couple of weeks in Reception! The children celebrated their first 100 days at Wraysbury School and what an amazing start to school life. The children had a great day which included writing, art and craft and number activities. We finished the day with some party games and food which the children thoroughly enjoyed.





In the same week, we celebrated World Book Day and thank you to all the parents who made such an effort with the children's costumes. The children found the book 'Oi Frog' very amusing particularly the ending and thoroughly enjoyed identifying the rhyming words. The highlight of the day was our 'Year 6 Buddies' coming to read to us.





In Literacy, we are now starting to write simple sentences, using our checklist to remember to start with a capital letter and finish with a full stop. In Phonics, we are reading words with two or more digraphs and recapping all the tricky words. Please could we ask that you make sure that you read at least three times a week with your child and practise the tricky words in the blue book. This helps the children with their fluency when reading.

In Maths, we are working within 9 and 10 and have started to learn our number bonds to 10. Any opportunity to practise these at home would benefit the children

greatly - 0+10, 1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6 and 5+5.

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 has been buzzing with excitement over the past few weeks, with so many wonderful learning experiences taking place! World Book Day was a fantastic success, with children arriving in some truly creative and imaginative costumes. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading and storytelling, bringing their favourite book characters to life. A huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting this special day!

Both Squirrel and
Hedgehog classes have
wowed us with their
brilliant class assemblies,
confidently sharing their
learning with the school
and their families. Their
hard work and dedication
really shone through - well
done to all involved!

Year 2 also had an incredible opportunity to take part in a 'Great Fire of London' webinar. This interactive session allowed them to explore evidence from the time and deepen

their understanding of this significant historical event. It was a fantastic way to bring history to life!

Reminders:

Please ensure children are wearing the correct school uniform each day and bring a refillable water bottle containing only water. A gentle reminder that school gates open at 8:30am - arriving on time is essential so children can fully participate in their SODA (Start of the Day Activity) and any interventions designed to support and drive forward their learning progress.

Key Stage 2

Lower Junior:

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been very busy this term preparing for their upcoming production of the Jungle Book.

Auditions took place in the first week back and since then children have been learning lines, songs and actions. Keep up the good work all and we look forward to seeing it on stage in a couple of weeks time.

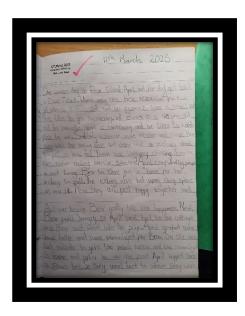
Year 3 have also continued to work on their study of

the rainforest in geography. They have focused on the layers of the rainforest and the importance they have in our world today. In writing, they have completed exciting adventure stories about "The Lost Bear". Children included similes and ambitious vocabulary to truly hook the reader in. Well done Year 3.

Earlier this term, Year 4 had the wonderful opportunity to take part in bikeability. Children learnt how to glide, control and pedal their bikes in a traffic-free environment. They also had the opportunity to learn how to repair simple problems they may face with their bikes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In the classroom, the children have also been busy learning about area and perimeter in maths and using similes, personification and metaphors in their poetry about rivers. Keep up the great work Year 4.







Upper Juniors:

There was great excitement amongst the year 5 and 6 children in the first week back of the term when they took part in trials for our new football squad. A group of 30 children were selected for this terms team. Practise has been underway now for some weeks and both coach Ollie and Mrs Clarke have been impressed with the skills and dedication the children have shown so far. We look forward to hearing all about their success in future games. Inside the classroom, Year 5 have been busy writing narrative stories based on the Anthony Browne book, "Zoo". Children have once again impressed their teachers with their wide range of vocabulary and good sentence structures. Some of the children also took part in a three-day bikeability course at the beginning of the term. As part of the course, the children had to learn how to confidently stop and start their bikes, pass stationary vehicles on the road and learn the meaning of all signs and signals on the road. They all successfully passed their level 2 examination and

received a certificate in assembly for their efforts.

Year 6 have been busy this term researching the great works of Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg. Using their research, children have then written fantastic persuasive speeches on climate change using model verbs, imperatives verbs and the power of repetition. They have also shown great determination in their maths lessons this last week. They have been busy converting fractions, decimals and percentages and working out difficult problems linked with them. Well done for all your hard work.





Parents' Evenings

It was great to see many of you at the two Parents' Evenings after half term. It was a chance to talk in detail about each child's progress report, to look at their work and to work with parents on what their child needs to focus on next. Last week and this week coming are the chances for you to catch up with the teachers and book an appointment for before or after school. Parents who have a child with and Individual Education Plan (IEP) will also be contacted by their child's teacher to meet with them this coming week to discuss the support for them.

<u>Sport at Wraysbury -</u> <u>from Coach Ollie - PSD!</u>

"As you will have seen from our Instagram posts, over the past 6 months we have started to introduce Intra house competitions at the end of each half term. These are opportunities for the children to put everything we have learnt over the 6 weeks into a competitive environment. I have to say since we've started the competition the children have been amazing, showing great attributes such as hard work, respect, desire,

motivation and working together as a team, just to name a few. It's been great to be a part

It's been great to be a part of this. Leading the competitions, I've been able to see the children progress and develop into great sportsmen and sportswomen. It's a really exciting time at Wraysbury in terms of Sport and I am looking forward to it continuing."

More Sports News

On Tuesday 5th March, 17 of our Y4 girls took part in The Windsor Schools' Sports Partnership Football Festival as part of the FA's #Letgirlsplay football campaign. Some of the feedback from Aisha, Fleur, Ava and Rachel was that they liked playing in the sunshine with other schools, they enjoyed the skill based activities, and then playing matches. Ava was particularly pleased with how well she tackled; Fleur was proud of the six goals she scored and Mr Darbon was amazed with how much power Pheobe could put into her shots!

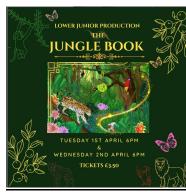
Upper Junior Football Team:

On Friday 28th February, Coach Ollie and Mrs Clarke held our first ever

Football Team Trials. They were faced with having to select 30 children to be part of the Wraysbury Football squad. 58 children took part in the trials! Coach Ollie and Mrs Clarke were astounded at the children's enthusiasm, sportsmanship and resilience, which made their task even more challenging! The squad has now been selected and training sessions will take place on Friday lunchtimes, leading up to their first tournament at the end of March. Well done to all of the children who took part in the trials - you should all feel very proud of yourselves.

Reminders





Coffee Afternoon

Do you have a child who finds aspects of their learning challenging? Do you have a child who has a SEND diagnosis? Do you just want to know what Wraysbury Primary is doing in terms of SEND support?

Then why not come along to our Coffee and chat sessions. The next one is on Wednesday 26th March at 2.45. Everyone is very welcome and we are a friendly bunch!

Finally ...

Please share this QR code and raise money for the refurbishment of our Swimming Pool

